



# ***Lion's Tale***

## **Greathouse/Shryock Traditional Elementary School Newsletter**

**September 2011**

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## Principal's Page

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year...we had one of the smoothest starts that I have ever seen! Way to go Greathouse staff, parents, and students.

I'd like to welcome the following new staff members to Greathouse:

Cindy Atchison-Media Specialist/Librarian

Bea Jones-School Resource Teacher, part time

Courtney Kittell-Instructional Assistant, Grades 1-5

Stephanie Ludwig-Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

Kathy Molter-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Elizabeth Pulliam - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Nancy Purvis-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

Our **Entertainment coupon book sale** continues through the 2<sup>nd</sup> of this month. We were able to purchase 12 Smartboards for our classrooms last school year, but the other 12 classrooms desperately need this piece of technology! We are asking each Greathouse family to **support our school** by either selling at least 4 books or by making a donation to this **technology initiative**. Each Smartboard is @ \$2,800 which includes installation, so we need \$36,000. We receive 50% of each book sale (\$12.50 on \$25.00). We are fortunate to have been selected for a spot in the traditional program at Greathouse, so let's show our appreciation...parental support via time, talents, and gifts is why we are the number one elementary school in Jefferson County and a national award winning Blue Ribbon School!

Arrival: Car riders are arriving between 8:30-8:55 a.m., thank you! This gives students time to get to their classroom before the pledge begins at 9:02 a.m. We are continuing to work closely with the bus compounds to ensure that all 19 of our buses are here by 8:55 a.m. as well.

Dismissal: In the afternoon 18 out of 19 buses are loaded right after the 3:45 bell rings. There other bus is loaded and on the road by 4:00 p.m. Our car rider line continues to improve as well. One thing that you can do to help with car rider line arrival and dismissal is to pull up as far as you can before loading and unloading. Do not stop directly in front of the blue awning door if you are the 1<sup>st</sup> car to load.

**Please watch as staff members direct you where to stop and load or unload.**

It is going to be a great year at Greathouse/Shryock Traditional Elementary School. Be sure to stay up-to-date on what is going on in your child's classroom by reading your **newsletter** or **website** post each MONDAY. Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should be checking agenda planners each night...it is a good idea to initial the agenda so the teacher will know you have checked it. Stay informed about school events by reading the Lion's Tale newsletter each month and by watching for e-blasts. The e-blast sign-up link is located on our school website: [www.greathouseshryock.com](http://www.greathouseshryock.com)

*From the PTA President*

I certainly have some big shoes to fill this year! I have to say a big thank you to our past president, Laura Mechlin, for her two years of service as president. She served with such grace and ease. We appreciate you Laura!!

As I shared with the parents at the new parent orientation in May, you have won the lottery by having your child in our Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. What a gift to have our children at the best Jefferson County elementary school! There are so many opportunities to share your gifts with the students at Greathouse.

Give generously of your families' time, talents and treasures!

Please consider giving your time. Make time to join your child at lunch one day. Make time to chaperone a field trip. Make time to be a service pool volunteer and help your child's teacher. Make time to come speak to your child's class during career week. Make time to help plan a holiday party. Make time to be at the PTA meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30am. Be a lunchroom volunteer.

Share your talents. Whether you are a good manager, singer, artist, athlete or accountant, there is a place for you within the PTA. You could join the following committees: Health Promotion, Spring Carnival, Winter Event, Hospitality and so many more!! Keep your eyes open while reading the Lion's Tale for ways to share your talents. We are always looking for great photographers! The yearbook needs your pictures throughout the year. Please send those to Lori Curry at [lcurry@bhsi.com](mailto:lcurry@bhsi.com).

Lastly, please share your treasures. Support our programs by joining the PTA for \$5 per person or \$12 for two and get your very own homework pass and a Greathouse directory. Support our programs by purchasing embroidered polos and sweats. Support the Greathouse Gallop by securing corporate sponsors, pledges from family members, friends, neighbors and yourself.

September will bring a room parent meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 led by Trish Bellucci. Greathouse will be honoring our students on Kentucky Kids Day on September 16<sup>th</sup> with a visit from Jump With Jill. Watch for details on picture day when we will take pictures of our wonderful students in their uniforms for the yearbook.

I hope you have a wonderful school year!! Please feel free to contact me at any time! My email is [rampenthalt@bellsouth.net](mailto:rampenthalt@bellsouth.net) and my phone number is 426-5885.

## *From The Counselor*

Dear Greathouse Parents,

WELCOME BACK!!! Our new year is off to a great start. We are already busy with character education which is part of our comprehensive guidance program. You, as parents, are the most influential teachers of character in your children's lives. We hope to take what you have begun at home and build on it in the school setting. Since we are partners in their education, we look forward to your support in implementing this program. Responsible parenting requires hard work every day, and sometimes painful, uncomfortable situations for our children. During these times we need to be mentors, not choreographers of perfection. They're children; they **will** make mistakes, and they will learn from their mistakes **if we don't over-rescue them**.

My guidance program this year will focus on what I call "the other three "R"s: **Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience**; our overall "umbrella" theme is **The Golden Rule**. When children stop to think about treating others the way they want to be treated, it's much easier for them to understand **what** actions are considered "Be Your Best" behavior. When we, the adults around them, also model the expectations for them, they understand **how** to show the behavior.

During August we had New Student Orientation for all new first--fifth graders to help them transition to a new school and to help reduce stress and anxiety. We also focused on **Using Good Manners** as part of **respectful** behavior throughout all grades. This month of September we will have more structured lessons on the topic of developing and using **Good Work/Study Habits** as part of **responsible** behavior. In the Traditional Program work and study habits are emphasized **all day, every day**. It is not a skill that comes naturally to everyone, but it **can be taught** from pre-school through adulthood. Students will learn **why** we need good work/study habits, **what** those habits look like, **how** to show them, and examples of **consequences** for both good and poor habits. This is an important skill that children need to be successful every year in school and into the adult world of work.

Take care, Staci Rampenthal



## Back to School Cookout

Our third annual Back to School Cookout proved a success!! A call was made at 5:00 to go forth with an e-blast to confirm the event was still a go. Families came with blankets, chairs, sports equipment, coolers and feasted on about 500 hot dogs, chips and cotton candy! Many thanks to everyone who participated in some way!! What a fantastic way to end a great first week!



### Tyson Project A+ Label Collection

Greathouse is again participating in the Tyson Foods national fundraising program. We can raise as much as \$12,000 for our school this year. Please collect Tyson Project A+ labels from specially marked Tyson Foods bags and boxes. Entire label includes the small black Project A+ logo **and** 1-2-3 across it. Partial labels cannot be accepted. Each label is worth 24 cents. So send them in with your child today and place in specially marked plastic tub in their classroom. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project. For more information go to: <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com>.

Please cut entire label. Sample below.



**Becky Mosley, Tyson Labels Coordinator**

Address: 2700 Browns Lane, Louisville, KY 40220 PHONE: 502-485-8259 FAX: 502-485-8768  
WEB: [www.greathouseshryock.com](http://www.greathouseshryock.com)

**Welcome to the following new students at Greathouse this year!!**

***Kindergarten***

Janae Allen Christian Clements Rosemary Cobler Ryan Curry Daniel Dierson Nate Eatherly Maddox Gumer  
Audrey Hammond Michael Hargrove Andrew Hill Esha Kanakapura Emma Korn Himanish Lingamaneni  
Madison Masterson Brielle McCubbins Malasia McElroy Janiah Outlaw Nathan Raeber Roshni Ramesh Mara Smith  
McKenzie Thornton Miles VanRude Alex Yarberr Kyley Atkinson Rylee Carter Faith Cissell Isabelle Davenport Shyanna  
Garrett Brendin Hobbs Cole Hodge Ian Irwin Cole Johnson Ishani Kulkarni Sindhu Maringanti Jesse Mickens Zyion  
Penny Ashlyn Richter Casson Robinson Tyler Rowland Conor Stinnett Shlok Tiwari Jai Walker Kane Watson Josie  
Williams Yolanda Xie Davis Yates Blake Binford Eliza Bone Harrison Gray Mason Harmon Danielle Hill Katelin Johnson  
Srisha Kanakapura Wyatt Kasey Natalie Lyvers Davis Maier Ally Maultsby Ashlyn McBride Cincere Morris Cameron  
Myers Landen Parker Josie Perkins Taniya Price Edniya Robinson Jayden Robinson Madison Thatch Isaiah Wilson  
Jordan Young Jackson Zirkle Eimaan Almaghfi Ma'Kayla Arnold Ava Beams Quin Becker Sydney Breitenstein Ava Brock  
Addie Cao Tyler Castellano Ari Hatzell Jacobe Hinkle Jacob Kast  
Imani Meneese Shivaan Pendyam Anderson Richards Gareth Schlageter Mallory Smithee Jaxon Turner  
Elliott Vance Vedika Venkataramanan Miah White Lindsev Wise Ioseph Zeru

***1<sup>st</sup> Grade***

Emily Lovett Evan Mullins Priscilla Bass Caelan Harbison Ethan Schad Grant Ford  
Natalie Thai Allison Baugh Jake Goodman

***2<sup>nd</sup> Grade***

Madison Cook Joslyn Hamilton Jerriq Hyatte Kavin Owen Elaine Davis James Johnson Simon Li  
Sarah Mohamed-Hassan Endia Robinson Lauren Spencer Desmond Daisey Michael Xie  
Sarah Youngman Eric Cotner Luke Heuke Demeco Johnson Tenae Wilkerson

***3<sup>rd</sup> Grade***

Abigail Harris Maximus Montoya Holton Shults Arian Chopra Abigail Johnson Brandon Bridgeman

***4<sup>th</sup> Grade***

Robin Barker Ella Hall Jessica Hart Sydney Horsley Ashten Roth Trey Tiano Trent Whitted  
Tahriq Almaghfi Madelyn Bridges Tremayne Daisey Abigayle Jones Christa Robinson Sahil Shah  
Courtney Banner-Lynch Cody Coleman William Edwards Helena Gonzales Olivia Harris Madison Hieatt  
Genesis Leemore Noah Marchman Claire Binford Sophie Budd Seth Cianfoni Grant Knipp Kalkidan Norville  
Tyler Prow

***5<sup>th</sup> Grade***

Zane Brown Terrance Chandler Haley Dyson Jaiden Hamilton Cameron Bridgeman Taylor Burton  
Parker Kyle Jonah Segree Kartik Sinha Zuhayr Ali Victoria Jones Alex Mulkearn Masin Hartley  
Nathaniel Khondoker Ronald Lockridge III Brook Lynch

Dear Parents and Staff,

Please Mark your Calendars NOW to Support Greathouse Shryock on Tuesday, September, 20<sup>th</sup> for Spirit Day! Take the opportunity to feed your family & friends at Chick-fil-A. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner!!! We will hold this at the St. Matthews/ Shelbyville Rd. Location Only (5001 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY 40207). Chick-fil-A will donate 20% back to Greathouse. We will be sending in your child's backpack coupons on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> so please be looking out for them as the date approaches. We are looking forward to seeing you at Chick-fil-A!

Sincerely,

Greathouse Shryock PTA

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Must have Coupon to earn \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Coupons can not be distributed on premises of CFA

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## Pre-Season Cheerleading/

Everyone's **Tumbling Class** invited to attend the Pre-Season Cheerleading/Tumbling Class at GymTyme this fall! This fun-filled class will take place every Tuesday 5:00-6:30 beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 through November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011! Whether you are interested in becoming a cheerleader next season, or you're a former school cheerleader that wants to gear up for tryouts this fall...you can come and work on your tumbling and cheerleading skills with us! The entire class will focus on tumbling skills, jumps and cheer techniques needed for school.



**GymTyme Open  
Cheerleading/Tumbling Class  
Tuesday's 5:00-6:30**  
\$137.50 for 10 weeks of pre-season  
Classes!

**GymTyme \* 13000 Eastgate Park Way \* Louisville, KY 40223 \***

**[www.gymtymeallstars.com](http://www.gymtymeallstars.com) \* 502-365-4811**

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*A HUGE "Thank You" to those who helped prepare the First Day Packets prior to the start of the school year!*

*Amy Chandler*

*Michelle Coomes*

*Leslie Freeman*

*Pam & Rudy Overstreet*

*Your help was much appreciated!*



A BIG Thank you to Andrea Scholtz and the Dismissal/Tagging Committee. The transition was very smooth, well organized, and efficient!!!



### Clothing Assistance Program

We are now scheduled to provide 3 volunteers to the CAP program on Sept 15th from noon to 3pm. It is a great time to meet other Greathouse parents and help others in need by sorting donated clothes, etc. If you can spare the time, please consider.

Respond to Vonda Cheers  
[cheers.electric@yahoo.com](mailto:cheers.electric@yahoo.com) or Ashley Diaz  
[Ashley.Diaz@lge-ku.com](mailto:Ashley.Diaz@lge-ku.com), the Human Relations co-chairs, if you are available.

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

## Sept

- 5 – No School/ Labor Day
- 6 - Dance for Joy, 3:50-4:45
- 7 – SBDM Council Mtg. 4:00
- 8 - Soccer, 3:50-5:00
- 12 - Football, 3:50-5:10
- 12 - Boy Scout Roundup, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
- 12 - Young Rembrandts, 3:50-4:55
- 13 – Picture Day (school uniforms)
- 13 - Dance for Joy, 3:50-4:45
- 13 – Skating Party, 6:30 Champs
- 14 - Boy Scout Parent Info. Mtg., 6:30
- 15 - Soccer, 3:50-5:00
- 16 – Oct. Lion’s Tale Deadline
- 16 – KY Kid’s Day
- 19 - Football, 3:50-5:10
- 19 - Young Rembrandts, 3:50-4:55
- 20 - Dance for Joy, 3:50-4:45
- 20 – Chick-Fli-A Spirit Day
- 20 - Greathouse Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A St. Matthews (Shelbyville Rd.)
- 21 – Sanders & Pulliam to Falls of the Ohio, 9:30-2
- 22 - Soccer, 3:50-5:00

## Sept

- 23 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Grading Period
- 26 - Football, 3:50-5:10
- 26 - Young Rembrandts, 3:50-4:55
- 27 - Dance for Joy, 3:50-4:45
- 27 - Riggs & Veasey to Safety City, 9:15-2:00
- 27 – Hershberg & Molter to Falls of the Ohio, 9:30-2
- 27 – Johnny Brusco’s Day
- 27 – SBDM Committee Mtgs., 4:00
- 28 - Carwile & Purvis to Safety City, 9:15-2:00
- 29 - Soccer, 3:50-5:00
- 29 – PTA Membership Drive Ends
- 29 – Oct Lion’s Tale Posted
- 30 - No School
- Oct 1 – PTA BOM Meeting, 11:30 Rm. 136



## ***Reflections Art Contest***

The theme for this year is “Diversity means...” I hope those who want to participate in art, writing, or film areas will start thinking of ideas. Be sure to print out the rules for each area of competition from the Greathouse Website [www.greathouseshryock.com](http://www.greathouseshryock.com). The rules are very specific and have changed from last year. They must be followed to be judged. Please be sure to read them carefully. The contest entries are due 10/14/2011.

Leslie Freeman



**See your AD here!!!!**

**Don't miss another opportunity to make your business known to other Greathouse families! Advertise monthly in the Lion's Tale for low rates:**

**\$75 for a business card**

**\$100 for 1/4 page**

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