



Ligon Link

Ligon GT Middle School
706 E. Lenoir Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

2007-2008
First Quarter

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Greetings from your PTA President

I cannot believe how quickly the summer has gone by. As the beginning of the school year approaches, I would like to welcome all of our new families to Ligon Middle School and say how excited we are that you have chosen to be part of the Ligon community. For those families returning, welcome back.

Today more than ever, schools are challenged to provide every child with the best education despite growing limitations. Shrinking budgets. Curriculum cuts. Increasing class sizes. Government mandates. Schools are challenged to do more with less.

Research has proven that children do better

when their parents are involved at home and at school. Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve. There's a simple way to make these outcomes a reality for your child: JOIN PTA! We need your financial support to make a difference in our school. The Phantom is the PTA's only major fundraiser running throughout the school year.

We still need volunteers. It doesn't take much of your time to make a difference. The Executive Board is looking forward to working with you this year.

Carol Cuffney, PTA President
Laura Brooks, PTA President - Elect

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The PTA is still recruiting for the positions of Tutor Coordinator and Staff Appreciation Coordinator as well as other volunteer slots. If you'd like to get involved, please contact an officer listed above. Thank you!

LIGON LINES & LINKS

Main Office:
856-7929

Website:
<http://ligon.wcpss.net>

Phonemaster:
856-7939 ext 2835

Student Services:
856-7940

Email Announcements:
ligonparents-subscribe
@yahooogroups.com

Community Funding Links:
www.foodlion.com
Target: 81079
Harris Teeter: 3875
Kroger: 80753
Office Depot: 70062124

INTO THE BLUE ORIENTATION

The Into to the Blue Orientation will be held Thursday, August 23, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for all 6th grade students and for 7th and 8th grade students who are new to Ligon **AND** the parents of these students. If there are questions, please contact Pamela Douglas at 856-7950 or pdouglas@wcpss.net. Thank you.

Pamela A. Douglas
Student Services Department Chair /
8th Grade Counselor

SERVICE PROJECT

One of Student Council's service projects this year will be to encourage student to turn in pop tops to their homeroom reps. We will be sending all the pop tops to the Ronald McDonald house in Durham. The collected pop-tops earn money for Ronald McDonald house and help pay some of the cost for the families who stay there. Please help support LSC and The Ronald McDonald house by saving those pop-tops.

Ms. Beyman
6th Grade Math/ Social Studies
Yearbook Advisor; Student Council Advisor

Principal's Report

I hope that everyone is having a fantastic summer! It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over and that we are about to embark on our journey together through a new and exciting school year. As of this time, all faculty and staff positions have been filled for the 2007-2008 school year. We are in the process of updating the Ligon website (<http://ligon.wcpss.net>) where you can view a list of all the new core and elective teachers as well as changes that have taken place in regards to the office staff and administration. We welcome all of our new teachers and staff, who will join the Ligon community to help ensure our students continue to excel and add to the rich history of excellence at Ligon!

Throughout the 2006-2007 school year, a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) team was developed at Ligon to design an educational program concerning behavior for our students. The team consists of representatives from different grade levels and departments. The PBS team worked with the faculty to design an expectations matrix, which provides expectations for behavior in each area of the building. Lesson plans were developed for each of these areas and will be delivered/taught to all students in their homeroom class. Students will be rewarded at different times throughout the year for positive and appropriate behavior. I am confident that this will help our students continue to grow and succeed.

The scheduling team has been working hard to ensure that student schedules are complete and accurate. Every effort has been given to make sure that students are in the correct classes and that they are enrolled in the electives they selected on their elective registration forms. Schedules will be finalized and mailed out at the beginning of August.

The first day of school for students will be Monday, August 27. In order for our new students to make a smooth transition to Ligon, we are hosting an orientation program for all new students, *Into the Blue*. Both parents and students, new to Ligon, are encouraged to attend this program, which will take place at Ligon on Thursday, August 23. The parent program will include information about Ligon and will give parents an opportunity to meet all of their child's teachers. The student program will include team building activities, a tour of the campus, and the opportunity to meet their teachers and walk through their schedules. This program was extremely successful last year and provided new students with important information prior to the first day of school.

In addition to the *Into the Blue* program for new students, we will hold our *Meet the Teachers* Open House program for returning parents. This will be held on Thursday, August 23 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Parents new to our school will receive this program as part of *Into the Blue*, so it is not necessary to return for the evening session. This *Meet the Teachers* Open House will replace the open house we usually have in September. It is our hope that giving parents the opportunity to meet their child's teachers before school begins will help provide important information in a more timely manner and will help establish parent/teacher relationships earlier in the school year.

We are looking forward to a great 2007-2008 school year. We will continue to build upon Ligon's rich history of academics, arts, innovative electives, and outstanding staff. I look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Scott Lyons, Principal



EASY FUNDRAISING

1. Link to stores

Harris Teeter 3875 — You can link to more than one organization and Harris Teeter will divide the proceeds equally. You must "relink" each school year. Visit www.harristeeter.com for details.

Kroger 80753 — Link your Kroger Plus card.

Target 81079 — Target "Take Charge of Education" Program will donate cash to Ligon equal to 1% of your Target Visa or Target Card purchases made at Target stores or target.com and ½% of your Target Visa or Target Card purchases anywhere else. Our number is 81079. Register at target.com or call 1-800-316-6142.

Office Depot 70062124

Food Lion — Register your MVP card at foodlion.com.

2. Send in Campbell's soup labels

Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for more info.

3. Box Tops for Education

Ligon earns 10 cents for each box top. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more info and **COUPONS**.

4. Send in Harris Teeter milk caps

with an "H" on cap. Visit www.harristeeter.com for more info.

5. Cheer on the 'Canes!

Buy a discounted Carolina Hurricanes ticket and show your Harris Teeter VIC card and Ligon earns \$3. See www.caneshockey.com.

6. Make your Phantom donation today

Make your tax-deductible Phantom check payable to Ligon PTA and return it to the school office TODAY!!

7. Tyson foods

— Send in Project A+ labels from Tyson foods. Ligon earns 24 cents for each label. Visit www.tyson.com/projectaplus/ for details.



News from Ligon's Arts Departments



About 75% of the student body will be in an art class during the first quarter. Make sure and ask your student what new things he or she learned, created, sang, danced, played, acted, or filmed in these first weeks of school. Also, be sure and check out LAB's page on the Ligon website, <http://www.ligonarts.org>, and the Ligon List Serve for announcements of upcoming performances. An "Arts Calendar" will be on the website soon!

Band

- Have you ever wanted to play in the band? **It's not too late!** Sixth grade is an excellent time to learn to play an instrument, and there is space available for all instruments. Please contact Helen Bishop if you are interested or have any questions about band by calling 362-3813, or emailing hbishop@wcpss.net.

Dance

- Congratulations to **Mr. Heath, America's K-12 Dance Teacher of the Year!** Mr. Heath was selected by *Dance Teacher Magazine*, and was presented with the award at a convention in New York City in August. Some 1,000 teachers and industry professionals attended the event.
- Tapestry will participate in a weekend workshop with **Rockette Mary McCatty** in October.
- In November, Tapestry will participate in the North Carolina Association for Athletics, PE, Recreation, and Dance Fall Conference in Greensboro. They will be in both the DANCE showcase and the Middle School Dance Invitational.

Orchestra

- Start planning your **Halloween costumes** now! The first Orchestra concert is scheduled for Halloween, October 31 at a special time: 5:00 pm to allow time to trick or treat. Come in costume – the Orchestra will! Special seasonal music!
- Orchestra members -- start your financial planning now. A New York trip is being considered, including a **concert at Carnegie Hall**. The travel dates are May 31-June 3.

Theatre

- **Applause and Encore Open Their Seasons.** Applause Theatre and Encore Performance Ensemble will jump right into action when school begins. Their first tasks as new ensembles will be to choose their shows. Ms. Yalacki, their director, has chosen several plays for them to read and discuss. The Encore play will go up first on October 25 after school at 2:30 pm, and evening shows will be October 26 and 27 at 7:00 pm. About a month later, Applause will present their play on Thursday, November 29 and the evenings of November 30 and December 1.
- Ms. Yalacki is looking forward to working **with Ligon's new technical arts teacher, Mr. James Martz**. He has a wealth of experience and expertise. He will be designing the sets, lights, and sound for these shows. He and his students will run the technical aspects for the plays and all the concerts at Ligon this season.

Sally Bloom, LAB Correspondent



Ligon Arts -- You Need to Know

Hello, Ligon family and welcome to a new school year! The LAB board and I are excited about all the upcoming arts education and performances planned for the year. But who is LAB? Ligon Arts Boosters (LAB) is a non-profit organization at Ligon GT Magnet Middle School. We have been providing financial support to the art classes for 22 years. LAB funds contribute to the arts education for *all* Ligon art classes. Whether your student takes one art class or years of the arts, they will benefit from LAB's efforts.

LAB support allows for purchases and services including: quality art supplies, costumes, drama scripts, set materials, dance shoes, sheet music, and instrument repair. LAB also strives to make possible the purchase of big-ticket items such as musical instruments, kilns, and audio equipment. LAB offers field trip scholarships so all students have a chance to participate in these exciting, educational trips.

In order for LAB to continue this support, your help is needed. We are looking for 100% membership this year, so please join LAB to help us get the 2007-2008 school year off to a great start. We also invite you to become actively involved with us this year. LAB parents can help by soliciting memberships, helping with the fall fundraiser, selling tickets at performances, and helping "Pass the Hat" just to name a few opportunities.

Come join us -- we meet the second Monday of the month at 11:00 am in the band room -- or email me, and we will get you involved. Check out our website, a click from Ligon's home page!

Mary Ann Williams, LAB President
Maryann422@bellsouth.net

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Please join us! We need YOU in the Ligon PTA!
Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Friends, Teachers, and Staff

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff,

The Ligon GT Magnet Middle School PTA welcomes you to the 2007-2008 school year and requests your support of our Membership Drive!

As you know, your membership in our school PTA helps to support many student activities, teacher mini-grants, school projects, and programs which enhance the educational experiences of all of our students. Also, when you join the school PTA, you automatically become part of the North Carolina PTA and National PTA. Your membership entitles you to the opportunity to learn about education, health, and well-being of children and have a voice in addressing these issues through a national network.

The membership fee is \$5.00 per member. The PTA Membership/Phantom Fundraiser form is included in this newsletter. Please make your check payable to **Ligon PTA** and return it to 706 E. Lenoir Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.

I encourage all Ligon parents, faculty, and staff to join and actively participate in our PTA. If there are any questions regarding PTA membership or volunteer opportunities, please contact me or Membership Committee Chair Odessa Rogers, msvandella@bellsouth.com.

Thanks for your support!

Patricia A. Jones, Vice President-Membership
pajones18@msn.com

A message from the PTA Membership Chair ...

The old adage is true, "It takes a whole village to raise a child". EVERYONE is encouraged and eligible to be a part of a great national organization at Ligon. Help make this year even more successful than last. Just send in your name(s), child's name(s), homeroom teacher, phone number, email address, and mailing address with your check made out to Ligon PTA to Ligon's main office. We'll take care of the rest.

For each \$5.00 membership purchased, \$1.75 goes to the National PTA, \$1.00 goes to the North Carolina PTA, and the rest is used here at Ligon to support our faculty and staff through mini-grants, professional development, and other ways.

Your membership will be valued and greatly appreciated.

Odessa Rogers, PTA Membership Chair

Did you know that the Phantom is the PTA's only fundraiser?

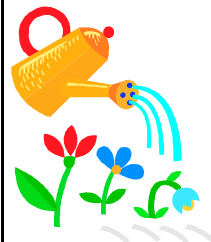
What is FCCLA?

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, FCCLA, will begin at Ligon next year advised by Ms. Anderson! FCCLA is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps youth become strong leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

If you have taken or are currently enrolled in any one Family and Consumer Sciences class (Creative Cuisine, Sewing 1 & 2, Child Care, and Cake Decorating) you are eligible to join FCCLA.

Over the 2007-2008 school year as a club we will be participating in many different projects, community services, and charity events. Project ideas include but are not limited to a food drive, donating sewing projects to a local nursing home/children's home, a clothes drive, a bake-off/bake sale, reading to young children, and so much more.

Sarah Anderson, Family and Consumer Sciences



Grounds Committee

Ready to dig in and beautify? At long last, we have a water connection to the area in front of Ligon's sixth grade wing facing Lenoir St. It just begs for some plants and the Grounds Committee plans to make that happen this fall once the temperatures cool a bit.

So, calling all plant lovers and dirt diggers to send your contact info to me at sujo@nc.rr.com. You'll be put on an e-mail list and we'll send out notices when we have some planting times on the calendar so that you can join in the fun if your schedule allows. Exercise, camaraderie, and visible results for Ligon are the benefits...so, dust off your shovels and help green up our great school!

I look forward to seeing both new and familiar faces.

Susan Joyner, Grounds Committee

New to Middle School?

Say goodbye to those weekly folders. Here's how parents stay connected at Ligon:

- **Weekly phone message from Principal Scott Lyons:** Parents/Guardians are automatically in the phone system (i.e., no need to sign up). If you are not receiving messages, contact the main office. Contents are also posted on the Ligon website and PTA bulletin board. Sign up on the Ligon website to receive these messages through email as well.
- **Ligon Website:** A feast of information about all things Ligon. Check it out at ligon.wcpss.net.
- **Ligon PTA Yahoo group:** Receive weekly emails as well as other occasional announcements. To join, send a blank email to ligonparents-subscribe@yahoo.com and follow the instructions in the message. If you are a yahoo member, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/ligonparents>.
- **PTA's quarterly newsletter *Ligon Link*:** Mailed to home address four times during the school year. Contains information from school staff, PTA, Sports Boosters, Arts Boosters, and others in Ligon community. Posted on the Ligon website and PTA bulletin board.
- **Ligon Student Directory:** Contact information for all Ligon students typically distributed by PTA in October. ***Your family's information is included unless you complete and return an opt-out form*** found in this issue of *Ligon Link*. The deadline to opt out is Friday, September 7.
- **PTA Bulletin Board:** Located outside main office. Another place to check out Mr. Lyons' phone message, the weekly yahoo group message, Ligon in the news, and postings from other members of the Ligon community.
- **Student Agendas and Interim Reports:** Each student receives a Ligon agenda that contains a planner for recording all homework assignments, projects, and tests. Teachers send home interim reports with detailed lists of assignments and grades in the middle of each quarter, which allows time for intervention (if needed) before report cards are issued.

Back To School Partnership Celebration

When: August 25, 2007
Where: Wake County Commons Building, 4011 Carya Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610
Time: 10:00 -12:00 noon
Who: Parents, Educators, and other interested persons, who would like more information on the Wake County Public School System.
Guest Speaker: Dr. Del Burns, Superintendent WCPSS, & staff
Sponsor: Coalition of Concerned Citizens for African American Children
Contact: Please register at www.cccaac.com or email Calla Wright at cccaac.com or call 231-9057 for additional information.

Parents, community leaders and other interested persons, are invited to our "Back To School Partnership Celebration." The Coalition of Concerned Citizens for African American Children encourages parents to actively participate and become involved in your child's education throughout the school year. We believe that parents and the local school system should be a unit, developing a partnership that will benefit all children.

To kick off the school year, the CCAAC will host our second annual "Back To School Partnership Celebration" with the WCPSS for parents, community supporters and citizens within Wake County. The celebration is designed to foster:

*Better Home School Communications *WCPSS Communication Tools
*Overview of the WCPSS Handbook *Overview of WCPSS Preventive Services
*Overview of the Academic Program's Requirements * Student Handbook Information
*Parent/Teacher/Student-Partnership

Please make plans to attend our "Back To School Partnership Celebration." We are encouraging youth group leaders, tutorial program directors, child advocate coordinators and all individuals who are involved with educating children who attend the Wake County Public School System.

The CCAAC believes all children should receive a quality education that will give them the skills necessary to become productive citizens in today's society. It is our mission to help parents to assist their children in making choices that will enhance their children's educational opportunities who attend the Wake County Public Schools System.

Gazelle Team Letter

We look forward to a great year on the Gazelle Team this year. All four of the teachers on the Gazelle Team will be returning for the 2007-2008 school year. Ms. Deaton teaches Social Studies, Ms. Gorham teaches Language Arts, Mr. Jones teaches science, and Mr. Wilson teaches math.

Please visit our SchoolNotes website at www.schoolnotes/27601/sjgorham.html so you can add it to your list of favorites. As a team we update this page on Fridays.

Following is the list of supplies students need to have for the Gazelle Team:

- ◆ #2 pencils (regular or mechanical)*
- ◆ extra lead for mechanical pencils*
- ◆ colored pencils/markers
- ◆ pocket pencil sharpener*
- ◆ eraser*
- ◆ blue or black pens*
- ◆ four 1.5" 3-ring binders (different colors are preferable for organization)
- ◆ 24 tab binder dividers
- ◆ college-ruled loose-leaf lined paper (no spiral tablet paper accepted)*
- ◆ unlined white paper
- ◆ 3x5" index cards for flash cards (4 packs minimum)
- ◆ graph paper of any type
- ◆ protractor
- ◆ compass
- ◆ metric ruler*
- ◆ safety scissors
- ◆ collegiate dictionary with etymologies (It does not need to be brought to school so it can be a software application or accessed on the Internet.)
- ◆ scientific calculator (It does not need to be brought to school so it can be a software application or accessed on the Internet.)

Suggested/Optional: pencil pockets for notebooks, hole puncher, highlighters, locker shelves.

Items denoted with a "*" should be brought to class **every day**.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Jones, the team leader at njones@wcpss.net. We look forward to a productive and exciting year.

Mr. Jones, Gazelle Team Leader

Messages from the Media Center

Please make sure your child has a **Wake County Public Library card and a PIN!** These are required to renew materials online, to place materials on hold online, and to access dozens of databases. Instructions on how to obtain either are on the Libraries' website (<http://www.wakegov.com/libraries/libraryaccount/default.htm>).

Interested Students--

The 2007-2008 **Battle of the Books** list is on the NCSLMA website (<http://www.ncslma.org/BookCompetitions/BoBstate/bobpronunciation0708.html>). Students interested in trying out for the Ligon "BOB" team should begin reading books on this list and take notes about the plot, characters, and setting of each. Tryouts will most likely be in early January 2008.

Parents, Guardians, and Friends of Ligon--

Volunteer opportunities abound in the Media Center! Please let us know if you would like to volunteer in the Media Center this year. You may contact cbazemore@wcpss.net to be added to the list.

To all our **past Media Center Volunteers--**

The Media Center Staff thanks you over and over again for all your help these past two years - through construction, renovation, moving, textbook check out and check in, and your weekly individual commitments. We are so thankful for all the extra time you have given to us. This past year you really came through when the

media assistant had to be gone for extended periods of time to help with family illnesses. Amazingly, you were able to be here 40 hours a week when she was not!

Cindy Bazemore, Media Assistant

Volunteers Needed ...

The media center needs volunteers for:

- general circulation
- shelving books
- monitoring during testing
- pulling texts for staff
- delivering AV equipment
- preparing for special presentations
- laminating

If you desire to assist, whether occasionally or on a weekly basis, please return the PTA VOLUNTEER FORM or sign up at the PTA display table on the 23rd during "Into the Blue" or that evening at "Open House".

Thanks in advance and see you soon.

**Maintaining
Excellence
Demands
Interested
Adults**

Monica Jones



Ligon

2007-2008 Combined Campaign Ligon Arts Boosters~PTA~Sports Boosters

Please Print Clearly

Parent 1 _____

Parent 2 _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Children at Ligon:

Student 1 _____

Grade / HR Teacher _____

Student 2 _____

Grade / HR Teacher _____

- ▶ Please write a single check payable to Ligon PTA and return to the front office:

Ligon Middle School
Attn: PTA Combined Campaign
706 E. Lenoir Street
Raleigh 27601

- ▶ PTA will disburse your donations to LAB & Sports Boosters.
- ▶ Thank you in advance for doing your best to return this form before the end of 1st quarter.
- ▶ Gifts of all sizes make a real difference. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FOR PTA USE

Cash/Check# _____	Date Received _____
Phantom _____	Magnet _____
Membership _____	Card(s) _____
LAB _____	Sports Boosters _____

Ligon PTA PHANTOM FUNDRAISER

SUPPORT THE ABCS AND A WHOLE LOT MORE

Annual Teacher Allowances, Building & Grounds, Cultural Arts, Directory, Eighth Grade Events, Graduation Celebration, Hospitality, In-Service Opportunities, Joint Efforts with LAB & Sports Boosters, LigonFest, Minigrants, Newsletter, Parent Education, Quality Control, Reflections, Student Recognition, Teacher/ Staff Appreciation, Unlimited Potential, Volunteerism, Writers-in-Residence, Yahoo Group...

**THERE ARE 180 DAYS IN A SCHOOL YEAR
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO PTA**

Miracle Maker	_____ \$540(\$3/school day)
Dream Maker	_____ \$360(\$2/school day)
Champion	_____ \$180(\$1/school day)
Faithful Friend	_____ \$100
Helping Hand	_____ \$50
Honor Roll	_____ \$30
Other Amt.	\$ _____

- ▶ Please note that, from your contribution, we will automatically apply \$5 (for one parent/guardian) or \$10 (for two) for annual PTA membership unless you indicate otherwise. NCPTA & National PTA provide valuable local resources and important advocacy work on behalf of all children & families.

Ligon Arts Boosters

I ALSO WANT TO SUPPORT

LIGON ARTS BOOSTERS:

Halo Level	_____ \$250-500
Diamond	_____ \$200
Gold	_____ \$100
Silver	_____ \$50
Bronze	_____ \$25
Member	_____ \$10

Ligon Sports Boosters

I ALSO WANT TO SUPPORT

LIGON SPORTS BOOSTERS:

Gold	_____ \$100
Silver	_____ \$65
Little Blue	_____ \$50
Adult	_____ \$30
Student	_____ \$15

\$ _____ **Total Contribution Enclosed**

Proposed Ligon PTA Budget for 2007-2008

The General Membership will vote on this budget at the Open House on August 23.

CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2006-07	\$17,344
<u>NET INCOME</u>	
Book Fair	1,800
Community Funding, Miscellaneous	2,200
Dues	1,194
Phantom Receipts	25,500
Phantom Fundraiser Expenses	<u>-1,500</u>
TOTAL INCOME	29,194
<u>ON-GOING EXPENSES</u>	
Staff Appreciation/Recognition/Hospitality	4,200
Cultural Arts/Reflections	4,100
Eighth-Grade Events	500
Grounds	200
Media Center-From Book Fair	1,800
Mini-Grants-Instructional/Staff Development	5,094
Newsletter/Directory	2,450
Operating Expenses	750
Student Recognition	1,800
Teacher Classroom Support/Principal's Fund	<u>8,000</u>
Into the Blue	300
TOTAL ON-GOING EXPENSES	29,194
ONE-TIME SPECIAL PROJECTS	11,344
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,538
CARRY FORWARD TO 2008-2009	\$6,000

REPORT TO THE MAIN OFFICE! Parent Volunteers Needed

Here's a great way for you to get involved in your child's education. Become a parent volunteer! By being at the school on a regular basis, you'll be able to see what's going on, get to know everyone at the school, and have day to day contact with your child and their teacher during school hours. On top of that, you'll be doing Ligon a huge service!

What we need:

Volunteers in Student Services:

Copy items for teachers so they can spend more quality time with students.

Volunteers in the Main Office:

Answer phones, sign students in and out, etc. Training is provided and there is always another friendly staff person available to answer questions and provide direction.

HOURS AND TIMES ARE FLEXIBLE. EVEN ONCE A MONTH WOULD BE A GREAT HELP. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A VOLUNTEER EACH MONDAY AND THURSDAY FOR TWO HOURS.

To sign up, please contact Kathleen Uliano.

Phone- 562-1692

Or kathleenuliano@yahoo.com

Volunteer ... Volunteer ... Volunteer ...

To help Ligon Middle School Soar “Into the Blue”, we need many, many volunteers! We have opportunities for everyone, whatever your background, experience, available time or talents. My hope is that every family will find a way to give of their time and talents this year.

Below we have listed areas within the PTA, LAB (Ligon Arts Boosters), and LSB ((Ligon Sports Boosters) where we could very much use your help.

Please begin by filling out some basic information about you and then check all areas where you can help. This information will be passed on to the person in charge of each program and you will then be contacted directly. If you have any questions about the activity, feel free to contact the appropriate president as listed.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE EDUCATION OF THE STUDENTS AT LIGON MIDDLE SCHOOL!!

Beth Richman
bethrichman@nc.rr.com
Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer's Name: _____

Student's Name & Grade _____

Phone #: day _____ eve _____ email _____

PTA: Carol Cuffney
cufffamily@nc.rr.com

LAB: Mary Ann Williams
maryann422@bellsouth.net

LSB: Fred Staley
fstaley@gmail.com

- ___ Book Fair
- ___ Grounds
- ___ Hospitality
- ___ Kids Voting
- ___ Tutoring
- ___ Library Volunteer
- ___ Office Volunteer
- ___ Reflections
- ___ Newsletter Distribution
- ___ Teacher/Staff Appreciation
- ___ General Volunteer

- ___ Membership
- ___ Ticket Sales/Concessions
- ___ Fundraising
- ___ Address Envelopes
- ___ Small Plaque Distribution
- ___ Hospitality
- ___ General Volunteer

- ___ Fundraising
- ___ Concessions
- ___ Apparel Sales
- ___ Board Member
- ___ Team Representative
- ___ General Volunteer

Ligon Sports Boosters

Welcome to Ligon, the home of the Little Blues!! Exciting sports electives and great interscholastic girls and boys sports teams are here at Ligon! Electives include fencing, archery, lacrosse and many others. Interscholastic sports teams include boys football, girls and boys basketball and soccer, girls volleyball and softball, girls and boys track, cheerleading and the Ligon Step team. And we're still growing! This year, there is a strong group interested in starting a Ligon Baseball team.

With all of the exciting sports programs at Ligon, I want to be the first to invite you to become a member of the Ligon Sports Boosters (LSB). Funds from membership and Spirit Wear sales go towards the support of all of the sports electives that your child has access to, as well as the purchase of new athletic equipment, the replacement of old uniforms and the cost of transporting our teams to away games. Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting the wonderful and varied athletic programs at our school. We encourage all Ligon students and their family and friends to join. This Fall, we will again offer an All-Sports Pass and Ligon Sports Boosters decal for members. Membership benefits are listed at the end of this article. The membership form is available as part of the combined form printed on page 7 of this issue of the Ligon Link. Membership forms are also available in the Ligon Office and on-line at the Ligon Website.

We invite you to get involved in the athletic program here at Ligon. The volunteer opportunities are endless; they range from selling game concessions, to supporting a team by being a parent team representative, to being a Ligon Sports Boosters Board Member. Providing some of your time volunteering pays great dividends to our student-athletes and to the Ligon athletic program. Please consider volunteering!

The 2006-2007 year was a banner year for Ligon sports!!!! Several of our teams were undefeated and our other teams were top notch, giving their conference opponents a run for their money! But none of this is possible without the support of our parents and families. Show your support of the Ligon Little Blues and all of the athletic programs here at Ligon by becoming a member of the Ligon Sports Boosters, by volunteering your time, and by purchasing Ligon Spirit Wear (forms available on-line and in the office).

Let's have a great year! Go Little Blues!
Fred Staley, LSB President
and the LSB Board

Ligon Sports Boosters Memberships:

Gold Membership: \$100 - Benefits include all-sports passes for immediate family members (maximum of 6 passes) and a LSB decal.

Silver Membership: \$65 - Benefits include three individual all-sports passes and a LSB decal.

"Little Blues" Membership: \$50 - Benefits include two individual all-sports passes and a LSB decal.

Adult Membership: \$30 - Benefits include one individual all-sports pass and a LSB decal.

Student Membership: \$15 - Benefits include one individual all-sports pass.

Each all-sports pass is issued to a specific individual and is not transferable. Passes are good for all regular home games in all sports for the entire school year.



Student Directory

Unless you specify otherwise, all students (including their name, parents' names, address and phone number) are listed as they appear in the student records in the Student Directory.

If you do not want your student(s) included or have changes, please check the appropriate box below and put the form in the box in the school office or e-mail Jina Tsikerdanos at tsikligon@yahoo.com by **Friday, September 7, 2007.**

Please do NOT include my child(ren) in the Student Directory this year.

See changes below:

Student(s) Name: _____

Homeroom teacher: _____

Parents' names: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Back-to-School To-Do List

- Gather School Supplies
- Meet the Teachers
- Contribute to the PHANTOM
~ PTA's Annual Fundraising Campaign

With adequate PTA funding, 2007-2008 promises to be another outstanding year at Ligon. Therefore, it is imperative that we not only meet our \$25,500 fundraising goal, but that we raise the vast majority of it by the end of 1st quarter. The idea is that a timely donation in the fall will keep the Phantom from haunting parents' pocketbooks for months on end.

Why is it important to support PTA?

PTA is the only school-based organization that benefits every student, teacher and family. Unlike elementary school, where individual parents support random and varied classroom needs, in middle school this charge falls to the PTA. Therefore, your contribution to Ligon PTA, through the annual Phantom Fundraiser, directly influences your child's quality of education.



New this year - When you contribute \$30 (just \$3 for each month of the school year) or more to PTA, you will receive a shiny Ligon car magnet as our way of saying thank you for your participation.

If each of us gives to the best of our ability, PTA will remain financially healthy, enabling continued support of the myriad of activities, which reflect Ligon's strong commitment to academics, the arts, and athletics.

Thank you in advance for doing your part!

Gifted Education Press Quarterly Online

If you are interested in receiving the 20th Anniversary SUMMER 2007 issue of Gifted Education Press Quarterly Online, then email Maurice Fisher at gifted@giftedpress.com. This issue contains the following articles: "Editorial Comments by Maurice Fisher," "Teacher Referral as Gatekeeping: Cultural Diversity Training is One Key to Opening Gifted Education Doors," "An Interview with M.K. Raina: About Creativity," "Humanities: A Contracted Curriculum," and "In Memoriam: Kurt Vonnegut (1922-2007) and Multifaceted Giftedness." In addition, please see the information on their Web site about the latest books on creative thinking, humanities, science, and mathematics.

Need a Carpool? The PTA Can Help...

Save time, money, gas, and... avoid traffic congestion at Ligon!

Complete & return form (by September 14) to Ligon's PTA (main office) or email required information to Marcia Moore, netsphere@nc.rr.com. Call with concerns 919-562-8221.

A compiled list of interested participants will be emailed/mailed by September 21. Use the list to make contacts and develop carpool(s) that work for you.

Student Name(s)/Grade: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip code: _____

Subdivision/Major Landmark nearby: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

e-mail: _____

morning: _____ afternoon: _____ both: _____



Important Dates

- 8/23 — Into the Blue 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 8/23 — Ligon Open House 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- 8/27 — First Day of School
- 9/3 — No School (Labor Day)
- 9/24 — Teacher Workday
- 9/28 — School Dance 2:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
- 10/5 — Early Release
- 10/26 — End of First Quarter

**NEW STUDENT (and PARENT)
ORIENTATION — Into the Blue**
August 23 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS OF
RETURNING STUDENTS —**
August 23 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

To find other events not listed here,
please visit the online calendar at:
<http://ligon.wcpss.net>

We're on the Web!
<http://ligon.wcpss.net>

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