

# Fundraising Adds "FUN" to Our Schools!

Welcome to the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)!

We are a parent group that provides many services to our schools. By having a child at Lighthouse Elementary and/or Beacon Cove Intermediate Schools, you are automatically a member of the PTO. Our meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every other month, alternating between LHES and BCI; the schedule of meetings will soon be found on Edline, in the schools' newsletters, and on our PTO website, [www.jupiterpto.com](http://www.jupiterpto.com). Our first meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010, at 3:00 PM at Lighthouse Elementary School.

The school budgets cannot possibly cover all the costs and all that it takes to make our schools the great and exciting learning environments that they are. That's where our PTO offers its greatest assistance. We bridge the gap and make the difference in your child's educational experience. As fellow PTO members, we are asking for your full support and participation during the first of our two major fundraisers that will take place this year.

**WHY DOES THE FIRST FUNDRAISER HAVE TO TAKE PLACE RIGHT AWAY, AND HOW IS THE MONEY RAISED FROM THE FUNDRAISERS ALLOCATED?** Read on to find the answers to these two very important questions.

- **OUR PTO CONTRIBUTES SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH YEAR, RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL, TO GET SPECIALS AND CLUBS UP AND RUNNING.** These are the clubs, like drama and band, and the specials, like art and physical education, that do so much to refine your student's educational experience at BCI and LHES.
- **THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, OUR PTO CONTRIBUTES A GREAT PORTION OF OUR BUDGET TO THE STAFF MEMBERS WHO MAKE THE SCHOOL DAY EASIER FOR OUR CHILDREN AND TEACHERS.** These staff members work in the main office and also assist with guidance; they help in the cafeteria during lunchtime; and they aid teachers through classroom and production room work.
- **OUR PTO, THROUGH MONIES RAISED, IS A MAJOR SUPPLIER OF THE FCAT WORKBOOKS USED BY THE STUDENTS AT BOTH SCHOOLS TO PREPARE THEM FOR THIS ALL-IMPORTANT TEST THAT BEGINS IN THIRD GRADE.** Our contribution enhances the already excellent curriculum at our schools.

While the PTO organizes a lot of enjoyable events throughout the year, like the Mother/Son Movie Night, Daddy/Daughter Dance, and the Spring Fun Fair, these are **NOT** fundraisers! They are functions held to promote family fun and togetherness. They provide absolutely **NO** money for any of the above-mentioned expenses.

We are so excited for this new school year and again welcome you to the PTO. We look forward to your support and hope to see you at the PTO General Meetings, which are held every other month at alternating schools beginning in September.

Sincerely,

The PTO Executive Board of Beacon Cove Intermediate and Lighthouse Elementary Schools