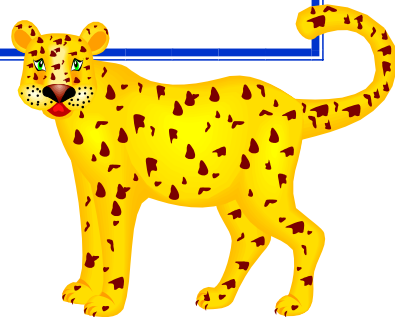




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Lee PTA Newsletter – October 2005
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Letter from the President

Crystal clear skies, crisp air, crunchy colorful leaves...This can only mean one thing. It must be time for the Annual Lee Jog-A-Thon! (Well, ok...also Autumn, pumpkins and sweaters, but mostly the Jog-A-Thon!)

Why is Jog-A-Thon such a big deal you ask? It is the PTA's biggest fundraiser, and, as such, funds the many "extras" that the public school system is not able to provide to the school and our children. Educational programs provided to our students which are funded or subsidized by PTA money include: Science Enrichment (4th and 5th grade), Junior Great Books (2nd-5th grade),

Strings Program, Summer Reading Program, Bagels & Books, Science Fair, Nature Exchange Program (1st and 2nd grade) and Library programs and materials. Additionally, Curriculum Enhancement provides approximately \$10,000 each year to teachers who apply for grants to purchase specialty teaching materials and/or field trips for their students.

Social and family programs funded by the Lee PTA are: BareLee Back Picnic, Evening Educational Programs, Family Lee Talent Show, Homeroom parties, monthly popcorn for all students, End of Year

party, Yearbook and more. Lee PTA (with your help) does A LOT to enhance Lee Elementary school.

I frequently hear from the teachers and staff how much they appreciate our support and how Lee is a special place. This is all true, and while we love making the staff comfortable with excellent materials and programs; the truth is this. Our children and their educational success is the most important priority. The primary mission of the Lee PTA is the support of school programs and curriculum.

Lee students are not

asked to sell cookie dough, wrapping paper or light bulbs. The participation of Lee students in Jog-A-Thon promotes health and pride in their ability to achieve. It shows them that they can help their school and 100% of the funds collected go to the PTA. Please support the Lee Jog-A-Thon. It is one of the best ways to support and enhance the education of your children.

We are fortunate to have such talented teachers and staff. Lee families are dedicated and involved in the education of their children. With that combination, there's no question why "Lee is the Place to Be!"

Things are Going Wild for First and Second Graders at Lee!

Beginning in October, students will participate in a pilot program provided by the Tulsa Zoo and Living Museum called Nature Exchange. Students, with the help of parent volunteers and Nature Exchange personnel, will meet in small group sessions to trade objects from nature. Nature gives us an unlimited supply of learning opportunities which will be used to enhance the learning process for 1st and 2nd graders. Scheduled topics include: Plants, Rocks and Minerals, Fossils and Insects (dead or alive)...

On Nature Exchange day each student will bring an item from home based on the theme for the month. Students will select one item per group and study and discover key points about the item which may lead to identification. The program culminates in a late Spring field trip to the Zoo where they can visit the N.E. headquarters.

Any child is eligible to become a trader at the Zoo. Just stop by the office with a trade. The office is located in the log building by the Train Depot. Zoo Nature Exchange hours are Thursday through Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Tasha Holland at 743-6180 for more information or to be a volunteer.

Science Enrichment Schedule 2005-2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5thGrade</u>
Oct. 13	Measurements I	Heat Energy
Nov. 17	Measurements II	Physical Changes
Dec. 15	Weather-Atmosphere	Water Purification
Jan. 19	Properties of Water	Electricity & Mag. II
Feb. 16	Rat	Heart & Lungs
March 16	Eye	Brain
April 20	Shark	Squid

Memorial

Lee PTA is collecting donations to honor our former Special Projects Teacher, June Rassmussen, who passed away this past June. We would like to commemorate her life and service to our children with an Up With Trees site. Those interested in donating, please contact Amy Fuller at 747-3378 or ARFuller@cox.net.

A Round of Applause

Please give a hand to the following for their magnificent performances over the past month:

Mitch Drummond and Gerard Spyres (yup— a couple of guys) for *dissecting and rebuilding* a successful Science Enrichment Program.

Dr. and Mrs. Battenfield (Amy King’s parents) for allowing the use of their pool for the BoxTops Summer Challenge winner’s party (and, of course, Amy for organizing it!)

A special toast to **Amy King**, and her committee, for *cooking-up* the BareLee Back Picnic. Thanks also, to Linc Smith and Pack 49 Cub Scouts for the frosty confections!

Stephanie Richmond and her fine cast of maidens for producing the *Fairest Book Sale* in all the land.

Marianne Blair, Pam Short and their committee for *casting a magical spell* over Lee students with the Summer Reading Program.

Jill Drummond and the Curriculum Enhancement Committee for *granting the wishes* of many deserving Lee teachers and their students.

A **Standing Ovation** to the many unnamed volunteers who donated their valuable time for the success of all these events.

Curriculum Enhancement

Ever wonder where the Lee PTA money goes? Well, here are just a few of the Curriculum Enhancement grants awarded this semester: flutes for music, field trips, science materials, art materials, fitness and anatomy posters, bowling for 5th graders, wagon train dolls and much more. The Lee PTA is proud that Curriculum Enhancement directly benefits every student here at Lee. Thanks to all teachers who submitted grant applications.

Dates to Remember	
10/13	Science Enrichment Day
10/18	Junior Great Books (2nd and 3rd)
10/20	Parent/Teacher Conferences/Fall Break
10/21	Fall Break
10/22	Red Ribbon Run 8:30 a.m.
10/27	Jog-A-Thon
10/28	School Pictures
11/2	PTA Meeting, 11:45-1:00
Spirit Bank Community Room	

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* **BOB is coming to LEE!** *

* **Who is BOB?** *

* **Watch closely!** *

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 Need Corn?

 (popcorn, that is)
 See your local
 Pack 49 Cub

LEE FACTOR

Calling all fearless Lee Leopards! It’s time for Jog-A-Thon Lee Factor style!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 27 to come, run and support our school. Parents are welcome to come to this event. Lee’d Homeroom Parents will soon be receiving a packet of information with the details.

Students can earn prizes by collecting pledges for Lee School. This year’s prizes

will be: an eyeball whoopee cushion for \$30 in pledges; Lee Factor reminder band, plus the above prize for \$60 in pledges; an insect water wiggly, plus the above prizes for \$90 in pledges; and a lava lamp, plus all the above prizes for \$150 in pledges.

Students may also win special parties for their classes if 100% of students turn in completed pledge forms in

their homerooms or have the class that turns in the most pledge dollars. Two parties will be given. If more than one class earns the parties, a drawing will determine the winner.

Trophies will be awarded to students who run the most laps in each grade. For safety reasons, **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO RUN WITHOUT A PERMISSION SLIP.** Permission slips have been sent home.

It is strongly suggested that **ALL STUDENTS WEAR ATHLETIC SHOES FOR RUNNING.**

Please remember this is Lee’s biggest fundraiser when you are filling out those pledge sheets.

For more information, contact Stephanie Stockstill by email at ksstock4@aol.com.

Thank you for your support.

~Stephanie Stockstill

(Jack 3-1 and Griffin Pre-K)

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