

Dear Parents,

The Lakeview PTSA welcomes you to the 2009-2010 school year! We hope you had a great summer and are as excited as we are about the upcoming school year. Whether you and your family are new or returning to Lakeview, we look forward to seeing you at school and invite you to join us to make a difference in the education and quality of life for all of our children.

We have an incredible group of volunteers on our PTSA Board and Committees who help provide our children with a wide range of academic support programs, social activities and extracurricular options that make Lakeview such a great place to be.

We heartedly encourage all parents to join the PTSA and find an area where you enjoy volunteering, in whatever form you can give it. This year the PTSA will organize and support fun events such as: the Welcome Back BBQ, Make-It Take-It Fair, Family Dance Night, Carnival, School Play, Art Walk, and the Marathon.

In addition to your time, we hope you will consider making a financial contribution. Our Donation Letter allows you to write one check, with funds going directly and entirely to the Lakeview PTSA. A direct donation is the simplest way to raise the money needed to fund the many activities and events sponsored yearly by the PTSA.

As you know, state and local school budgets don't provide nearly enough money to pay for the essential learning and social activities for our children. **The Lakeview PTSA spends over \$150 per child for academic enrichment.** We need your help to generate the funds required to support the quality educational programs, activities and communication tools that the PTSA supports for our children such as:

- Teacher training, stipends, and classroom supplies
- New computers and software
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Art Enrichment Program
- Science Fair
- Field Trips
- Music and PE support
- Instructional materials

You can learn more and get involved in the PTSA by attending our first PTSA meeting on September 24th as well as through our newsletter, *The Connection*, and our NEW website (www.lwsd.org/school/lakeview). We also encourage you to sign up for our PTSA E-news through the website.

We look forward to a year full of learning and fun for our children. Please contact any PTSA Board member if you have any questions or ideas – or just to introduce yourself.

Warmest Regards,

Karen Tipp and Wendy Macomber
PTSA Co-Presidents