



# LRA Parents Association Summer Update 2021

## Happy Summer from the LRA Parents Association!

It's hard to believe that summer is already half over and that in just a few short weeks the 2021-2022 school year will begin! We hope you have enjoyed the sunshine and starry nights, beaches and bonfires with family and friends!



If you are new to Lake Ridge Academy, **WELCOME!** We are so glad to have you as a part of our Royals Family. If you are a returning family, we can't wait to see you and your students around campus again! The PA is working this summer to put together a year full of opportunities for parents to volunteer and support our school in familiar and new ways! Once August comes, we will need your help to continue the amazing legacy of support and involvement the Parents Association has upheld at LRA for decades.

*No amount of participation is too small*, we just encourage you to keep an eye out for what's happening and ways you and your family can help the PA's endeavors. Keep reading to find out more about what the PA was able to accomplish last year with your help! New faces and new ideas are always welcome—join us at a meeting, send us an email or message us on Facebook- we'd love to hear from you!

We hope to see you on August 11th at the Back to School Social!

Kate Dake

2021-22 PA President

## What Does the PA DO?

Per our bylaws,

### **Parents Association Purpose:**

*The PA will support and complement the mission and philosophy of Lake Ridge Academy through volunteer service, fundraising and special events.*

*We strive to actively involve and communicate with the parent community through efforts that foster mutual respect, awareness and support for the school's policies and programs.*

We are the coordinators of social events for adults, students and teachers; fund important special projects on campus (such as the playground renovation, MS laptop upgrades, bathroom upgrades and more!); host the Faculty Grant program, organize the School Lunch program and the Holiday Craft Workshop, and are HUGE advocates of our school through community projects throughout the year.

**What the PA does for LRA administration, teachers, and students *really* matters!**

## Who is the Parents Association?

The Parents Association is made up of all of the Parents at LRA, **so YOU are the PA!** There is no registration form and no annual dues and everyone is welcome to attend general meetings and participate however they are able to.

### **2021-2022 Executive Officers**

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Anjali, 10th

### How Does the PA Communicate with Parents?

- Weekly Electronic Newsletters in the InTouch
- Our Website: [pa.lakeridgeacademy.org](http://pa.lakeridgeacademy.org)
- Room Parent Emails: Room parents will send out emails on certain events or fundraisers
- Flyers sent home via the Lower School Friday Folders
- Email us @ [lakeridgeacademypa@gmail.com](mailto:lakeridgeacademypa@gmail.com) with any comments, questions or concerns!

The PA coordinates a daily lunch program to provide lunches delivered to campus from local restaurants to our students.

**All ordering is done via the website and is due weekly.**

Recent vendors have included Barry Bagels, Stella Mia's, Jimmy Johns, Subway and Auntie Anne's and each provide several different, customizable hot and/or cold choices each day!

**Lunch Program: <https://lra.ahotlunch.com>**

Campus Code for new registrations: 154

Jayne Ward, Chair [lralunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:lralunchprogram@gmail.com)

## HELP WANTED!

The PA also coordinates the room parents for grades K-12. **We are currently seeking 2 room parents for each grade in grades 6-12.** An ideal room parent can communicate effectively via email, is able to stay current on what the PA is doing and will act as a support for the PA committees as well as the teachers and admins in their division. Room parents also coordinate different events in each division. **Contact Kate if you are interested in volunteering in this position:**

**[lakeridgeacademypa@gmail.com](mailto:lakeridgeacademypa@gmail.com)**

New this year, K-5 room parents will be requested during Curriculum Night on August 26th. Stay tuned!

### **Our Fastest Way to Communicate: Facebook!**

**If you're on Facebook, please request to join our closed group page by searching for the "Lake Ridge Academy Parents Association". You'll be kept up-to-date on the PA events and happenings (even over the summer!).**

The Parents Association also coordinates several other projects throughout the year including Parent Education Sessions, Campus beautification efforts, Social events, and new this year, Family Community Service opportunities. We are always looking for volunteers to help chair and participate in these committees. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping in any of these areas by emailing [lakeridgeacademypa@gmail.com](mailto:lakeridgeacademypa@gmail.com).

## 2021/2022 Parents Association General Meeting Dates

Join us for our **Monthly PA Meetings!** Held on **WEDNESDAY** mornings in person on campus this year! **Meetings begin at 8:30am and ALL ARE WELCOME— little sibs too!** Please stop in for a coffee and pastries, see what the PA is engaged in that month and how you can help, and let us know how we can make the LRA experience better for your family! We will also continue our Zoom Recap Meetings at 7:00pm on the Wednesdays of the meetings. If you can't join us in the morning, catch up at night!



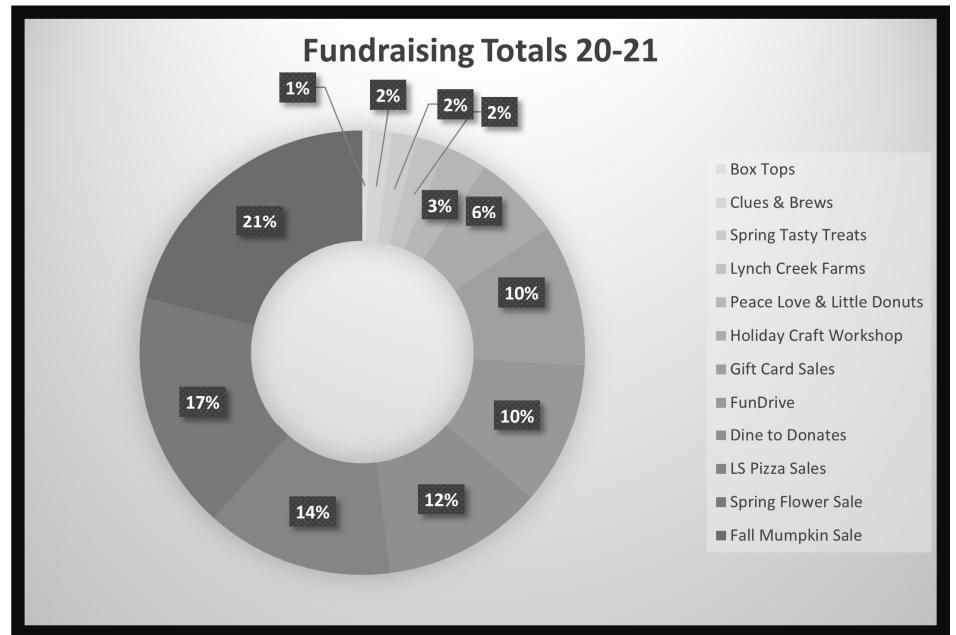
August 11th  
(Evening Social)  
September 15th

October 13th  
November 10th  
January 12th

February 9th  
April 13th  
May 11th

## How Does the PA Raise Funds?

The Parents Association works hard to organize fundraisers that make sense for our diverse community. With last year being strange, we introduced a few new ideas that were very well received! A few of those will be returning this year. We also rely on collections and drives, store/restaurant collaborations, our Gift Card program, Lunch Program and Holiday Craft Workshop to raise the necessary funds to support events, programming and special needs across campus. With a budget of over \$20,000, these small efforts really add up!



*We are always looking for new fundraising ideas that compliment these programs!*

## What Does the PA Support with their Funds?

The Parents Association supports several annual programs and projects with the funds that are raised. These programs support:

### Faculty + Staff

Educational Grants Program  
Teacher Appreciation

Campus Wide Treats

### Lower + Middle School Students

LS+ MS Room Parent Budgets  
LS Move Up Day Picnic  
MS Spring Dance  
MS Community Building Day

### Upper School Students

US Room Parent Budgets  
Senior Luncheon  
Graduation Flowers  
D.F.O'Neill Scholarship

In addition, we support special projects as requested by the School Administration. In May 2019, the PA voted to contribute \$10,000 to help repair and beautify a growing complaint on campus: the restrooms! We also recently contributed \$5,000 to the Atticus Fund to support teacher development. In addition, we voted to support the 2020 Gift from the Heart project by donating funds to purchase a fire pit near the new outdoor classroom!

## How can you support PA Fundraising this summer?

1. Check out our gift card program! Visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and see the *thousands* of gift cards they have to offer. Shop for digital cards, physical cards or reload your favorites. Our enrollment code is: 6347138D64635.
2. If you are a Heinen's Shopper, please make Lake Ridge Academy your school to support with your shopper's card.
3. Save your Stuff! The PA operates a few drives throughout the year where we collect gently used clothing, shoes and other soft goods.
4. Save the Date: Fall Mumkins Plant Sale beings 8/30/21!

You are warmly invited  
to attend

# The LRA Parents Association Back to School Parent Social and Info Night



Wednesday, August 11th  
6:30pm, Social; 7pm Info Session  
Kemper Science & Engineering  
Lake Ridge Academy

Meet this years PA Officers and Committee  
Chairs and learn more about what the PA does  
and how **YOU** can get involved!

Hors d'oeuvres, drinks and fellowship will be followed  
by introductions and a casual presentation.

No need to RSVP, we will see you then!

A Special Opportunity for  
K-5 students!

Ceramic Painting with Mrs. Frankiewicz!

K-5 students can join our amazing LS Art Teacher  
at 6:30pm in the quad (playground) to paint a fun ceramic,  
enjoy snacks and playground time while parents learn more about the PA!

\$15/student, proceeds will go to support the LS Art Room!  
For more info and to preregister, visit [pa.lakeridgeacademy.org](http://pa.lakeridgeacademy.org).

