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## WELCOME BACK FROM THE PTA

By Paula Shellito

With summer shortly coming to an end, school starting and fall around the corner, the rush of getting everything ready for this change always excites me. I love the fall season, the smell in the air, the change of warm tones of orange and browns are my favorite, and is with this much excitement that I want to share with you a little bit about myself and my passion for the PTA.

My name is Paula Shellito, I am currently LGS PTA President, I have 3 children in region 10, a senior at Mills, a 7th grader at Har-Bur and a 2nd grader at Lake Garda, and I am very proud to say that all of my children went to Lake Garda. I got to know a lot of families, staff and remarkable young children and so many wonderful volunteers. Seven years ago I didn't think I was a fit for the PTA no, not me...But then I met this amazing women, so dedicated, always helping with a lovely smile on her face, Trish Markowich (I am sure some of you know her). Trish inspired me to join the PTA, I became the PTA treasurer and start coming to the meetings that forever changed my view of the PTA. I had no idea how much this group of parents really did for our school, students and even our community.

I am so grateful to be able to be a part of my children's lives not only at home but also at school, besides they always love to see me at their school. Being present and active in the PTA gave me that opportunity. Taking an active role helps improve my children's school experience. As you go to Open House and send your little ones to school, look around and ask yourselves how much will the PTA be able to help improve our school with your help.

Join the Lake Garda PTA, and bring all your family, everyone can be a PTA member, and you can join at anytime. With all the budget cuts that we are having this year your PTA membership is highly needed, and honestly we need all the help we can get. No help is too little or insignificant, every little help is needed.

I would like to invite you to join us for our first PTA meeting of the year September 19th at 6:30pm at the media center, the PTA board have been working really hard for a great start and we want to share with you what programs we have planned, we would love to hear your opinion and ideas. (Light refreshments, appetizers and babysitting will be available.)

Sincerely yours,

Paula Shellito

LGS PTA President

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**First PTA Meeting:  
Sept. 19th  
7:00 pm**



## Important Dates in September

9/12 - PTA Fall Fundraiser Begins

9/12 - Open House Grades 3-4 6:30-7:30 pm

9/13 - Open House Grades PreK –2 6:30—7:30 pm

9/13 - Picture Day

9/19 - Math Night 6:00-7:00pm

9/19 - PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

9/20 - Girls on the Run Begins

9/21 - Kindergarten Ice Cream Social 5:30-6:45pm

### **DON'T MISS MATH NIGHT! Tues, Sept. 19th from 6-7:00 pm**

Please join us for a night of Work Places. This a great opportunity to experience some of the activities the kids are doing during math class to help develop fluency. Fourth Grade students will be running the games so parents and students in the younger grades can do the activities. There is not a formal presentation, so feel free to drop in when you can and stay for as much of the evening as your schedule allows.

## More Details

### Lake Garda PTA September Events

**September 12th:** Fall Fundraiser will be sent home, and we are very happy to inform you that, this year we have allocated all funds raised in the Fall Fundraiser towards Field Trips for Lake Garda Students. Field Trips this year will be totally free for parents. Don't forget to send your coupons and orders to school. Turn in Coupon dates are: 09/19, 09/26 and 10/03.

**September 13th:** Is Picture Day.

**September 19th:** Math Night, come join Mr. Glasgow (BFG), in math activities for parents and students.

**September 19th:** First PTA meeting of the year. Right after Math Night, stay and join us, we will be talking about the After-School Art Program starting in October, Enrichment Programs, Girls on the Run that is coming back after a very successful spring season, Family Fun Night, Fall Book fair and much more. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend

**September 20th:** Girls on the Run starts

**September 21st:** Air the Invisible Wonder enrichment program for students of all grades.

**September 21st:** Kindergarten Ice Cream Social from 5:30 to 6:45. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet other Kindergarten parents while enjoying free ice cream.



## Girls on the Run Program



Girls on the Run will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays. The cost of the program is \$160 and financial assistance is available. Girls must commit to being at all practices.

Registration is open. Here is the link if you are interested in signing up: [Girls on the Run Changes Lives!](#) Please contact Tracy Scarborough at [tnb0578@yahoo.com](mailto:tnb0578@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

## Principal's Message

Dear Lake Garda Families,



The first day of school was fabulous! Mr. Weaver and I visited every classroom, often sharing with the students how quiet Lake Garda School is in the summer. And how much we look forward to them coming back. We love seeing the halls filled with new and familiar faces. What a wonderful change from the summer months!

We are so impressed with this year's group of kindergarteners! They are adjusting to the school routine nicely. We have extra staff in the cafeteria to help them open those tricky milks and yogurts. They are enjoying an additional recess during the first few weeks of school to help them adjust to the long days. Our more experienced students got back into the swing of things almost immediately!

As always, thank you to the Lake Garda PTA! On the second day of school, the entire staff enjoyed a wonderful breakfast, courtesy of our PTA. I encourage you to join our PTA and get involved! There are so many opportunities to volunteer that you are almost guaranteed to find a way that works for you. I'll look for you at the first PTA meeting/Math Night on September 19th!

We are going to have a wonderful year together!

Kind Regards,  
Stefanie Anderson

## TOP 10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

10. It's a great way to meet other families with children the age as your own.
9. We have FUN! The PTA strives to make your volunteering experience as stress free as possible
8. You get to help raise money and volunteer for a great cause-your children's education!
7. You can create, plan, and execute fun events for the whole school!
6. Volunteering for your school is rewarding! Seeing the children's eyes sparkle with excitement, no better feeling.
5. We're not all about fundraising and money, we're about parent involvement and cohesion to bring our school community closer.
4. PTA is flexible! We know time is of the essence to many, we'll incorporate a schedule that works for you.
3. Get to personally know teachers, staff and principal of the school.
2. The PTA makes a difference! We step in where administration can't and get our voices heard through numerous channels.
1. The most important reason to join the PTA, WE NEED YOU! Volunteers in numbers means more programs for our children.



## PTA Announcements

### Open PTA Positions for 2017-2018

A special thank you to all of our existing chairs and volunteers. Below is a list of the available positions for 2017-18 school year. To learn more join us at the next PTA meeting or contact Paula.

<b>Garden Committee Chair</b>	Works with garden committee volunteers to create and maintain a pleasant and welcoming environment at the entrance of our school as well as other key outdoor areas.
<b>Fall Fundraiser</b>	Work with Paula to ensure this is a successful fundraising campaign for Lake Garda School
<b>Preschool Enrichment</b>	Work with Enrichment Co-chairs to determine programs for pre-school children
<b>Community Fundraising</b>	
<b>Ice Skating Event</b>	
<b>Science &amp; Invention Fair</b>	
<b>Spirit Wear</b>	
<b>Shopper Points</b>	
<b>Talent Show</b>	
<b>School Picnic</b>	This event is held on a Friday evening in June. Committee is responsible for staffing the event with volunteers & coordinating the activities for the picnic (such as dunk tank, bounce house, face painting, DJ etc.). Coincides with Art Show.



## Lake Garda Elementary School PTA Presents

### F.A.S.T. Athletics Fall Programs

**SuperSports:** Get up, get going, get active with a F.A.S.T. Athletics Super Sports Program. F.A.S.T. Athletics will offer a variety of sports each week such as: Soccer, Mat Ball, Pillo Polo, Dodge ball, and Kickball. Programs will include proper stretching and warm-up games as well as learning basic skills of each sport, each class will end with a high energy game with the sport played that day.

**Flag Football:** F.A.S.T. Athletics will teach everyone game strategies, catching techniques and most importantly how to work together as a team. The students will be able to participate in different situational games such as Red Zone Defense, fourth and inches, and The QB Challenge as they learn the importance of fair play. Each class will end with a simulated game broken down into 4 quarters – the coaches will have tons of plays ready to go for their teams! If inclement weather, students will play Dodgeball in the gym\*\*\*

Program: Flag Football

Grades: 3-4

Time: 3:35-4:35pm

Date: 9/18-10/23 (off 10/9), 5 classes every Monday after school

Location: Lake Garda Gym

Price: \$67.00

Program: SuperSports

Grades: K-2

Time: 3:35-4:35pm

Date: 9/21-10/19, 5 classes every Thursday after school

Location: Lake Garda Field

Price: \$67.00

Look for the flyer in your child's backpack if you are interested in registering for this program. It will begin the week of September 18th.

## Box Tops for Education

Our first collection deadline will be in October. Stay tuned for more details. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school earn cash. Are you already a Box Tops member? If not, please sign up at [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com) to stay updated on our school's earnings and find a full list of hundreds of participating products. Members also receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and can learn about extra ways for our school to earn more cash.



Please send your "unexpired" and neatly-trimmed Box Tops in an envelope or zip-top bag to school with your child before the deadline. For every "25" Box Tops submitted with your child's name on it, you will receive a raffle ticket to win a prize. In addition, the classroom that has collected the greatest number of box tops will win an awesome prize!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Keri Singh, Box Top Chairperson, at [epigirl105@yahoo.com](mailto:epigirl105@yahoo.com). Also, if you would like to volunteer to help trim and bundle box tops, please let Keri know. We want to make our school's Box Tops for Education™ program a huge success this year.

## Shopper's Reward Program

An EASY way to help Lake Garda earn educational supplies and equipment. The more you spend at stores like Stop & Shop, ShopRite and Price Chopper, the more Lake Garda will earn. If you already have a store rewards card, all you have to do is add your number. Please note: ShopRite requires you to register every year.



**SIGN UP TODAY** on our PTA website: [lakegarda.region1oct.org/for\\_parents/p\\_t\\_a/shopper\\_rewards\\_program](http://lakegarda.region1oct.org/for_parents/p_t_a/shopper_rewards_program)

## Support the Burlington Public Library!

**The Library is open Saturdays starting on Sept. 9th. Hours are 10:00—5:00.**

For details on children's programming and more, visit the library website:  
[www.burlingtonctlibrary.info](http://www.burlingtonctlibrary.info)

If you haven't visited the library recently, you will be amazed at the expansion project currently underway. The new improvements will include a community room, a special teen room, study areas and much more.

There are several ways to be part of this new community project in terms of fundraising, donations and leaving a personal mark. Donate today and sign the Canopy Ceiling or Donor Wall. For more information, visit the website above.

## Dolphin Dispatch October Newsletter

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