

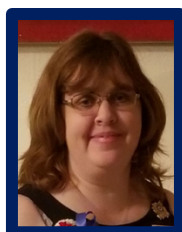
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 Newsletter  
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# Largo High PTSA®

*everychild. one voice.®*

## President's Letter



*Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. A season of fun, thankfulness, generosity, and time spent with family and friends.*

*Your LHS PTSA has kicked the season off with the can pop tops to benefit local children's hospitals.*

*PTA is a child advocacy organization. We encourage involvement in our school, provide parenting resources, hold informational programs pertaining to the educational success, health, safety and well-being of our scholars, and speak up on behalf of all children when it comes to any governmental or community decision that might*

*negatively impact their education or general well-being.*

*In the months ahead your PTSA will host our Financial Aid Night, celebrate Veteran's in November at our general meeting, and partner with our local American Legion Post here in Largo for a program on Americanism. We also encourage you to participate in our monthly spirit nights where we promote family engagement, and we are working on hosting a Meet Your Legislator event. We have much more planned!*

*We invite you to join us as we continue our work this year. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, special programs, and events. We welcome your suggestions, your time, and your talents to help us meet our goals. At the high school level, we encourage students to get involved too.*

*That is why we are a PTSA!*

*If you have any questions, or want to find out more, please contact us at [ptسالargoHigh@gmail.com](mailto:ptسالargoHigh@gmail.com) as we Bridge Together for our Students Success!*

*Sincerely,*

*Lisa Hoyland  
 President Largo High School  
 PTA/PTSA 2018-2019*

### 2018-2019 Largo High School PTSA Executive Board

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# Important Dates

October

- 1st - 19th - Octagon Club Canned Food Drive
- 15th - No School for Students
- 15th - PTSA Scholarship Application opens
- 17th - Family Spirit Night, Tijuana Flats
- 22nd - Fall Staff Appreciation luncheon
- 23rd -31st - Red Ribbon Week

November

- 8th - Veteran's Day Celebration 6:30-7:30 pm,LHS
- 19th - 23rd - Thanksgiving Holidays, No School

December

- 24th - January 4th - Winter Holidays, No School



JOIN US

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 5-8 PM**

20% OF YOUR PURCHASE WILL BENEFIT

**LARGO HIGH SCHOOL PTSA**

MUST PRESENT FLYER AT REGISTER AT PARTICIPATING STORE:

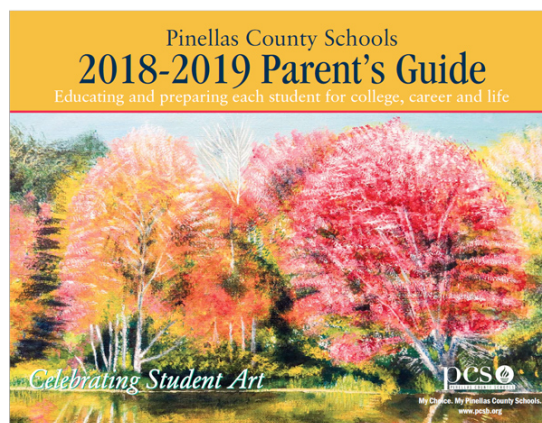
**TIJUANA FLATS (SEMINOLE)**  
 13100 SEMINOLE BLVD .. STE 105  
 LARGO, FL 33778

[TIJUANAFLATS.COM](http://TIJUANAFLATS.COM)

## 2018-19 PCS Parent Guide and Facts at a Glance

One of the most important factors in a student’s success is parental involvement. As such, we are pleased to provide you with this year’s Parent’s Guide. In an effort to better serve our families, this year’s guide is in a calendar format to help you keep track of important dates, while still containing valuable information that will be helpful to you and your child throughout the year.

Your 2018-2019 PCS Parent Guide was sent home with your students. If you did not receive one, you now have access to view it online at: [www.pcsb.org/parentsguide](http://www.pcsb.org/parentsguide).



Contact your school for the recent copy of the 2018-19 PCS Facts at a Glance.



# Congratulations to Superintendent Michael Grego

In January, Dr. Michael Grego will receive the FMEA Superintendent of the Year Award at the FMEA Professional Development Conference in Tampa.

The award recognizes those who make outstanding contributions to music education throughout the state. The FMEA Superintendent of the Year award honors school district superintendents who have exhibited enthusiastic support of school music programs. This award recognizes leadership, excellence in encouragement, and promotion of music education in Florida schools.

Dr. Grego appreciates the value of arts education and has previously received major honors for his support of the arts and music. This is the second time Dr. Grego has received this FMEA honor. He was the first recipient of the award in 2010 as superintendent of Osceola County Schools. He was also named the 2017 Florida Art Education Association Superintendent of the Year.



## Desserts, Desserts and more Desserts!



We are letting our Largo High School staff know how much they are appreciated by our PTSA, Scholars, Parents and Community with a Fall Welcome Back luncheon on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking for pre-packaged desserts (of ANY kind) or any donations toward purchasing desserts for this special event.

If you are able to help celebrate our staff please email Lorie Rawe at [rawedeal@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rawedeal@tampabay.rr.com) (SUBJECT: DESSERT) to let her know what you're able to provide.

Please get any donations to Mrs. Brock (front office) by Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact us at [ptsalargohigh@gmail.com](mailto:ptsalargohigh@gmail.com) with any questions.

# Show Your Packer Pride

School Spirit Items are available NOW!

These items will also be available at Packer Varsity Home football games (visit the LHS PTSA table).

## Show Your Packer Pride with these School Spirit Items!

To place your order, include this form and your payment in an envelope and turn it in to the front office or mail it to: Largo High School, 410 Missouri Avenue, Largo, FL 33770, Attn: Largo High PTSA.

Make checks payable to: Largo High PTSA.

Questions? E-mail: PTSA<sup>L</sup>argoHigh@gmail.com

Purchaser's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

		Size	Price	Quantity	Total Cost
LHS Hoodies – Adult S to 4XL			\$30		
<b>Baseball Shirts – Adult S to 4XL</b>					
Gold Sleeves			\$20		
Blue Sleeves			\$20		
<b>T-Shirts – Adults S to 4XL</b>					
Blue #OTP			\$15		
Blue Tie Dye			\$15		
Gold Tie Dye			\$15		
<b>LHS Hats – one size fits all</b>					
Baseball		N/A	\$15		
Visor		N/A	\$15		
Magnet		N/A	\$5		
				<b>TOTAL:</b>	

## Legislative Alerts - Voter Voice

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](#)



## Florida PTSA Scholarship Program



*Florida PTA is pleased to offer a minimum of four (4) scholarships, one each in the following categories: University, Fine Arts, Community College, and Vo-Tech, to a student graduating from a PTSA high school each year. This is a one time (non-renewable) award of \$2,000.00 and will be awarded to a worthy student who is interested in getting a start in life through higher education. This award is specially for a student who wishes to pursue their education at a University, Fine Arts School, Community College, or Vo-Tech.*

### **Requirements for each student to apply for this scholarship include:**

1. *Be a member of their high school's PTA/PTSA for a minimum of 30 days.*
2. *Graduate from a Florida High School in the 2018-2019 school year.*
3. *Be a resident of the state of Florida.*
4. *Plan to continue their education in the 2018-2019 school year at a University, Fine Arts, State College or Vo-Tech.*
5. *Fully complete the application and submit letters of recommendation, an essay, and copies of their official sealed high school transcript, ACT and/or SAT scores.*

*Please click on the link for more details and scholarship application instructions.*

<https://floridapta.org/graduating-hs-seniors/>

**\* The application period for this school year will open on October 15, 2018 and must be submitted no later than February 1, 2019.**

## OCTAGON CLUB CANNED FOOD DRIVE



**THE CANNED FOOD DRIVE HAS  
BEEN EXTENDED!**

**YOU HAVE ANOTHER WEEK TO GET  
YOUR DONATIONS IN AND STILL  
WIN THE PRIZE!**

**LAST DAY FOR THE CONTEST IS OCTOBER 19!**



## We Need Your Help!

The Octagon Club is sponsoring a Canned Food drive to help stock the Food Pantry.

The 1<sup>st</sup> period class that brings in the most food items (cans, boxes, jars) will receive **free donuts for breakfast!**

Look for the box in your 1<sup>st</sup> period class.



~ Largo High School Food Pantry ~  
Helping our students and our families!  
Right here...Right now!

## PTA Reflections Program

Attention LHS Students! Do you like to be creative and express yourself artistically?  
If you answered yes, consider entering the PTA Reflections program!

2018-19 Reflections Theme

**HEROES  
AROUND  
ME**

**50**  
NATIONAL PTA  
REFLECTIONS<sup>®</sup>

Celebrating 50 years of student achievement in the arts!

PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts based on the 2018- 2019 theme: Hero's Around Me . Students may enter once in any of the following categories: Dance, Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Film Production, and Musical Composition.

Students must turn in their artwork in to the front office by November 14th. Rules and Student Entry forms can be found on the link below. Please contact me at [ptsalargohigh@gmail.com](mailto:ptsalargohigh@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing all your creations!  
Jennifer Muller  
Reflections Chair

For the official rules and student entry form click here:  
<https://floridapta.org/reflections>

# Red Ribbon Week

The Red Ribbon Campaign® is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week®, October 23rd - October 31st each year.



WHY?


The Red Ribbon Campaign® was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign® is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG-FREE AMERICA.

WHO?


National Family Partnership is the sponsor of the National Red Ribbon Week® Celebration. They are helping citizens across the country come together to keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free, through parent training, networking and sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign®.

HOW?


Plan a Red Ribbon celebration. Order and display Red Ribbon materials with the National Red Ribbon Theme. Proceeds from the sale of Red Ribbon theme merchandise helps support prevention programs across America. Order for your family, students, staff, patients, employees and customers and encourage them to wear the red ribbon symbol during Red Ribbon Week®, October 23rd - 31st.




## RED RIBBON WEEK®



### BY THE NUMBERS



**1985**  
 Year That Special Agent Kiki Camarena of the DEA was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by a drug cartel in Mexico.

**80 MILLION**  
 The estimated number of people participating in Red Ribbon Week activities each year.




**\$18**  
 Amount saved per \$1 invested in effective school-based prevention.<sup>1</sup>


The **THREE** most widely used drugs by youth and adults: alcohol, prescription drugs and marijuana<sup>1</sup>

**4,300**  
 Children under the age of 21 who die each year from underage drinking-related causes.<sup>2</sup>

**2017**  
 Your Future is Key, So Stay Drug Free.™  


**37**  
 Years since the founding of the National Family Partnership (formerly the National Federation of Parents For Drug Free Youth), sponsors of the annual Red Ribbon Campaign®. Nancy Reagan was once an honorary chair.

**89,000**  
  
 Votes cast in support of entries for 47 states in the 2016 National Red Ribbon Photo Contest: "YOLO. Be Drug Free."<sup>3</sup>

**ONE**  
 The number of people required to make a difference. Each one of us has the power to help kids grow up safe, healthy and drug free. Get involved in Red Ribbon Week.

**WWW.REDRIBBON.ORG**

1. <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/NSDUHresu1P/HTML/2013/Web/NSDUHresults2013.pdf> 2. <http://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/cont-benefits-prevention.pdf> 3. <http://www.edc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/underage-drinking.htm>

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**Largo High PTSA  
and  
American Legion of Largo  
present**

**An Evening of  
Honor and Appreciation-  
Veteran's Day 2018**

**A Presentation and Flag Folding Education  
provided by the  
American Legion Honor Guard, Sons and Auxillary**

**When: Thursday November 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**Where: Largo High School**

**Pizza will be provided during an open time for students,  
the community, and veterans to share.**

**Donations will be accepted.**



# A Special Thank You for PTA Members

PTA Members, present your current PTA Membership Card and you will receive 10% off any service at the UPS Store located in Feather Sound!

The UPS Store  
2655 Ulmerton Rd | Clearwater | FL | 33762  
p. 727.556.0500 | c. 727.417.7447 | f. 727.556.0011  
Hours: M-F 8am-7pm; Sat: 9am-4pm; Sun Closed  
[www.upsfeathersound.com](http://www.upsfeathersound.com)

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