



PARENT ASSOCIATION

Shalom! We are very excited for the 2011-2012 school year! Welcome back, and for those of you who are new to the school, the Parent Association (PA) would like to extend a warm welcome.

The PA is an independent volunteer membership body composed of parents of Levine Academy students. Board meetings are held throughout the year and are open to the entire parent body. Our focus is to provide the school with programs, people power, resources, and information. **We have an amazing and dynamic group of parents within our PA and we encourage you to join and show your support, as everything the PA does benefits YOUR child and his/her classroom. In order to receive the school directory and calendar, you must be a PA member.**

We are very proud of the work we do. Our fundraising efforts are of primary importance to Levine Academy. Our successes enable us to purchase or underwrite many of the “extras” for the school. Over the past few years, we have funded such needs as:

- *The new Beit Aryeh Sound System
- *ECC Beach and playground enhancements
- *Visiting author and reading incentive program
- *Faculty Education programs
- *Smart Boards
- *Flip cameras for classrooms
- *Human Sexuality Education program
- *Science program enhancements

AND MANY MORE...ALL OF WHICH HELP TO ADD TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL EVEN BETTER!

Without parent involvement, this could not have been accomplished. Your help is needed, and we welcome your participation in any or all of the wonderful programs and projects sponsored by the PA. Please take time to read through all of our different activities and then go online and sign up for the ones that work for you. It takes all of us to make our school the wonderful place it is – find where you fit and where you can make your mark on the education of our children.

This year, we challenge the parents to reach 100% participation for PA membership. Please join as all funds raised support YOUR child and Levine Academy!

Please take the time to review the materials found in this packet. Mail back the appropriate forms along with your check no later than Friday, **August 12, 2011**, as they are **TIME-SENSITIVE!**

We look forward to welcoming you back to school at our PA Breakfasts where you can learn about what exciting programs the PA has organized for the year, including signing up for different committees, and schmooze with other parents. This year there will be TWO PA Welcoming Breakfasts. One on Thursday, August 18, 8:00-9:00 for K-8th in the main lobby outside of Beit Aryeh and one on Monday, August 22 for ECC parents from 9:00-10:00.

Your Levine Academy PA Board Co-Presidents,

Nina Goodman and Debbie Weinstein

Levine Academy PA Summer Packet 2011-2012

PARENT ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP 2011-2012

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Co-President	Nina Goodman
Co-President	Debbie Weinstein
Vice President	Stacey Butler
Vice President	Julie Haymann
Vice President	Carrie Sternberg
Secretary	Mary Jo Kleiman
Treasurer	Melinda Kollinger
Immediate Past President	Marci Frenkel
At-Large	Marla Buskin / Jen Goldstein / Amy Schachter
ECC PA	Michelle Feinberg / Jody Wender
PR	Cynthia Christnagel

BOARD

Book Fair	Jackie Hoffman
	Mary Jo Kleiman
Candles and Honey	Ilanit Glanger
	Orna Even
Challah	Carol Tatum
Chanukah Celebration	Kassandra Kessner
	Karen Friedman
DOGS	Cynthia Christnagel
	Jody Norton
Directory	Sue Ableman
	Mary Jo Kleiman
ECC PA	Michelle Feinberg
	Jody Wender
End of Year Teacher/Staff Luncheon	Lisa Birenbaum
	Kim Gold
	Mahra Paillet
Graduation Gifts	Liz Akop
Mag-a-thon	Marla Buskin
PA Newsletter	Shira Goldberg
Room Parents – ECC	Michelle Feinberg
Room Parents – LS	Laura Kogan
Room Parents – MS	Mahra Paillet
Levine Round Up Family Fun Event	Stacy Cushing
	Stephanie Taylor
	Marlo Kane
Spirit Wear	Marla Buskin
	Melinda Kollinger
Stallion Stop	Caroline Bernstein
	Melanie Wynne
Teacher/Staff Appreciation	Jolie Newman
	Valerie Rosenberg
Volunteers	Carol Tatum
Welcoming	Jaime Cohen
	Jane Larkin
	Stacy Rubin
	Amy Schachter
Wrapping Paper	Deborah Achar
	Leslie Krajalnik

PA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Levine Academy Parent Association needs you! Volunteers are needed to help chair and serve on various committees for the 2011-2012 school year. This is the best way to be involved with your children's education and make a difference in their lives. Below you will find listed many of the different volunteer opportunities available through the PA. Signing up is easy. Please follow the following steps to go online, register (if you haven't done it already), and volunteer.

To Register/Log on:

1. Go to www.levineacademy.org
2. On the left hand side of the page, you will see the option to click on "Volunteer."
3. Click New Volunteer and set up your account. Or, sign in.

To join a committee/:

1. Log on to the site.
 2. Click on the "Volunteer Here" tab.
 3. You will see a list of all committees. All committees are listed as well as volunteer opportunities (like room parent and first friend) that are not Board Positions. Committee descriptions are found by clicking the "+" sign. The committees are organized by all school or by grade or division of the school. Make sure to scroll to the bottom so that you don't miss any of the opportunities.
 4. Place a check mark in the boxes of all committees or positions that you would like to do.
 5. Click "Save." To see all of your choices or to change your mind, click on "Display My Choices."
- If you have any questions pertaining to the website, please email Debbie Weinstein at jadews@flash.net

Book Fair – Monday, November 21 – Wednesday, November 30

Volunteers are needed to help in planning the book fair as well as volunteering for shifts during the week of the book fair.

Challah – Fridays

The PA organizes the challah distribution every Friday that school is in session. Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs put labels on the challot. Volunteers are needed one Friday a month with additional help during High Holidays.

Chanukah Carnival – Friday, December 16

Our K-8 students enjoy an afternoon, fun-for-all Chanukah celebration. Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs plan and implement activities for the day.

DOGS (Dads Of Great Students) – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed to help in planning DOGS events and to help in manning the events. Activities include Bagels and Books during our Book Fairs and the Pep Rallies among other activities. This is a great opportunity to get our dads involved!

End of Year Teacher and Staff Dinner – Thursday, May 17

Volunteers are needed with planning and set-up of a dinner to thank our teachers and staff.

Levine Round Up Family Fun Event – November 6

Volunteers are needed to help with the planning of this new and exciting event. Volunteers will also be needed at the event to help with set up and various activities.

Gift Shop – Ongoing

We are looking for volunteers interested in all aspects of running a gift shop. Volunteers are also needed to work in the store – this is a weekly or monthly commitment. This is a great opportunity not just for parents but also for grandparents and special friends to help out in the school.

Mag-A-Thon – Friday, September 9 - Wednesday, September 21

This is our biggest fundraiser. The students are asked to sell magazines to help raise money for our school. Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs tabulate magazine orders on turn-in days. **Turn in Dates** are 9/9 for Postcards, 9/12 for Postcards and 1st turn in day, 9/16 2nd turn in day, and 9/21 is 3rd turn in day.

Room Parents – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed for each class in the ECC and LS and for each grade in the MS to help teachers and to organize class/grade level events. Room parents are also responsible for getting the parents together in the Fall, an end of school party for the students, and a back to school party the following August. There will be a mandatory Room Parent meeting on September 7 for all Room Parents. The ECC RPs will meet in the morning and the LS/MS will meet in the evening on that date.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation – Ongoing

Periodically throughout the year, we honor our teachers and staff with special surprises. Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs plan and create these special days. This year we will also be celebrating our own Teacher and Staff Appreciation week.

Uniform Resale – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed to help with organizing donations and setup/sales during uniform resale days. Uniform Resale is sold through the Stallion Stop, our school store.

Welcoming Committee – August 18 for LS/MS and August 22 for ECC

Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs set up and plan the First Day of School Parent Breakfasts that are held in the lobby of the School. These breakfasts give our parents the opportunity to “catch up” with one another after the long summer, as well as pick up any needed forms or supplies.

Wrapping Paper – Wednesday, October 19 – Monday, October 31st

Volunteers are needed to help committee chairs organize the sale and distribute the wrapping paper packets and the wrapping paper.

LEVINE ACADEMY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Levine Academy PA uses our volunteer website for volunteer recruitment and committee sign up. Please follow the instructions on the PA Volunteer Opportunities page to register for our site and to sign up to volunteer at the school.

*Annual Campaign-Ongoing

Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the school's Annual Campaign.

*Art Room Volunteer - Ongoing

Volunteers are needed throughout the year to help with the musicals, matting pictures, hanging pictures, special events & Zimriyah*

*Gala – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed to assist with planning the school's Gala. Areas of need are planning, marketing, mailings, and fundraising.

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day – Tuesday, November 22 and before

Volunteers are needed to help with the planning of this day. Volunteers are also needed to help on the day.

* Library Volunteers – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed to work in the Lower School and Middle School libraries and must commit to one day a week for a 2-3 hour shift on an ongoing basis. They will help with accessing books, assisting the librarian, etc. In our Preschool library, volunteers may be asked to work on an as-needed basis.

* Office Help – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed on a periodic basis to help in the school offices doing such tasks as copying, sorting, mailing, answering phones, etc.

*Sunshine Committee – Ongoing

Volunteers are needed to read the various local papers and keep development department apprised of life cycle events for our constituents.

* These programs/events are supported by the PA but are organized and run by the school administration or staff.

Opportunity for involvement is knocking!
Please answer by taking responsibility within our school
community. Your child is the beneficiary.



CHALLAH PROGRAM 2011-2012

The Challah Program is a service as well as a fundraising project sponsored by the Parent Association. Parents may participate in the program in the following ways:

1. Ordering a **weekly challah** for their homes
2. Ordering the special round **holiday challot** for their homes
3. **Sponsoring challot** for their children's classes



WEEKLY AND HOLIDAY CHALLOT

We will distribute **weekly challot** to your children on Fridays. We hope this service helps each family enhance the Shabbat celebration at home. The program will begin on Friday, August 26 and end Friday, May 25. Please fill out the challah order form on the reverse side of this page if you would like to order weekly challah.

You may also order **holiday challah** for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret (see the challah order form). Holiday challot is a two-pound round loaf (the weekly loaf is one pound), with or without raisins. We will distribute holiday challah for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and for Shemini Atzeret. The holiday challah will be distributed the last day of school before the holiday. Please use the form on the reverse side of this page to order holiday challah.

If there is no school on Friday due to a holiday or school closing, there will be no challah delivery on that day. If your child will be away at a school fieldtrip, your personal challahs will be placed at the front desk for you to pick up at your convenience. No refunds will be given for challah.

CHALLOT SPONSORSHIP

Every Friday each class receives challah for Kabbalat Shabbat. The PA asks families to help underwrite the cost of those challot by becoming a challah sponsor in your child's name. Parents may sponsor the challot for one month, one semester, or the entire year. Your family will receive recognition for sponsoring the challah in our Thursday emails.

When you sponsor classroom challah you do two things: you help the Parent Association underwrite the cost of the challah, and you give your child the opportunity to be a challah sponsor. If your child's class has no challah sponsor, the Parent Association will sponsor the challah. **Every class will receive challah on Friday.**

The PA needs your help in sponsoring the challot. By underwriting the class challot you are enabling the PA to redirect its funds to other worthy projects and programs the school needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Tatom at 972-596-7065 or at ccieli@aol.com.

CHALLAH ORDER FORM

PARENTS' NAMES _____

STUDENT'S NAME (one to bring challah home) _____

PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____ GRADE entering _____

WEEKLY CHALLAH

FULL SCHOOL YEAR: 1-lb challot (BEGINNING 8/26/11, ENDING 5/25/12)

TOTAL COST: \$120 X _____ = \$ _____

HOLIDAY CHALLAH (2-pound round challah)

ROSH HASHANAH

PLAIN: \$5.50 X _____ = \$ _____

RAISIN: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

YOM KIPPUR

PLAIN: \$5.50 X _____ = \$ _____

RAISIN: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

SUKKOT

PLAIN: \$5.50 X _____ = \$ _____

RAISIN: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Shemini Atzeret

PLAIN: \$5.50 X _____ = \$ _____

RAISIN: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

CHALLAH SPONSORSHIP

YEAR SPONSOR: \$120.00 X _____ = \$ _____

HALF-YEAR SPONSOR: \$60.00 X _____ = \$ _____

MONTH SPONSOR: \$18.00 X _____ = \$ _____

PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH CLASS(ES) YOU WISH TO SPONSOR BY LISTING EACH CHILD AND HIS/HER GRADE.

(NAMES)

TOTAL COST FOR CHALLAH \$ _____

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT WITH THE SUMMARY PAYMENT FORM. Remember to make a note of the challot (particularly holidays!) you signed up for.

We recognize the value of our local businesses. Let us help support you by getting your name out. Reach hundreds of families, teachers and staff by advertising your business in the Levine Academy school directory 2011-2012.

Directory Advertising Rates

<u>Size</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Full Page	\$90
Half Page	\$60
Business Card	\$36

Business Name _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Email address _____ Contact Name _____

Submission deadline is August 12, 2011. Submit this form and payment along with pdf file, camera-ready art or business card to:

MaryJo Kleiman
Levine Academy PA
18011 Hillcrest
Dallas, Texas 75252
mjkleiman@swbell.net

We accept VISA or MasterCard (\$1 processing fee). Make checks payable to Levine Academy PA.

Card Number _____ VISA MasterCard

Exp. Date _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Signature _____

PAYMENT SUMMARY FORM

Please include this form and all other order forms with your payment. DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OTHER PAYMENTS IN YOUR CHECK OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ON THIS FORM.

***The Levine Academy Parent Association
Is sponsoring our largest school fundraiser:***

MAG-A-THON '11

September 9, 2011 – September 21, 2011

- *Magazines make wonderful birthday or Chanukah gifts
- *Magazines are easy to order
- *Magazines can be educational and encourage family reading

We are once again selling magazines as our main fund raiser for the year. Please hold off on renewing your magazines through the mail and start saving your renewal slips today. You are welcome to renew online now, and your child will be credited with the sale for prizes on the first turn-in day. To renew online, go to www.qsp.com and use the code 1075000 for Levine Academy and for your child to receive credit for the sale.

Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade
will have the opportunity to participate
and win prizes by selling magazine subscriptions.

This year the ECC will have some fun and exciting incentives for magathon! Details to follow.

We need volunteers to keep Mag-A-Thon successful.
Please go to www.theschoolvolunteer.com to sign up to help.

Hope you have had a great summer!

**For questions relating to Mag-a-thon, please contact Marla Buskin at mabuskin@sbcglobal.net
or Nina Goodman (goodmanemail@verizon.net) or Debbie Weinstein (jadews@flash.net).**

Back by Popular demand.....

Wrapping Paper '11

October 19th-October 31st

We will be selling **Innisbrook** wrapping paper again this year (We know some of you love Sally Foster Gift Wrap, but they changed their school program and **Innisbrook** has a better program for us right now and we know you will love it!) **Innisbrook** is offering a new selection of gift wrap and gifts this year, so be sure to look at their new catalogue and go online as well.. They have more Chanukah choices and a wide variety of generic gift wraps. In addition, they offer Helen Grace chocolates which are all OU certified and delicious!

Be sure to keep an eye out for your **Innisbrook** packets coming home in your child's backpack on **October 19th, 2011.**

For questions relating to wrapping paper, please contact our wrapping paper chairs: Leslie Krajmalnik at leslie@illumienet or Deborah Achar at deborahachar@sbcglobal.net

Am Echad Fund

The Am Echad fund is a very important Fund that the PA promotes in our summer packets each year. If you notice on the Payment Summary Page, there is a line for Am Echad Fund which is a suggested amount of \$30 per student. You may donate more than this amount on the line below the \$30 dollar donation as "additional donation".

This Fund is to purchase End Of Year gift cards for ALL teachers/staff at Levine Academy. These gift cards are so that you do not have to buy end of year gifts for your teachers. (of course, if you want to give extra to your child's teacher, please feel free to do so) \$25 dollars of this donation goes to the purchase of gift cards and \$5.00 goes to the Teacher Classroom Fund which helps supplement the teachers to buy "extras" for their classrooms.

Every Year the teachers and staff are extremely grateful to the PA for organizing the Am Echad Fund. They look forward to these gifts as well as receiving extra funds to purchase supplies or programs for their classrooms that they otherwise would not be able to afford. The teachers are given their Supply funds at the beginning of the year to use as they see fit. The End of Year gift cards are generally distributed to the teachers/staff at the End OF Year Teacher/Staff Luncheon or Dinner provided by the PA or can be distributed by your room parents at your end of year party.

PLEASE donate to this very important fund as YOUR child's teacher and all the Levine Academy Staff work so hard to make Levine Academy a special place for all of our children!

PARENT ASSOCIATION SUMMER PACKET

Any questions regarding this packet can be directed to your PA Co-Presidents, Debbie Weinstein at jadews@flash.net or Nina Goodman at goodmanemail@verizon.net .