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President's Letter



Welcome back Packers!

Your LHS PTSA is excited to begin this school year! Thanks to your support, we had much success with our programs and projects last school year. We are pleased to announce that your PTSA received recognition at both the county and state level for our work on behalf of our children and youth.

Over the summer, your 2017-2018 board members attended trainings, held several planning meetings, and coordinated with the LHS Administration Team to continue to provide informational, educational, and empowering programs. One of our biggest goals continues to be to help our scholars reach their potential by advocating for the health, safety, and well-being of all children!

Our overall success as a local PTA/PTSA unit depends on you, our members! Membership in PTA is open to anyone who is interested in the welfare of children and youth. Please join us again this year! Membership does not obligate you to any meetings or volunteer time, although we welcome any time or talent you may like to share. Simply put, by becoming a member you help us accomplish our mission. PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Thank you to those that joined us on the first day of school in the cafeteria from 7:00a.m. to 7:30a.m. for coffee and refreshments. This gathering allowed us time to make brief introductions and meet new friends, as our kids (and us) begin a new school year. We hope more of you will join us for the next one!

On behalf of your PTSA board, we wish all our Largo High Packers a great school year!

Sincerely,

*Michelle Alfred
President
Largo High School PTA/PTSA
2017-2018*



Important Dates

August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th - First Day of School, 2017-2018 • 10th - Parent/Caregiver Gathering, 7 a.m. Cafeteria • 17th - Family Spirit Night, Panda Express • 21st - Reflections program begins • 24th - Back to School Night 6:30 - 8 p.m.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th - Labor Day, No School • 13th - Family Spirit Night, Sonny's BBQ Seminole Blvd TBD – PTSA General Meeting & Bullying Prevention/Awareness Program
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st - Food Drive for RCS - all month • 23rd - 27th - Red Ribbon Week

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Please come out and support the
Largo High PTSA
Thursday, August 17th
 at the Panda Express on East Bay!
 Simply show them a copy of the flyer below, either printed or on a mobile device, and a percentage of the total sales from 11a.m. – 9p.m. will be donated to the Largo High School PTSA.




FUNDRAISER EVENT

Raise Money for: Largo High PTSA



When	Where	How
Thursday, August 17, 2017 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Panda Express E. Bay and Keene 2200 East Bay Drive Largo, 33771	In-store: Show paper or digital version of this flyer Online: Enter 234144 in the promo code box during online checkout.

A percentage of the total sales will be donated to Largo High PTSA!

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy or smart phone) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

AND THE WINNER IS... LARGO HIGH SCHOOL

We are very excited to share with you our Pinellas County Council PTA and Florida State PTA Awards for the 2016-2017 school year. Our awards give us an opportunity to show how much parent, student, faculty, staff, and community involvement we have at Largo High School. We wouldn't have earned these if it weren't for YOU!

County PTA Awards – Your LHS PTSA earned:

- 🏆 Administrator of the Year – Mr. Jon Marina
- 🏆 Support Staff of the Year – Mrs. Beth Brock
- 🏆 Excellence in Advocacy
- 🏆 Golden Participation
- 🏆 Outstanding PTA/PTSA Newsletter
- 🏆 Membership Award
- 🏆 Legislative Advocacy
- 🏆 Student/Student Group Participation Award



Florida State Awards – Your LHS PTSA earned the following:

- 🏆 All Children are Our Children – Meeting the needs of underserved families & children
- 🏆 Safety Award – Providing safety programs such as: Child Abuse Awareness (BACA), Free Your Mind (Mental Health Awareness), Internet/Cyberbullying Safety, Teen Dating Violence and Blindsight 20/20 (Drunk Driving Awareness)
- 🏆 Advocacy Award – Promoting & supporting activities that advocate for students' health, safety, and well-being.
- 🏆 Newsletter Award – Outstanding newsletter or e-newsletter.
- 🏆 Student Participation Award – Student led programs such as the First Night Bags project.
- 🏆 Golden Early Bird - Membership goal award
- 🏆 Spotlight on Men – 25+ male memberships
- 🏆 Community Award– Over 25 Community memberships
- 🏆 Our Founders Care – Having five LHS PTSA Past Presidents as members.





Join Largo High PTSA 2017-2018

Please join our Largo High PTA/PTSA. We need your voice! Becoming a PTA member is a great way for you to help make a difference in the lives of our children. All Children Are Our Children!

The PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America. Today's PTA is comprised of more than 4 million parents, teachers, grandparents, caregivers, foster parents and other caring adults who share a commitment to improving the education, health, and safety of all children. We speak with one voice for every child!

Today, the issues that affect our children extend beyond their individual schools. The PTA's nationwide network provides parents with the forum and tools to collectively influence the decisions that affect children, not only at their schools, but also throughout their districts, within their states, and across the nation. This mission is unique to the PTA. PTA's mission is to help every child reach their potential by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for ALL children.

Many of the benefits our children receive today, such as universal kindergarten, the National School Lunch Program, and a juvenile justice system, were accomplished as a result of the PTA mission.

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Join Largo High School PTSA! 2017-2018 Membership Form



As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, PTA/PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) reminds our country of its obligations to children. PTA provides families, students, educators, and community members with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child. When you join PTA, you join millions of others who care about issues that affect children. Membership in PTA is open to *anyone* who is concerned with the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. At the high school level, students are encouraged to get involved too! That's why Largo High is a PTSA!

Annual membership dues* help support the various programs and events sponsored by Largo High's PTSA. Our PTA advocates on behalf of children and youth, hosts informative programs that are important to parents, public school teachers and administrators, participates in teacher appreciation activities, and makes connections to increase family and community involvement in education.

Support the effort to Make Every Child's Potential a Reality!

*\$3.75 of every membership goes to PTA State and National Dues, of which you also become a member. The PTSA is organized under IRS code section 501(c)(3), and therefore, membership dues are tax deductible.

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Member #1 Name _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Circle One: Parent/Grandparent/Staff/Student/Community Check here if Past President of LHS PTSA

Member #2 Name _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Circle One: Parent/Grandparent/Staff/Student/Community Check here if Past President of LHS PTSA

Member #3 Name _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Circle One: Parent/Grandparent/Staff/Student/Community Check here if Past President of LHS PTSA

_____ \$10 Individual Memberships

_____ \$5 Student Memberships

_____ \$35 Business Membership

(for information on our Community/Business Patron program, email ptsa.largohigh@gmail.com)

_____ Additional Donation Amount (one time)

Total Enclosed (Cash or Checks made payable to LHS PTSA)

After completing the form above, please return it to the school office, or mail to:

LHS PTSA, 410 Missouri Ave N, Largo, FL 33770, Attention: Membership.

OFFICE USE: AMT RECEIVED: _____ PAID BY: _____ CARD(S) ISSUED: _____

School Spirit Items on Sale NOW!

Show Your Packer Pride with these School Spirit Items!

All items will be on sale at Freshman Orientation and Back to School night at the PTA table. *Cash or Check payable to Largo High PTSA. This year we will also be accepting credit cards!*



LHS Baseball style shirts
Gold or Royal Blue Sleeves
Sizes: Adult S - 4XL
\$20 each



T-shirt #OTP, Only the Pack
"Packer pig" face printed on back of shirt
Royal Blue
Sizes: Youth Small - Adult 4XL
\$15 each



Largo High School Magnets
Gold and blue
\$5 each



Largo High School Hats
Packer Pig Face or LP Logo
\$15 each



Voter Voice - Legislative Alerts

Sign up for Florida PTA's Take Action Network to learn more about legislative issues affecting families, schools, and communities; and to stay informed on the latest updates from Tallahassee. By registering for Florida PTA's Take Action Network, you will be joining over 300,000 child advocates in Florida that support and speak up for children.

(REGISTRATION MUST BE UPDATED YEARLY – If you have signed up previously, please do so again today!)

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)



4 EASY STEPS TO PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND STAYING INFORMED!

Step 1 - Get Engaged...Be sure to follow us



Step 2 - Be Engaged...Like our posts



Step 3 - Stay Engaged...Share our posts and events



Step 4 - Encourage and Invite your children, families, teachers, and friends to Follow, Like and Share our important information: @ptsalargohigh

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