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We are very excited to announce the establishment of the Lovejoy Preschool Association (LPA) premiering Fall 2008. This non-profit organization has been created to support families with young children in the "Exemplary" Lovejoy School District.

Our mission is to encourage and enhance the intellectual, social and emotional development of the district's infant, preschool and kindergarten children by providing parent education, social opportunities and fund-raising support for our schools. Along with monthly general meetings, children's parties and socials for moms and couples, we will offer age appropriate playgroups, book clubs and supper clubs.

Come join the LPA for fun, friends and fellowship. And join us for coffee and conversation at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 4. We'll be meeting at the York home at 861 St. James Drive in Fairview. Light brunch will be served and membership applications will be available - yearly dues are \$35 per family. We'll discuss all the great events and speakers we have planned for the coming year. You can sign up for playgroups, supper clubs, book clubs and more. You'll also have a chance to sign up for the affordable childcare we'll provide at our monthly general meetings. Please plan to attend - and invite your friends. If you would like more information on how to become a member or to volunteer, please contact us at lovejoypsa@sbcglobal.net.

LPA UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 4th	Membership meeting (Amy York's house)
Sept. 14th	First LPA Book Club (Jay Calloway's house)
Sept. 18th	LPA General Meeting (Creekwood UMC)
Sept. 25th	Mom's Night Out (Cru Wine Bar at Watters Creek)
Oct. 8th	Lunch Bunch (TBD)
Oct. 12th	Book Club (TBD)
Oct. 16th	General Meeting (Creekwood UMC)
Oct. 25th	Children's Fall Party (TBD)

Need to Plan Ahead?

It's that time of year again. School is in session, team sports are kicking off, and the weekends are packed with commitments. As you begin to organize your calendar, be sure to take a look at the LPA website <http://www.lovejoypa.org/Calendar.html> for a preview of activities planned for the next five months.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you would like to become more involved in the Lovejoy Preschool Association, we still need volunteers to help us on various committees.

If you are interested, please contact Sheri Fanous at lovejoypsa@sbcglobal.net.

September 18th: First General Meeting!!

Discussion: Children's Love Languages

A love language is a unique way of expressing and receiving love. Is your child's love language different than your own? How do you know when your child feels most loved? How can you help your child feel secure in our world today?

Amy Gill will help you answer these questions, and put the puzzle pieces of your family's love language together, in a fun and inspiring way. Amy and her husband Dan live in Frisco and have been together for 25 years. They have three wonderful children ages 16, 11 and 9, and care for Amy's 12-year-old cousin. Their home is shared by two cats and a dog. Amy has been a MOPS Council Coordinator for three years, and is an Honorary Founder of Once Upon a Family, and a MOPS Mentor at FBC Frisco.

Hungry? We are for your recipes

The LPA is currently collecting recipes for our "My Favorite Food" cookbook. This special cookbook will have a unique cover that will feature a drawing of one lucky kindergartner's favorite food. One kindergartner will be chosen from Hart, Lovejoy or Puster Elementary. For details on how your child can enter to win, please contact his or her teacher. In addition, the book will contain 9 full-color sections with drawings of local preschoolers' interpretations of their favorite food, helpful cooking tips, several pages of local information, and a special dedication page to the original "little red schoolhouse."

Each recipe will feature the donor's name, so you can easily locate the recipes your friends and family shared. To have your name featured in this unique and personal cookbook is as easy as 1, 2, and 3:

- 1) Log on to www.fundcraft.com, go to the bottom right.
- 2) Enter Web ID: 11884-08LY, click login (no need for a password).
- 3) Enter as many recipes in as many sections as you would like.

You can email your recipes to us at lovejoypsa@sbcglobal.net if you prefer. The deadline for ALL recipes is September 26, 2008.

The cookbook will be available in early December, just in time for the holidays. Profits will go to the Lovejoy Preschool Association. The cookbook can be purchased for \$15 from any LPA board-member and at local business establishments. Email us at lovejoypsa@sbcglobal.net to pre-order your copies. If you have any questions or would like to advertise in the cookbook, you can email us at the address provided above. We look forward to hearing from you.

OUT AND ABOUT



The LPA scheduled Out and About activities throughout the summer to help members connect with friends and beat the heat. Preschoolers, older siblings and parents alike enjoyed splashing at Celebration Park and watching Wall-E on the big screen.

"My daughter, Samantha, loved Rumpelstiltskin," said member Jay Calloway. Several families attended the live all-children's production put on by the Missoula Children's Theater. The cast of 64 even included some of our own LPA kids.

Watch for more Out and About events to be scheduled during LISD's winter and spring breaks. And, of course, we look forward to a fun-filled summer of 2009.

Visit our website for more pictures of the "Out and About" events.

Please contact Penny Porsch at lovejoypsa@sbcglobal.net if you have an idea for an Out and About event.

Exciting News for Booklovers!!

If you love to read, don't miss out on the LPA Book Club. Jay Calloway will host the first meeting Sunday, September 14 at 8 p.m. at her home in Lucas. Come discover new friends, sip a cup of tea or coffee, and discuss Meg Wolitzer's latest novel, *The Ten-Year Nap* (see review below). Jay's address is 12 North Star, Lucas, TX, 75002. You can contact Jay at jay@dfwair.net or (214)509-9329.

From Publishers Weekly

In her latest novel, Wolitzer (*The Wife*; etc.) takes a close look at the opt out generation: her cast of primary characters have all abandoned promising careers (in art, law and academia) in favor of full-time motherhood. When their children were babies, that decision was defensible to themselves and others; 10 years on, all of these women, whose interconnected stories merge during their regular breakfasts at a Manhattan restaurant, harbor hidden doubts. Do their mundane daily routines and ever-more tenuous connections to increasingly independent children compensate for all that lost promise? Wolitzer centers her narrative on comparisons between her smart but bored modern-day New York and suburban mommies and the women of the generation preceding them, who fought for women's liberation and equality. Contemporary chapters, most of which focus on a single character in this small circle of friends, alternate with vignettes from earlier eras, placing her characters' crises in the context of the women, famous and anonymous, who came before. Wolitzer's novel offers a hopeful, if not exactly optimistic, vision of women's (and men's) capacity for reinvention and the discovery of new purpose.