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LOVINGGOOD PTSA WINS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS!

The Lovinggood PTSA has won the following awards for membership. Congratulations to all involved and thanks for helping make this PTSA GREAT!!

The Visionary Pin - 300 members to Georgia PTA by last day of August

The Pacesetters Certificate - 200 members to Georgia PTA by last day of August

The Early Bird Certificate - 200 members by last day of September

The Oak Tree Certificate - 100% staff membership by last day of October (which we had by last day of August).

These certificates will be posted on the PTSA bulletin board outside the PTSA office in the main hallway.

Letter from your Principal

Dear Lovinggood Parents,

We are well into the school year, and our students are making the expected progress. Parents often want to know how they can support the school and their children. The number one response from me is to remain involved. Even though students tend to push you away during the middle school years, they still need (and want) you around. They're just sometimes "too cool" to let you know this.

Here are some tips from an article on Fostering Self-Discipline from the journal, *Principal Leadership*:

*Consistently show love, care, and respect. Be a caring adult with whom your child can discuss concerns or problems.

*Give positive attention to the things that your adolescent is doing right, rather than just focusing on misbehavior. Recognize and praise good decisions.

*Establish clear expectations and consequences for breaking the rules. Be firm and consistent when disciplining your child.

*Remember that effective parenting practices must change as children grow up. Gradually transition from constant supervision and external control to allowing more autonomy and independence for adolescents.

*Communicate with your child's teachers. Teachers usually set up similar behavior expectations in their classrooms to those found in the students' homes. Communicating early and often will help teachers and parents set consistent rules.

*Remember that all children and adolescents make mistakes at some point. Making mistakes is a part of growing up and one important way to learn how to make good choices and act responsibly.

Thanks for being involved with your children, and thanks to our many volunteers who take the time to assist us here at school. You are the reason that Lovinggood is a great place to be.

Take care,
Zinta Perkins

Letter from your PTSA Newsletter Editor

First, please accept my apologies for the lateness and the thinness of this edition of the Lovinggood Ledger. As many of you know, I experienced a personal tragedy early last month and have been struggling with recovering from it.

For those who do not know, my son Matthew, most knew him as Matt, passed away in early October after a tragic accident at home. Contrary to the belief in some corners, he did not commit suicide.

The support and love that has come from our Lovinggood family has been great. We have been given the gift to see Matthew through the eyes of his peers. It has been a blessing to hear the many kind remarks made to describe our son.

We are slowly recovering from this event with the help of all of you and the help of other friends and family. To allow his good hearted nature to live on, we have established the Matthew Redd Book Fund here at Lovinggood. His love of books and his innate nature to help others will live on through this legacy.

The main reason I asked to write this letter is to ask parents to give another hug to their child today and every day. Make the words, "good night" mean something.

I am also asking all of the students out there to respect each other and treat each other how you wish to be treated. Over the past few weeks, we came to find out that many students were not kind to Matthew. The words that were slung at Matthew like arrows did not lead to his death. He appreciated the fact he was unique. The phrase we have heard most often is, "it was like water off a duck's back."

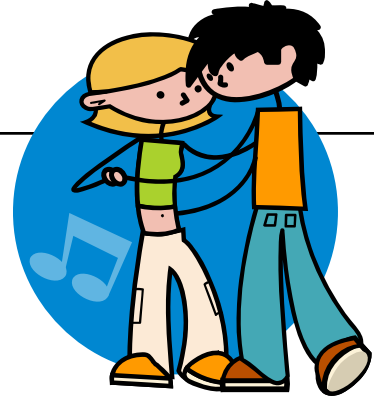
Each of you, students and parents alike, have an opportunity to contribute to this world and make changes for the better. Revel in that opportunity and make life better for others as you make your way through the daily grind of work and school.

We thank you again for all of your continued thoughts and prayers during this trying time.

Michael and Tina Redd



8th Grade Activities



Hey Parents,

Our 8th grade **dance** is scheduled for May 8, 2009. I know that seems like a long time away, but it will be here before we know it. We have two moms, Dianne Barker and Karen Adams, who will be co-chairing this activity. Please email them and let them know if you are interested in volunteering for the dance. This will take a lot of help to make it GREAT!! Please spread the word to other parents who might be interested in volunteering.

Dianne Barker- diannelbarker@yahoo.com

Karen Adams- KSA21@comcast.net



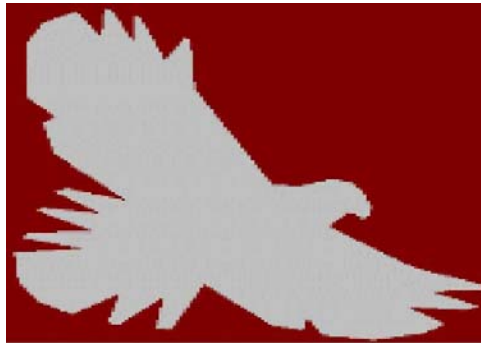
Eighth grade is a busy year. There are many opportunities to volunteer. We have a picnic and a dance in May. If you are interested in volunteering for eighth grade activities, please email Dana Mannino at dmannino@bellsouth.net or Vicki Davenport at msvjd@bellsouth.net. The co- chairs for the dance can be directly contacted. They are Dianne Barker at diannelbarker@yahoo.com and Karen Adams at KSA21@comcast.net Please let them know if you would like to help. Thank you for your help, we can't do it without you!

Thanks,
Dana Mannino

Vicki Davenport



On the box top's website, you go on and register with their marketplace and designate **Lovinggood** as your school, then your school can earn \$\$ from your shopping. It looks like you have to go to the website and go to your shopping site through box tops website. Check out the link and see all the stores <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Marketplace>. Help your Lovinggood PTSA!



RECYCLE NEWS

Do you use HP, Lexmark or Dell ink cartridges or toner? If so, there is a way you can help the environment and LMS at the same time!

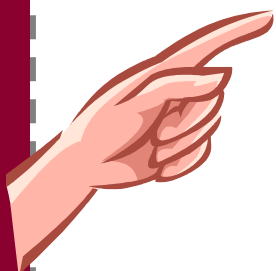
Staples will pay the PTSA for those cartridges and toner **ONLY**.

You can drop these off at the PTSA office at LMS.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Lovinggood Cultural Arts Committee
will be sponsoring

the **Taste of Lovinggood**
again this year
on December 5, 2008 .



WE NEED YOU!!!

We are looking for:

Taste of Lovinggood Committee Volunteers

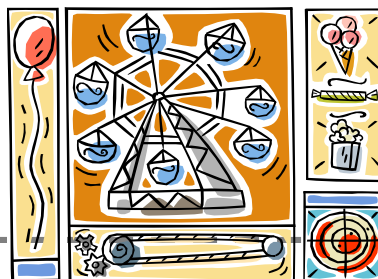
Taste of Lovinggood Event Volunteers

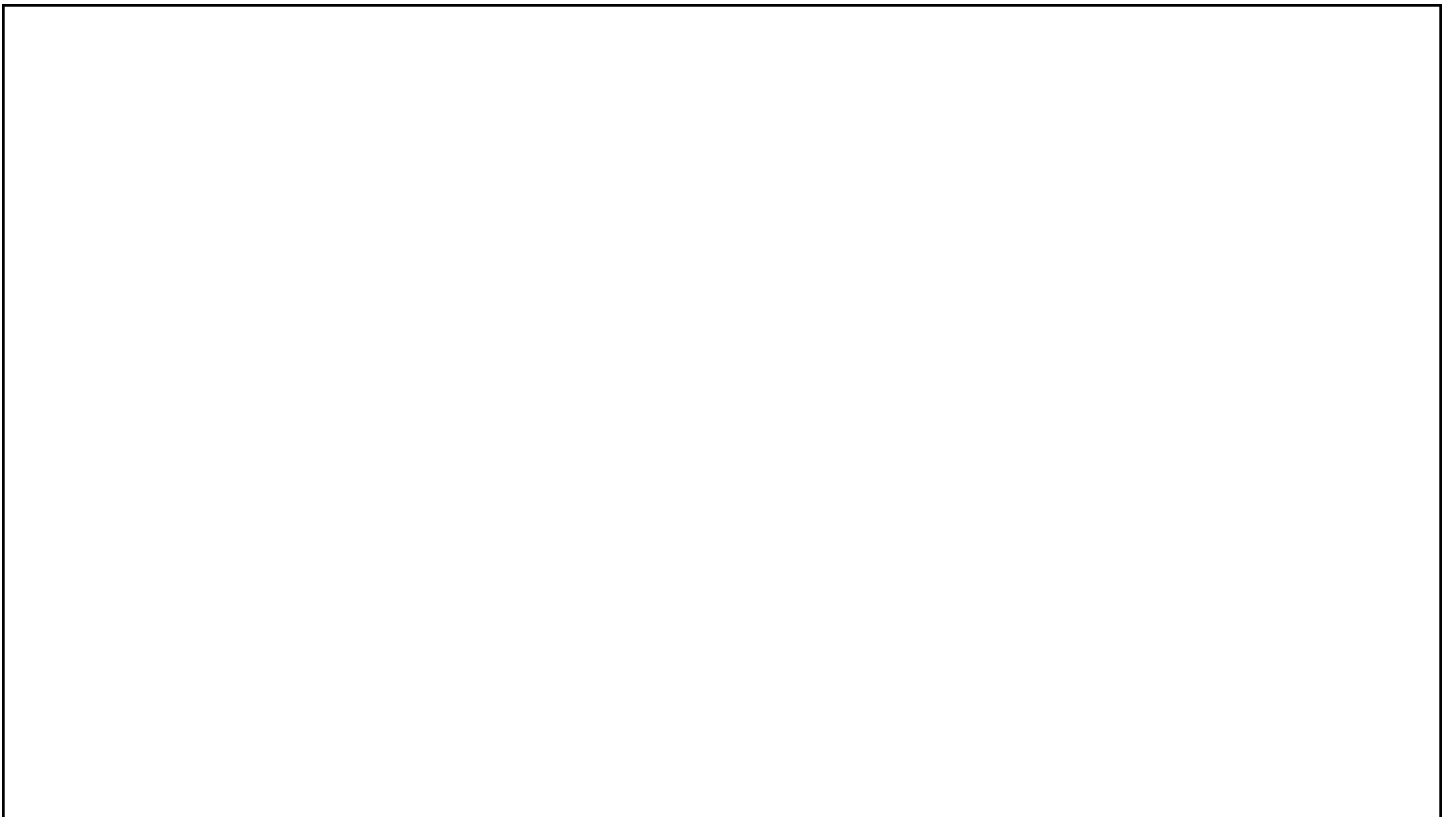
Art & Craft Vendors

Food Vendors

Performers for the Talent Expo
(Choirs, Dance Groups, Orchestras, Specialty Dance,
Etc.)

If you would like to get involved, please send an email to:
cdrscurry@comcast.net





School Store

This year your School Store is back with everything you have relied on in the past, and so much more. Still the place to get the school supplies, snacks and PE clothes you need, the Store has added new logo merchandise that helps you show your Lovinggood school pride.

Look for a carabiner for your house key or flash drive, a Flying L zip pouch to hold your mechanical pencils, and the latest spirit wear designs.

Coming soon, and stocked in the Store for the first time, will be an all-new hoodie.

Another big change you might not have heard about yet is that your School Store is now a bookstore! Thanks to a partnership with Barnes & Noble, we are now able to stock the paperback books you need. The next time your teacher assigns a text to your entire class, ask him/her if that book will be available for purchase in the Store; if so, you can take charge of getting your own supplies AND have your own copy to make notes in during class. The price is always the cover price and never more.

The PTSA School Store, which is staffed by volunteer moms and dads, is open daily from 8:50am - 9:15am.

School Clubs and Organizations



Even if you missed the first **FCCLA** (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America) meeting, please stop by Mrs. Castleberry's room (418) to get the info packet and tee-shirt order form. The next meeting date and doughnut will be Tues. - 9/30 at 8:15 in Room 418. We have exciting activities planned for this year and want all the members we can get! For more info., please check out these web sites: www.gafccla.com or www.fcclainc.org

FCA is so excited to announce that we now have a FCA Blog. You can keep up on the latest and greatest happenings of Lovinggood Middle School's FCA program. To access our blog, please go to <http://lovinggoodfca.blogspot.com>.

Have a question? You can email [Mrs. Norris](mailto:Mrs.Norris) or Mrs. Morgan from the blog. It will be our primary way of keeping you in the loop.

YOUR SCHOOL CLUB ORGANIZATION HERE!!!!

This monthly newsletter is designed to keep people informed of the happenings with YOUR club...please email articles to mtredd@earthlink.net

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Lovinggood PTSA Membership Drive

as of October 10, 2008



There are many reasons for becoming a member of the PTSA. Funding all of the above programs (and more!) without additional fundraising. If you have already become a member, thank you. If not, we encourage you to join us in a most beneficial organization. Its sole purpose is enhancing your child's educational experience!