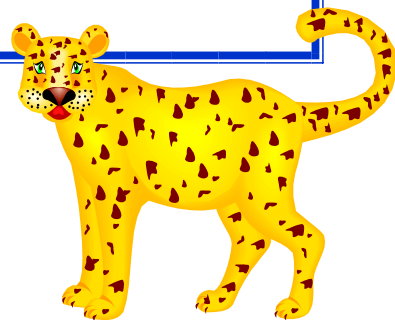




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Lee PTA Newsletter – November/December 2005
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Letter from the President

The holiday season is upon us. Families will be gathering to celebrate all there is to be grateful for, yet for many, this will be a time of sadness.

2005 has been an amazing year of loss for many people. In addition to the hurricane victims in New Orleans and those left homeless by the earthquake in Pakistan, several families in our own Lee community have suffered tragic losses in the past months. The numbers of people enduring hardship seems unprecedented in modern times.

The "Norman Rockwell" vision of the happy family gathering around a holiday table is unrealistic for the majority of the world's population. How does

one find the appropriate way to celebrate in the midst of suffering? How do those that "have" respond to those that "have not?"

In the past several months, Lee families and staff have made noteworthy efforts to recognize and respond to the needs of both the local and world community.

More than \$1,500 in loose change and cash was collected and donated to the American Red Cross by Lee families and staff to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, several Lee parents spent hours at Camp Gruber working with evacuees and at least one was deployed with the National Guard directly to New Orleans.

Lee families again responded to a plea for book donations

to help raise funds for a public library in Kigali, Rwanda, a country that suffered from ethnic cleansing and genocide in the 1990's. Many boxes of books were collected by Lee, helping raise a total of \$4,000.

The Lee community will continue helping those in need by supporting the Student Council's "Toys for Tots" drive and the Lee Angel Tree during the month of December.

These are just a sampling of the organized efforts that have occurred in the Lee community. Many more selfless and generous acts have been done by Lee individuals and families in response to recent tragedies. You may never know how these donations will make a difference in the life of another. But know that, such gifts will keep on

giving, inspiring others and enriching our community for years to come.

Families and staff at Lee demonstrate in actions the meaning of the word community. Being a member of such a group is truly something to be thankful for.

Thank you for the many gifts and talents you share with our local and extended communities! I hope that you all can find some moments of well-deserved peace and serenity this holiday season.

Here's wishing that the holidays and the New Year are filled with happiness and health for you and yours.

~~Cyndee Maxwell

FactualLEE Fun Night

Once again, Lee PTA will be hosting Trivia Night! The event will be held February 10 at the Tulsa Garden Center. There will be food, drink and lots of silent auction items on which to bid. Additionally, there is the Main Event...Get out your People Magazine and Atlas and start brushing up on your trivial—and not so trivial—fun facts. The team that wins gets...bragging rights.

We are asking Lee families to begin making donations to the silent auction. Do you know a shop or restaurant owner who might make a donation? Can you throw a fabulous party for 10-20 couples? How about a kids' party? Get creative and donate!!!

To make a donation or for more information, contact Casie Lewis 747-1285 or Jill Drummond 592-1908.

Nature Exchange Schedule

December 13

January 24

February 28

April 4

April 25—Zoo

** We will continue with the study of insects on Dec. 13; however, the children don't need to bring any additional bugs.

The Box Tops Results Are In

Congratulations! The following students were the top 10 Box Tops collectors for this period and they will receive a catered lunch: **Claire McGeehan 165; Jonathon Kelley 100; Peyton Storz 80; Megan Cephus 79; Mary Claire Shears 59; Phoebe Shears 59; John Shears 57; Sara Chappell 51; Brittany Lee 50; and James Eaton 50.**

We raised \$110 during this collection period. We are currently at \$280 for the school year, as compared to \$315 at this time last year. Please keep clipping!! Thanks to all who turned in box tops and special thanks to Linda Clardy, JaneAnn Brock and Diane Eaton for trimming and bagging 1100 box tops.

