



## LYON / PLEASANT RIDGE PTA

August 30, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings Lyon Families!

As the newly elected Lyon/PR PTA president, I would like to welcome back our returning families and extend a warm welcome to our new Lyon families! And to our wonderful teachers, staff, and administration, we appreciate all that you do and we will continue to work hard to support you! I am honored to work with our dedicated and supportive Lyon/PR PTA which consist of an eight-person Executive Board, a fifty-person General Board, and over 300 parent, teacher and administrative members, who advocate for our students, families, and staff. Through the PTA fundraising efforts, we are able to provide "extra" funds, programming, and resources to enrich our children's educational experiences throughout the year. We personally invite you to become an involved member of the Lyon/PR PTA. To enroll or renew your membership, go to our website to sign up and pay annual dues of \$15 at [lyonprpta.org](http://lyonprpta.org). Your contribution, whether it is your time, knowledge, or resources, truly make a difference.

The PTA continues to focus on improved communications with the Lyon/PR community. Last year we built a new website that was mobile friendly and allowed us to showcase event photos, volunteer opportunities and a PTA activity calendar. We will continue to update our website as well as send all families weekly e-Blasts to inform them of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and provide links to the newsletters published by the Lyon/PR schools. As we enter another exciting year, we have an outstanding Fall Enrichment Program planned, educational assemblies, author visits, International Night, and other programming that we look forward to sharing with you. In a couple of weeks, the PTA will distribute \$25 - \$75 gift cards to all teachers and certified school staff to help with their back-to-classroom shopping. In August, we will be delivering pre-purchased school supply kits to the classrooms.

There are several upcoming fun, hands-on ways to get involved in the PTA and the school:

### **Room Parents**

Our PTA Room Parent Coordinators, Shari Isaacs, and Dana Palmer are seeking two room parents for each classroom. If you are interested in becoming a room parent, please email them at [lyproomparents@gmail.com](mailto:lyproomparents@gmail.com) between Class List Posting Day, August 10th, and Wednesday, August 23rd at 12pm. Please provide your name, your child's name, the classroom teacher, and your contact information. Please note that sending an email is the only way to volunteer. If there are multiple requests for the same classroom, a lottery system will be used to determine the assignments.

### **International Night 2017**

We are currently seeking country host and volunteers to help us celebrate the diversity and cultural heritage of our student, faculty, and community at our annual 'International Night'. Join us on Friday, October 6th, from 6 pm to 8pm at Pleasant Ridge. Hosting a room allows you to showcase your heritage at this much-loved and well-attended event. Don't miss this great opportunity to do something educational and fun with your kids! The event is free to all! To find out more, please visit the PTA website



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lyonprpta.org to see what we have done in the previous years or contact Chair Galia Polyanovsky at [maven025@hotmail.com](mailto:maven025@hotmail.com).

### Fall Book Fair

Our Fall Book Fair will take place Thursday, November 9, and Friday, November 10 at Lyon School. Thousands of books will be available, including new and noteworthy titles, state and national award winners, and favorite authors. Special family events will be held nightly. Contact Co-Chairs Rebecca Herlitz ([rebecca.herlitz@yahoo.com](mailto:rebecca.herlitz@yahoo.com)) or Niki Van Vuren ([nvanvuren@gmail.com](mailto:nvanvuren@gmail.com)) for more information on how to volunteer.

Ways to support PTA programming from your home. Please consider:

- Donating 0.5% of your eligible Amazon purchases to the Lyon/PR PTA by setting up an AmazonSmile account and choosing Lyon Pleasant Ridge PTA as your charity. You get the same products, prices, and service while helping our schools. Sign up today <http://smile.amazon.com>
- Collecting BoxTops from General Mills, Annie's, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty and other branded products. Our schools receive 10 cents for each Box Top clipped. BoxTops can be sent into the main office when school begins. Also look for Box Tops for Education on Facebook for additional ways to earn BoxTop points.

We look forward to making 2017-2018 a fun and productive year! Please join us for our first PTA meeting on Tuesday, September 19th, in the Lyon Learning Resource Center (LRC). Meetings will be held monthly on Tuesday mornings or evenings throughout the year.

Warmly,

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PTA President 2017-18

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