

# Words of Wisdom



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## PTA General Association

PTA's first General Association Meeting of the year will be Thursday, September 12 just after 6pm (following the 1st/2nd grade open house). Parents with students in all grades are encouraged to join us. We will have our no texting or talking while driving pledge board out for you to sign and free car magnets! We will also briefly discuss the exciting year ahead!

## Loretto Family Night at Zaxby's

Loretto's first family night for the school year will take place on **Tuesday, September 10th** from **5:00pm to 8:00pm** at Zaxby's on San Jose Blvd and Marbon Road. Zaxby's mascot, LZ the chicken will be there so bring your cameras!



Please print the flyer on page 5 and bring to Zaxby's.

## No Texting When Driving Pledge

In an effort to improve the safety of our children, the PTA is asking that parents consider taking a pledge and make a commitment not to talk and text while driving, especially around the school. When you take the pledge you will receive a car magnet, stating that you have made this promise and also to remind other drivers of the dangers of phone usage while driving. Did you know that engaging in visual-manual subtasks (such as reaching for a phone, dialing and texting) associated with the use of hand-held phones and other portable devices increased the risk of getting into a crash by three times (Distraction.gov)?

Loretto PTA would like to thank Jason Jerris of Json Technologies, Inc. for designing our magnet.  
[www.JSONcreative.com](http://www.JSONcreative.com) 904-755-6331



## Stay Connected with the Loretto PTA

<http://lorettopta.weebly.com/index.html>

You can also find us on [Facebook!](#)

## Parking Lot Safety

Please observe all traffic signs and rules when driving on and around campus. Children are NEVER to be dropped off anywhere other than the designated drop off circles. Please remember that the driveway that encircles the school is a "No Cell Phone" zone and that the speed limit on campus is an extra slow 5 mph. Thanks for helping keep our children safe!

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## PTA Membership

**Don't forget!**

Be sure to return your  
**PTA Membership**  
to your child's teacher.

## Loretto Spirit Days!

Loretto Spirit Days! Wear your Loretto shirt or anything with our school's colors on it (yellow and blue) to school next Friday, 9/13 for our first Spirit Day of the year!





## Mark your Calendars

- September 10th, Tuesday  
PTA Family Night at Zaxby's  
5-8pm
- September 11th, Wednesday  
Early Dismissal
- September 12th, Thursday  
Adult Only Open House - 1st &  
2nd Grade 5pm-6pm (PTA  
General Association Meeting  
immediately following.
- September 19th, Thursday  
Adult Only Open House - 3rd &  
4th Grade 5pm-6pm
- September 26th, Monday  
Adult Only Open House - 5th  
Grade 5pm-6pm

## Boy Scouts

If you are interested in joining the Boy Scouts please contact Rich at 904-864-6775 or Jodi at 904-838-1840.



## Give with Target

"Go to [Givewith.Target.com](http://Givewith.Target.com) until September 21 and vote for Loretto. Our school could win money!"

## Girl Scouts

### Girl Scouts Invite YOU to join the fun!

At Girl Scouts, girls have new experiences that inspire them to look forward to what they're going to do today, tomorrow—and ten years from now—by helping them realize that they can be anything they want to be. For the girl in your life, a year with us will be filled with new friends, tons of fun, and more "wow" moments than she's ever imagined. The kind of moments she just can't wait to tell you about. It all starts with one meeting, and a few volunteers who believe in the power of every girl.

Girl Scouts is open to all girls ages 5-17 and all adults over 18. The annual registration fee is \$15. Find out what local Girl Scouts are doing, sign up and join the fun! Call toll-free 877-764-5237 or visit [girlscouts-gateway.org](http://girlscouts-gateway.org) today!

## Campus Watch Volunteer

### Appreciation Drawing for August

The winner of the August drawing is Scott Farrell!  
Gotta be in it to win it!

We also recognize...Lauren Bolin, Angela Boyd, Theresa Rogers, Beth Stambaugh, and Lisa Adams.

## The Guidance Corner

Information for Parents of Elementary Students

**Stay Connected!** Log into the **Parent Portal** and monitor your child's grades, test scores, any missing work or assignments and attendance. If you are new to the school, stop by the office for your login and password information. The login and password are the same if you were in any DCPS last year.  
**Stay Informed!**

### [Grade Portal](#)

## PTA Business Partners

Zaxby's <http://www.zaxbys.com/FL/12301SanJoseBlvd-Mandarin.aspx>  
Red Elephant <http://www.redelephantpizza.com>  
Barnes and Noble <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/>  
Champion Gymnastics <http://www.championsgymnasticsofjax.com/>  
First Watch <http://www.firstwatch.com/>  
Julington Academy of Martial Arts <http://www.jamakick.com/>  
Little Britches <http://www.jaxlittlebritches.com/>  
Main Street Haircuts <http://www.mainstreethaircuts.com>  
Nemetz Dental <http://www.nemetzdental.com/>  
Newk's Eatery <http://newks.com/>  
Pink's Towing <http://www.towtruckjacksonville.com/>  
Seeking Sitters <https://www.seekingsitters.com>  
Steamin Jax <http://www.eatsteamin.com>  
Tippi Toes Dance <http://www.tippitoesdance.com/jacksonville-fl/>  
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## PTA Business Members

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## AR Store Donations

The AR store needs your gently used books (1st - 5th grade appropriate) and video games rated E (all systems) for the last AR store of the year. If you have any items you would like to donate, a collection bin is located in the library for drop offs. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## Media Center



The media center **n e e d s** volunteer. If you are interested please contact Mr. Cramer: [cramerj@duvalschools.org](mailto:cramerj@duvalschools.org)

## Art Volunteer

Ms. Leon would love your help in the art room any day beginning at 2:15 pm. Please contact Ms. Leon if you are interested: [leonn@duvalschools.org](mailto:leonn@duvalschools.org)



## Campus Watch

### Help Wanted

#### **Who?**

Parents, friends, and family of Loretto students.

#### **What?**

To provide adult presence at specific areas of campus during arrival and dismissal times. Observe and report unusual or unsafe activity to office.

#### **When?**

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and 2:40 -3:10 p.m. (one hour earlier on early release days)

#### **Where?**

In front of school; In back of the school by the portables; In the back field near the adjacent neighborhood.

#### **Why?**

To ensure that our school and students are safe!

To sign up go <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?lorettocampuswatch> or contact Ann Marie Shrader at [annmarieshrader@yahoo.com](mailto:annmarieshrader@yahoo.com) or [LorettoSafety@yahoo.com](mailto:LorettoSafety@yahoo.com)

### **INCENTIVES!**

For your participation you will be eligible to win a gift card! Drawings will be announced! The more you volunteer... the more chances you have to win! Volunteers will be provided refreshments during the morning on days that will be announced.

## Calling all Volunteers

## Art Appreciation

# Volunteers!



### Volunteer Information

From DCPS:

To ensure the safety of our students, volunteers must complete an application and undergo a criminal background screening, free of charge, conducted by our department. Designated school staff will verify your clearance to volunteer at the school using our online process. DCPS is no longer using volunteer cards as a proof of clearance.

To become a volunteer click here:

[Apply to be a volunteer online](#)

To All Art Appreciation Volunteers:

The Art Appreciation Program can take as little as 30 minutes biweekly. You do not need a working knowledge of Art. The kids do most of the talking and you just open their minds to the Art prints in front of them. Everything is done for you. If you would like to volunteer for this fun-filled program please sign up at Orientation. **A sign-up sheet has been provided.** Also, notify your child's teacher on the first day of school you are interested in volunteering for the program. Once you have been selected by the teacher for your classroom an orientation packet will be sent to your classroom and you will receive an email from me about training opportunities if needed. Look in the Loretto newsletter for updates about the Art Appreciation program and training sessions. If you have any question or concerns about the program. My email is:

[Lorettopicturelady@Gmail.com](mailto:Lorettopicturelady@Gmail.com)

Crystal Rogers

## Where in the World

Parents, if you are searching for some way to be involved with your child's school but you don't have a lot of time, then look no further. Become a Where in the World volunteer. Most classes participate by completing a geography worksheet and our only responsibility is grading those papers. We meet as a group once a month during the school day, but if you aren't available then, you can grade a class at home. If you are interested please contact Gina Lacey at [markandgina96@gmail.com](mailto:markandgina96@gmail.com).

## Help Wanted - Sunshine Math!

Would you like to teach math to your child's class once a week? Talk with your teacher about being the class Sunshine Math volunteer! Volunteers spend about 30 minutes a week in the classroom reviewing math worksheets distributed by the teacher, and then keep score of "stars" earned by each student.

Sunshine Math is a great way to be involved and get to know the students in your child's class. Watch for program orientation information coming soon. Feel free to contact Barb Kransi at [kra6344@bellsouth.net](mailto:kra6344@bellsouth.net) or 904-234-6769 if you have questions or want more information.

### **Important Reminder for Volunteers**

**Volunteers, don't forget to log any hours spent volunteering at school in the volunteer log located in the main office. Keeping track of the hours spent documents our parent involvement. These hours spent represent the amount of work that could not have been completed with out you. Hours spent at home completing tasks for teachers should also be logged.**

**The school can win an award for the most parent involvement. Lets win that award!**

**Volunteers help make Loretto a great school!**

**Thank You**



## **Loretto PTA Membership Campaign**

I've shared with you why your PTA membership benefits your child, Loretto Elementary School and Duval Public Schools, but did you know that your Loretto PTA membership can save you money? Being a member of the Loretto PTA entitles you to savings offered exclusively to our PTA members. Let me tell you how the savings work...first, when you receive your membership card (if you've already joined, your child will be bringing it home next week), log on to [www.PTA.org/activate](http://www.PTA.org/activate) or call 1(800) 307-4782 to activate your Loretto PTA card. When you activate your card, you will be eligible to receive 10% off school supplies and 25% off copy and print purchases at Staples! Then get ready to save even more...

Are you a sports fan? Your Loretto PTA membership can help you save big bucks! Loretto PTA members can purchase tickets to the Jacksonville Jaguars versus the Buffalo Bills game on December 15th at a special price. Visit [www.DCCPTA.org](http://www.DCCPTA.org) to order your tickets. During the month of April, Latitude 30 is offering free bowling shoes (up to six pairs) with the purchase of a bowling lane OR a \$5 game card for every paid adult entrée when you show your PTA card. In the spring (date to be announced later), PTA members can enjoy discounted tickets to PTA Night with the Jacksonville Suns when you show your membership card.

Need something fun to do on the weekend? Your PTA membership can help! From September 7-9, PTA members who visit MOSH receive \$5 adult admission and \$5 admission per child accompanying an adult with a PTA card. On those days you will also receive 15% off a MOSH membership and 15% off at the MOSH store when you show your membership card. Join the Duval County Council of PTAs on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> for a day of free admission to Tree Hill Nature Center. You must reserve your spot by visiting [www.dccpta.org](http://www.dccpta.org). Also on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, get 10% off a Tree Hill membership when you show your PTA membership card. During the month of January, PTA members can visit the Jacksonville Zoo for 50% off the general admission price with their PTA card.

Does your card need a tune up? Are you hungry? Your PTA membership card can save you money again! During the month of October, receive 10% off any repair at RPM Automotive location. Throughout the year, show your PTA card to earn 2-5% of the total repair cost for Loretto Elementary at any RPM Automotive location. Tropical Smoothie Café offers a 15% discount all year long when you show your Loretto PTA membership card at checkout. Pizza Palace offers a 10% discount all year long when you show your PTA card. Sweet Frog Premium Frozen Yogurt locations at the Town Center, Jacksonville Beach, Deerwood, Riverside, and Lakewood off a 15% discount all year long when you show you PTA membership card at checkout.

For more information about these and other benefits, check out the Duval County Council of PTAs website, at [www.DCCPTA.org](http://www.DCCPTA.org).

Thank you for supporting your Loretto PTA!

Angela Boyd, Membership VP

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**NOW YOU CAN FEEL  
EVEN BETTER ABOUT  
EATING AT ZAXBY'S®.**



Tuesday, September 10, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., is our fundraiser day at Zaxby's! Come to Zaxby's and help raise money for Loretto Elementary School PTA just by eating delicious chicken!

**Print this flyer and present it to the cashier and 20% of your order during fundraiser day will be donated.**

**Hope to see you here!**

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