

Larson PTA

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Dear Larson Parents & Sponsors:

As we kick off the 2011-2012 school year, we are writing to ask for your sponsorship of the Larson PTA. Thanks to you and other corporate sponsors, we were able to accomplish amazing tasks last year! Through the hard work of Larson teachers, staff and community support, Larson was able to maintain its rating of Recognized for the 2011-2012 school year!

PTA had a very busy year. We designed and installed new soccer goals for the playground area. The kids were thrilled to be able to play "real" soccer games at recess! We also purchased much-needed headphones for the computer lab. You might also have noticed the landscaping and the improvements to the flower beds and the flagstone pathway in the front of the school. Your PTA sponsored this project in conjunction with the new tree and bench area that we dedicated to Mrs. Larson on her 90th birthday. PTA supported the Student Character Counts program by sponsoring awards and speakers throughout the year. In addition to these important projects, we also sponsored several yearly recurring events and programs like our Fall Carnival, the Accelerated Reader program and our Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week. We were also able to provide planners to all students in second through sixth grades. As you can see, the PTA supports the teachers and staff in many ways throughout the year.

Larson continues to benefit from the efforts of our Principal, Lesley Bettis. Ms. Bettis has many new and different ideas on how to improve the quality of everything at Larson, including education, technology, programs and facilities. PTA continued to support the very popular Science Spot at Larson. Located in the main hallway, the displays change frequently and last year included the hatching of several live chicks! This spot was a favorite stop in the hallway for many students as they watched the baby chicks hatch and grow.

As a result of the impact of the recent budget cuts, the Larson PTA pledges to increase our support of programs and areas affected by district budget shortfalls. We have several ideas on how to improve Larson in the coming year, including the continued development of our Science and Math Lab where the children can actually do hands-on experiments at all grade levels. We have also placed funds in escrow which will specifically go toward improvements to the main playground area. The plan is to increase the usability of the space and the comfort of our students by adding trees and a shade canopy over some of the equipment. Ms. Bettis also has a wish list which includes adding a shaded picnic area where classes could gather for special events. The PTA loves this idea and will work with Ms. Bettis to plan and budget for the construction of this pavilion area.

As we have in the past, we are asking for a **one-time, tax-deductible contribution** to help fund all of the important programs we offer at Larson. By making a commitment to sponsor our PTA, you help ensure that we are able to continue to support our students, faculty and teachers. In addition, you will be recognized as a sponsor through the directory, yearbook, PTA website, and other school publications. Should you **provide your company logo or advertisement, we will be happy to include it in the directory and yearbook.** Your logo will also be featured in a Power Point presentation at the beginning of every PTA Meeting.

Your pledge can be made at any time, but to ensure that we can recognize you at all fall events, please have your **pledge commitment to us by September 30, 2011.** Please make checks payable to Larson PTA or provide Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card information on the included form.

Should you need additional information or have questions, please feel free to contact any of the individuals listed on this letterhead at **larsonpta@gmail.com**. For more information regarding Larson PTA and sponsorship, go to **www.larsonpta.org**.

Once again, thank you so much for your support of Larson PTA. We look forward to another successful year for the students, faculty, parents and community.

Sincerely,
Larson PTA