

# The Trojan Press

Leadership Preparatory Academy PTO Newsletter  
by LPA PTO Communication Committee

## Letter from the PTO Board:

Great job parents and scholars. We asked you to remember those box tops and you outdid yourself. A total of 1426 box tops were collected by Nurse Cahill and the SGA club in April. The class that collected the most box tops was Ms. Brooks' homeroom class who collected 584 box tops. Mrs. Morris' homeroom class came in second by collecting 377 box tops. Thank you parents for helping us raise more money for LPA.

Why are the box tops so important? When

the box tops are submitted, money is sent to LPA to purchase educational resources. So keep clipping those box tops and send them to LPA with your scholars so we can get that free money.

Secondly, if you are still in need of volunteer hours, this is the time to sign-up and get those last few hours. We need volunteers to help pass out lunch for Olympic Day, volunteers for Teacher Appreciation and we need donations for Olympic Day that will get you more

volunteer hours. Watch for those volunteer opportunities.

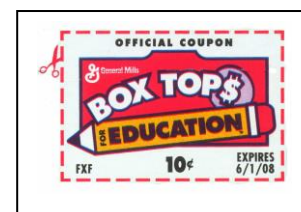
Lastly, thank you again for all of the support you have provided to the PTO to help make the school year a success. From the Scholastic Book Fair to the Box Top Collection, you have been present every time we asked for help. Thank you again and have a great summer!



**April/May 2018**

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## Letter from the PTO President

Dear Parents, As the school year closes, I am thankful for another great year for the LPA PTO and for all of your support.

During my tenure as PTO president, I have been blessed to lead a dynamic group of ladies whom without hesitation gave of their time and their talents to serve as members of the PTO board.

To the board, I say thanks - without you none of our success would have been possible.

There was no challenge that you as a board could not overcome and you always served with a smile.

To the parents, thank you for your unwavering support at every spirit night and at every

**“Thank you.”**

fundraiser. Your answer to our call always ensured that we were able to raise the funds needed to support our scholars.

To the LPA staff and administration, as you continue to go above in the call of service, our scholars go beyond in their educational aspirations. In closing, thank you all for your support this school year. It has been a pleasure to serve as your president.

*Karen Ramsey*

## Discover South Africa

LPA students and families can travel to South Africa in June 2019 for 11 days. Discover Cape Town, Soweto and Johannesburg. See the homes of Winnie Mandela and Bishop Tutu. Visit the tiny prison cell that housed Nelson Mandela. Go on a real African Safari, visit a Gold Rush town, explore Table Mountain and see an original penguin colony.

LPA students will participate in a STEM project for credit. In Johannesburg, our scholars will

partner with the DuPont Corporation to work on water purification methods. The next informational meeting is at 6:00pm on May 15. Location is at:

**Hairston Crossing Library**  
**4911 Redan Road**  
**Stone Mountain, GA 30088**

For more information, call 917.755.0794.



## Summer Camp at LPA

In just a few weeks, the school year will be over. As parents, we know that keeping our kids engaged during the summer is very important. This year, LPA is all about that summer camp.

If your child is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade, LPA is offering a STEAM camp. Sessions are June 4 thru June 8, June 11 thru June 15 and June 18 thru June

22. The cost is only \$125.00. The sign-up deadline is May 25<sup>th</sup>. Check it out and sign up your students.

In addition, there are camps all over the city and some out-of-state camps that our kids can

**STEAM Camp at LPA...**

**Oh boy!**

enjoy this summer. In the next page, you will see a list of camps we have found through to keep our kids busy.



## Health Awareness

Did you know April was Autism Awareness Month? According to the CDC, 1 in 68 children have been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Do you know a family raising an autistic child? Have you asked them if they need a listening ear or a hug? For a parent, it can sometime be mentally challenging. Getting support makes a difference.

Did you know that April was Parkinson Disease Awareness Month? Governor Nathan Deal proclaimed April as PD Awareness Month in April 2017. According to the CDC, PD is the second most neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer disease. A social worker working at Emory University recently told me PD is a growing disease that goes misdiagnosed or untreated for longer

than it should in many cases. People need to educate themselves and be mindful of symptoms. Having a good team once diagnosed can make a difference. Emory University has a department in Atlanta for people dealing with PD.

Did you know that May is ALS Awareness Month? ALS stands for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Not much is known about the disease. You can join

the Registry to learn more about the disease.

As always, I want to encourage you to be informed about your health.

\* Get those check-ups. Not only do our kids need to go to the doctor but parents do as well. Be here to watch them grow.

\* Show support to people dealing with any type of health crisis. They may just need a friend.

# Summer Camps

## Decatur Writers Studio Writing Camp

Location: Agnes Scott College, 141 E. College Avenue, Decatur, GA \$400/session

For more contact: 404.906.5468.

## Jr. MBA Summer Camp

Location: Clark Atlanta University, 223 James P. Brawley Dr Sw, Atlanta \$400/Session. Learn about business and writing a business plan. For more information contact: 404.880.8453

## Financial Literacy Programs

Ages 11-19. Classes on Money Management, budgeting and saving. \$120/week for 1/2 day and \$240/week for full day. For more information contact: 678.218.1287

## Abrakadoodle Art Camps

Ages 3-12. \$195 and up per session. For more information contact 404.591.5701. For more information contact 404.591.5701.

## Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

Summer Camps for inspiring artists. Registration opens February 5, 2018. Students from age 5-17 are welcomed. Location is 980 Briarcliff Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. For more information, go to: <http://callanwolde.org/> or 404.872.5338.

Registration deadlines vary.

## Kids 4 Coding

Ages 7-16. Minecraft, game design, programming, mobile and web development, robotics and drones. \$239-639/session. For more information contact: 770.642.0004

## Young Chefs Academy

Location: 2769 Chastain Meadows Pkwy NW, Ste 95, Marietta. Ages 7-17. \$200/session. For more information, contact: 678.540.4806

## Lockheed Martin Aviation Camp @ Fernbank Science Center

June 18-22 & 25-29. For rising 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. [Apply by May 28](#). For more information, go to: <https://fsc.fernbank.edu>.

## Atlanta Dance and Music Academy

Ages 2.5 and older. \$245-295/session. For more information, contact: 404.877.0005

## Club Scikidz

Extreme science, gaming and programming camps (i.e. Veterinary Science, Chemistry, Paleontology, 3D RPG Video Game Design, Java and Scratch Computer Programming, Droid Inventor and many more. For more information go to: <http://www.clubscikidz.com>.

## Atlanta Rock 'N' Blues Camp

Location: 2365 Pleasantdale Road, Atlanta. Ages 11-18. Music students train with blues, jazz and rock musicians. \$525/week. For more information contact: 404.202.6044.

## Moving in the Spirit

Location: 544 Angier Avenue NE, Atlanta. Ages 8-14. Modern dance and hip hop, field trips and performances. \$250/session. For more information, contact: 404.624.5295.

## Victory Spot STEAM Extravaganza Camp.

Location: Victory World Christian School. Ages 5-13. \$150 and up/week. For more information contact: 678.684.2030.

## Circus Camp

Ages 5 and up. Learn circus tricks. For more information go to: [www.circuscamp.org](http://www.circuscamp.org).

## Community Music Centers of Atlanta

Various locations in Atlanta. For grades K-12. Learn to play an instrument. For more information contact: 404.614.0466 or [cmcatlanta.com](http://cmcatlanta.com).

## Forefront Arts

Drama camp for ages 3-18. Various classes and performances. \$109 and up/session. For more information contact: 770.864.3316 or [www.forefrontarts.com](http://www.forefrontarts.com).

## Start:Code

Location: Toco Hills Shopping Center, Decatur. Ages 8-18. For more information contact: 404.507.2772 or [www.startcode.net](http://www.startcode.net).

## Atlanta Children's Theater-Camp Stardust & Filmmaking Camp

Various locations. Ages 6-15. Music, drama, choreography. Props and filmmaking camp. \$275-650/session. For more information contact: 404.550.1600.

## Atlanta Girl's School SMART Girls Summer Camp

Location: 3254 Northside Pkwy, NW, Atlanta. Ages 6-17. Science, math, technology, art, dance and drama. \$425/week. For more information contact: 404.845.0900.

## In the City Camp, Jewish Day Camp

Multiple locations. Ages 5-14. Sports, swimming, crafts, drama, dance, cooking, Israeli culture and field trips. \$375-400/week. For more information contact: 404.698.1134.

## Alliance Française d'Atlanta

Multiple locations. French summer camps to learn French. For more information contact: 404.875.1211 or [afatl.com](http://afatl.com).

**Parent Teacher Organization**

Officers  
Email: [lpapto@gmail.com](mailto:lpapto@gmail.com)

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We're on the Web!  
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## Upcoming Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 7-11 – Teacher Appreciation Week</li> <li>• May 8 PTO Meeting – Election Night</li> <li>• May 11 – Career Day</li> <li>• May 13 – <b>Happy Mother’s Day</b></li> <li>• May 15 – Mother’s Day Luncheon</li> <li>• May 15 – Africa Information Night</li> <li>• May 18 – Olympic Day</li> <li>• May 21 – Honor’s Day for grades K-2</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 22 – Honor’s Day – Grades 3-7</li> <li>• May 23 – Commemoration Day - 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• May 24 – Last day of school – 11:00am Dismissal</li> <li>• June 4-June 22 – STEAM Camp at LPA</li> </ul> |
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## Join the PTO - We have open positions

Are you interested in joining the PTO? Do you want to be notified when new positions open up? Many new positions are going to open up for the 2018-2019 school year. We need you to volunteer. We need you to make a difference. Join the PTO.

- Have a fundraiser idea for the 2018-2019 school year you would like to implement? Have you thought about joining the fundraising committee? Contact us at [lpapto@gmail.com](mailto:lpapto@gmail.com).

PTO Election night is on May 8, 2018. Join us to run and vote. Meeting is on May 8, 2018 at 6:00pm in the LPA Cafeteria. Many open positions.

\* For full description of each position go to: [www.lpaptotrojans.com](http://www.lpaptotrojans.com)

\* Interested? Email [lpapto.nomination@gmail.com](mailto:lpapto.nomination@gmail.com).

1. Join the PTO
2. Attend the PTO meetings
3. Sign up for Remind 101 and stay informed.