PATHS Making a Difference

Year to date progress
Our parent-teacher organization is called PATHS, which stands for Parents And Teachers Helping Students. Thanks to your generous support, we are doing just that!

So far this year our sponsors alone have contributed over $25,000. Please see our Sponsor page for a listing of our generous sponsors.

Our Open House and Fall Festival were a huge success. Often we feel like we are sending in one donation after another, but all of these contributions made for very successful fundraisers. Our combined earnings added another $12,000 to monies that will go directly back to resources to help our school.

Did you attend the Peppers Spirit Night? Well thanks! Your patronage earned a total over $900.

Did your child attend a middle school dance? Thank them! Their attendance raised $900 for the Liza Lionettes Dance Team and $900 for the Liza Color Guard. Is your child a member of a club or team that would like to earn some money by hosting a dance? Please let us know by Dec 15th.

Where does all that money go? Here are just a few of our continuing and new initiatives:

- New laptops continue to be delivered and given to all teachers.
- PATHS Grant for Character Development / Junior Deputy Program.
- PATHS Mini Grant for Middle School Bathroom upgrades.
- PATHS Mini Grant for AFA Cyber Patriot middle school cyber security competition.
- PATHS Mini Grant for the Drama department for support of production items.

All of your efforts add up to making a huge difference in resources available for your child's education.

Save the Date!
Mark your calendars for these important dates of Liza Jackson's biggest events.

Sponsors
Check out the list of 2017-2018 Sponsors and find out how you can join with them to impact your school!
**WINTER ACTIVITIES**

- **November**
  - November 7 (Tuesday): Liza Spirit Night @ Sonny’s BBQ (25% to PATHS!)
  - November 9 (Thursday) MIDTERM
  - November 10 (Friday) Veterans Day Holiday NO SCHOOL
  - November 11 (Saturday) Veterans Day Parade Come support the Lions Pride Band
  - November 13 (Monday) PATHS Board Meeting 5:15pm
  - November 17 (Friday): NURD (Non Uniform Reward Day) and Early Release 11:15
  - November 20-24 Break

- **December**
  - December 1 (Friday): Middle School Pep Rally
  - December 1 (Friday): Family Skate Night for K-4 Fort Walton Beach Skate 4:30-6:30 $5 all proceeds to PATHS
  - December 8 (Friday): Winter Feast – wear holiday shirt
  - December 8 (Friday): Middle School/5th Grade Skate Night. Fort Walton Beach Skate 4:30-6:30 $5 all proceeds to PATHS
  - December 11 (Monday): PATHS Board Meeting 5:15pm
  - December 19 (Tuesday): Early Release 11:15
  - December 20-Jan 3 Break

- **January**
  - January 4 (Wednesday) Welcome Back to School
  - January 8 (Monday) General Membership Meeting / Board Meeting
  - January 26 (Friday) Teacher Duty Free Lunch Day
  - January 26 (Friday): Middle School Dance

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**Let’s SKATE!**

Come on out to Fort Walton Beach Skate for a little Christmas Fun! $5 entry fee goes to PATHS

- Dec 1st – K-4 Family Skate Night
- Dec 8th – Middle/5th Grade Skate

Time: 4:30 – 6:30pm
Cost: $5 entry / $3 skate rental

Wear: Your UGLIEST Christmas sweater, socks, antlers, jingle bells – you get the picture!

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**Save the Date!**

Got questions about a class event? Email Grade Level Reps:

- K Katie Williams katwilliams684@yahoo.com
- 1 Stephanie Rojas flygirl_301@yahoo.com
- 2 Keri Olsen krolsen@live.com
- 3 Stacey Izer sbnoles@gmail.com
- 4 Polly Parker pollywiggles@yahoo.com
- 5 OPEN Interested? Contact Mary Edith Malin
- 6 Courtney Gable quincfwb@gmail.com
- 7 Nikki Mead nikki@kd.qcoxmail.com
- 8 Candie Arrowsmith sailorcbr@gmail.com

** Grade level reps will try to coordinate with the teachers to get you information.

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**Skate Night**

Join us for Skate Night for your grade level!

**Winter Feast**

Join your child for a Holiday Family Feast on Dec 8th Details to follow from your teacher
Event Flyers

**FORT SK8**

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**Liza Jackson Preparatory School Christmas Family Fun Skate Night Grades K-4**

December 1st 2017 4:30-6:30pm

Wear your favorite ugly christmas shirts/ sweater.

All admission will be donated to LJPS PATHS !
Concessions will be for sale
202 Racetrack Rd Nw Fort Walton

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A few things to remember for our newer parents that will make life at Liza even better!

Life happens, but try to be on time for school. If you are tardy, you will need to park your car and escort your child into the building to get a tardy pass. If you plan to walk them down the hall you will need your driver's license to sign yourself in as well.

If you're in the hallway in the morning when the pledge starts, STOP. No movement in the hallways until after the pledge, moment of silence and the mission statement. Little eyes are watching.

Any student must remain at school until 11:15 before checking out for their attendance to be credited for a full day. Latest time to check out a student is 2:15pm. After then, staff is focused on safely dismissing students. Student checkouts should be a rare event. All instructional time is valuable and has been carefully planned for.

Transportation changes are sometimes necessary, but whenever possible please minimize or automate them (i.e. Suzy will be a car rider every Wednesday until further notice for band practice). If something comes up, remember you must send a transportation change in on a separate piece of paper. Phone calls will not be accepted by the front office for student safety. The only people authorized to pick up your child automatically are the names you put on the white emergency card at the beginning of school. Send in a signed note to add someone.

Missed picking them up at your bus stop? Just call the school then drive to the RCC (Ron Crawford Center where aftercare is) and wait for them there. Drivers can't let you take your child from an unassigned bus stop.

Label Label Label and do inventory. Yep, they're going to lose the brand new navy cardigan, and more than one child wears the same exact navy blue cardigan. Please label anything that might possibly come off their body (that's sweaters outside for littles and PE clothes for middle school parents) and check their back packs/ the laundry weekly. If THEIR navy blue cardigan makes it to the bottom of the lost and found bin it is awfully hard to find. Water bottles? Label with name and homeroom so a friend can deliver if lost.

Please don’t talk on the phone in the car line.

Have a rapidly diminishing lunch account? Get on the PATHS web page and click the Cafeteria button on the bottom of the home page. At the bottom of the cafeteria page is Freedom Café. Once you register you can see what they bought on what date.

Teachers love email. In the mornings they just want to hug/high five their kiddos. The preferred way to communicate with a teacher is always email and never at the classroom door.

Teachers love volunteers. But they don’t always have things to do in the classroom every day. Let your child’s teachers know if you would like to volunteer and what days you are available. (Hint Hint – attend fluency check training when its offered.) Love to cut things out? Find a kindergarten teacher!

Deputy Cullen is a rock star. (If you don’t believe us ask your kids what they think of him)

Go to Spirit Nights! What better excuse not to cook. I mean you’re doing it for your kid right?

Pick a couple of random days a year to swing by and eat lunch with your kiddo if at all possible. The conversations they have with their friends at lunch are hilarious.

If your child has allergies with a runny nose, chances are he’s not the only one and they have probably wiped the teacher out of tissues. Send in an extra box.

Children’s pants hangers do an awesome job of displaying car line cards from rear view mirrors. Please write like you would need to see it without your glasses.

Teach them to use and bring you the planner. It’s frustrating in elementary but it’s a vital key to success in middle school.

Have a parent make a Facebook closed group “LJPS Class of 202X” That way when they do go on to different high schools you will still stay in touch. One clever mom printed it on stickers and sent the link home in the planner.

Tomorrow they will be in 8th grade leaving Liza on their way to high school. Hug them often!