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### Important Dates

9/2	Meet the Teacher night; 6:30p	9/7	PTA Board Meeting; 7p
9/6	NO SCHOOL-Labor Day	9/16	General PTA Meeting; 7p; 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade performs
9/7	SBDM Meeting; 6:30p	9/27	NO SCHOOL- Staff development

#### Counselor Corner

Character Counts News - Character Counts is an important program at our school. There are six pillars of character that the Character Counts program is based upon: trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, fairness, caring, and citizenship. One activity we do weekly is highlighting a different character trait as the word-of-the-week (WOW). All of the words are based on the six pillars of Character Counts. During the week the word-of-the-week is displayed around school, discussed during morning announcements and explored in classes. WOW will also be published each week in Links so families can also discuss the importance of each of these character traits.

For the first six-weeks, we are learning words related to the 1<sup>st</sup> pillar: Trustworthiness

**This week's WOW - HONESTY** - Being truthful in both actions and words. People can trust what you say and do if you tell the truth.

Guidance News - Last week I visited all the classes for an introduction lesson. Next week I begin a three week rotation through all the classes about teasing and bullying.

\*\*\*Please stop by my office on Meet the Teacher Night if you would like to meet me, review the guidance materials that will be covered this year, or simply learn about the programs offered by the counseling program! I am in room 204 upstairs.

Ms. Dickson, the school counselor  
972-749-7306/[ldickson@dallasisd.org](mailto:ldickson@dallasisd.org)

#### PARKING - BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Just a reminder that there is no parking curbside in the front of the school from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and then again in the afternoon from 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For the safety of students and drivers we have asked the police department to help with enforcement.

In the FRONT: The curbside lane is the ONLY lane for drop-off and pick-up. Drivers may not leave their vehicle even for a couple of minutes. In the afternoon, please stay in the carpool lane and we will find your child and bring them to your car.

In the BACK (Wendover): Lakewood does have two afternoon buses that need the entire bus lane to pull-in and safely park. Bus regulations prohibit loading and unloading of buses unless the bus is flush with the curb. Buses require an extensive length to safely pull in to the lane. There is NO PARKING allowed between signs on Wendover to allow for the buses to park. The buses arrive at 2:55 p.m. so even if it looks like a great parking spot not in use **please** do not park between the bus signs.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Thompson

Be sure to sign up for the on-line newsletter by going to [www.lakewoodelementary.net](http://www.lakewoodelementary.net). At the top there is a link that says *Sign Up for Our Email Newsletter*. Click on that and enter your information to receive important information.

## The Back Page..... The Links

You can now join the PTA and complete your directory information at the same time! Join now for \$8 and receive a FREE copy of the 2010-2011 PTA Directory. Directories will be available to non-PTA members for \$10 (limited supplies). In addition, you can now pay for your membership on-line! Go to [www.lakewoodelementary.net](http://www.lakewoodelementary.net) and click on the **PTA Membership/Directory** Sign Up link.

Don't miss out on having the directory and BEING in the directory. It's so handy you'll want 2 (requires 2 memberships). Please note, you must complete the directory form in order to be in the directory. You can also get a form from the office. We do not keep your information from last year.

Don't want to be in the directory but still want to join the PTA? Go to the same form and pick the "PTA Membership Only" type. On-line payment is available but we'll still take checks and cash. Please get an envelope from the office.

LECPTA Home Tour is looking for 13 Home Captains to help during this year's tour Nov 12-14. Get involved with Lakewood's biggest fundraiser! It's lots of fun too! Please contact us at [hometour@lecpta.org](mailto:hometour@lecpta.org) or call Julie Walter at 214-693-4380 for more information

Want an Apple iPad?!?  
Want Burger House for lunch?!?  
Want to go to a Party?!?

The annual Fall Fundraiser kicks off **Friday September 17th** and there are **New bags, Candles and Stationery to sell, sell, sell!!!!**

This is a very important fundraiser for Lakewood Elementary, let's make this year a HUGE success and exceed our goal of **\$23,000!**

If you have any questions, contact Stacey Stabenow 214-455-4017, Tory Redington-Chauza 469-233-1663 or Melissa Geiser 214-293-6911 [fundraising@lakewoodelementary.net](mailto:fundraising@lakewoodelementary.net)

**GO STALLIONS!!!!!!!!!!**

### Friends of Lakewood (Dads Club) News

FOL accomplished its goal of raising \$20,000 for the school year, 2009-10. In fact, we raised more than \$21,000, and with the current Ranger Suite raffle ticket offer, FOL is in the position to raise \$26,000 before the first FOL meeting for this new school year - 2010-11. As for the 4th grade science lab project, it is on the list of "things to do" with the contractors working at the school for the 1st semester. We are told that the contractors will fit it in at the appropriate time, while completing the larger bond project. As we find out more on the status of the science lab (i.e., start time, completion time, etc.) we will let you know.

FOL took on a new event last school year. We hosted feeder school events with the other feeder schools (i.e., Stonewall Jackson, Lipscomb, Lee, Mount Auburn, Mata, and Roberts) and their dads, in order to "get to know each other" before we entered Long. They were well-attended events by dads of all grade levels. For those that made all or one of the 4 events, I hope you found Ms. Petters, Long's principal, helpful in answering your questions about Long. We look forward to continuing these events in the new year.

Some of you already know, but for those of you that are not aware, Chip Burgard (Dad of K and 4th grade girls) is the new FOL President for 2010-11. He is a great guy and has already met with Principal Thompson to determine the project for 2010-11. He also is securing the date and place for the first FOL meeting next month. So, if you want to get involved then let him know by telling him in person or sending an email to this email address - "friendsoflakewood@gmail.com" and letting him know how you want to help.

It was a great year in 2009-10. Thanks for all of your assistance in donations and man-hours during the past school year. You really stepped up to help our school!

~outgoing FOL President Richard Cuccia