

# The Lion's Tale

Greathouse/Shryock  
Traditional Elementary School  
Newsletter

February 2012



## A Message from our Principal, Mrs. Davis,

The final round of **parent teacher conferences** will take place this month. Conference day is scheduled for **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. Each teacher sent home a conference letter with available conference times for parents to choose from. Let the school office know if you have not received a conference letter, and we will see that you get one! Talking one-on-one with your child's teacher gives you a good overall picture of your child's achievement level and provides time to discuss specific ways to provide additional assistance or enrichment. **STAR reading** and **STAR math** assessments will be shared during this final round of conferences. This data will give you a grade level equivalent for your child in reading and math to let you know if they are above, on, or below grade level.

We will begin work on our 2012-2013 **school budget** this month by forming an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations for allocations of general school funds. If you have expertise in planning or budgeting or would like to be a part of this committee, let me know. Budget committee meetings are tentatively scheduled for the mornings of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-8:45 a.m.

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I am happy to share with you that all of our regular classrooms now are equipped with a **SmartBoard**! Our last group of SmartBoards were installed last month. We could not have accomplished this goal so quickly without your PTA support...the Greathouse Gallop and Entertainment book sales made this new technology possible. Teachers and students are excited about this new technology, thanks again!

Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will provide parents of students in these grades an overview of the new assessment system requirements. They will share some sample items we have been working on. I hope you can attend this important information session. Childcare will be provided...watch for an informational flyer coming home with your student within the next couple weeks.

## **Johnny Brusco's Day**

**Johnny Brusco's Day is an all-day event that will be held this February in which Greathouse will earn 20% of sales for the day with a coupon. The date will be announced soon! If you haven't been there yet, you need to make plans to go. The garlic knots and the chicken wings are delicious, not to mention the pizza! The crust is just the perfect mix of thin and still the right amount of chewy! You won't be disappointed.**

**You will be supporting Greathouse and a locally owned franchise business by a former Greathouse family all while having a great time with your family and friends. Flyers will be eblasted closer to the date and sent home in folders. Look for one to get you started elsewhere in this edition of *The Lion's Tale*, but you will need to fill in the date.**

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Want to win a Pizza Party? The class that brings in the most Box Tops for Education coupons by Friday, March 30th will receive a pizza party during the month of April. Simply clip Box Tops coupons and send them in via your child's backpack to your child's classroom.

Box Tops are considered part of the PTA's operating budget. Please dig those out and keep clipping them!

## ***From Staci Rampenthal, PTA President***

Looking back at the first month of 2012, the PTA met and discussed the upcoming events and voted to change the pricing for the embroidered items at Greathouse. The pricing was set years ago and did not reflect a profit for the PTA, typically 25-50 cents, even though a lot of work, time and space is put into filling orders by a volunteer. I suspect that it was set purposefully for the benefit of the families. We have a large inventory of items that have not been selling therefore we have been slow to pay the bill. We are lowering the price of some items, while at the same time raising the prices of some more popular items. The prices can always be revisited and will be considered again for the next school year. Thanks to everyone for supporting the uniform blow out sale! Short sleeved polos are in abundance and I encourage you to buy ahead for the spring and warmer weather in the spring and fall. I will even be sporting a new Greathouse polo because there are many adult options available. Don't miss out!


We had a school-wide spelling bee that proved fun for all. My first grader even came home with all the words written down as he watched from his classroom. What an indirect way that our upperclassmen affect the younger students. Congrats to all of the contestants! At the time of writing this article, the winter event has not been held. Bingo is always fun for everyone and I hope that everyone enjoyed the new event. Thanks to all who made the event possible.

February kicks off the nominating committee for the 2012-2013 school year. We have many openings that will be created by outgoing fifth grade parents. While some of the PTA Board of Managers positions are held by parents that do not work outside the home, we are so fortunate to have three full-time working mothers on our executive board. Full-time working parents have the same opportunity that others have to hold positions within the PTA. Many jobs can be performed at home with no or minimal visits to the school. There is something for absolutely everyone. The nominating committee will be reaching out to current PTA Board of Managers to check on their intentions for next year. They will then contact the rest of the Greathouse family to see where you would like to share your talents and time. Please consider what extra you can do for your child's school. Greathouse is great due in large part because of our great parents.

Have a wonderful February!  
*Staci Rampenthal*

# Johnny Brusco's Event Tickets

Tickets must be present for redemption




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# The Greathouse/Shryock Uniform Overstock Sale was a success!

Our cabinets are well stocked for the spring weather and the need for short sleeved polos! Look for the opportunity to orders embroidered uniform clothing at the end of the year so that it is ready for pickup like your school supplies through the bookstore. Thanks for everyone's patience as they may have had to wait on some orders.

NEWS FLASH...If your child has not cared for the sweatpants in the past because of the elastic at the bottom, YOU MAY TAKE THE ELASTIC OUT and hem them up for a whole new look. You are welcome to wear the altered pants on Practical Living Day as long as you keep the length the same as the uniform requirements of long pants. Please do not crop them or make them into shorts for school.

*There was a contest for the top selling class. The winning class will be announced next month!*

## JUST FOR AT HOME

Personalize your Sweats...what does that mean? The fabric stores have the most adorable iron-ons and patches. Consider a soccer ball for your Kicks for Kids soccer player, a football player for your Football Futures athlete, a musical note for your talent show, band or orchestra star! What about the cheerleader or basketball player in your life? Remember an apple for your bookwork. **You just have to remember that personalized sweats are not part of our uniform code. Please keep these at home for relaxing times in your sweats.**

We have an overstock of long sleeved polos and adult sizes. Please consider purchasing these items if you would like to show your school spirit as a parent at school events, at ball games or when you come to volunteer at school. You may even want to have a pair of sweats for a cozy night at home. We have always been very pleased with the quality!



## Greathouse Embroidered Polos and Sweats Order Form 2011-12 updated Feb 1, 2012

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

### Short Sleeve Shirts

Child \$15  
Adult \$15

Red White Navy LtBlue

Royal

### Long Sleeve Polos

Child \$15  
Adult \$15

Red White Navy LtBlue

### Sweat Shirts

Child \$20  
Adult \$20

Red White Royal

### Sweat Pants

Child \$15  
Adult \$15

Red White

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Polos and sweat shirt orders are available anytime throughout the school year yet there are times when an order will have to be placed. Simply fill out the order form, attach check (payable to Greathouse/Shryock PTA) or cash for the full amount due, and place it in your child's backpack. Once your order has been filled, it will be sent home with the child listed on the order form. The office has sample sizes for your review. You can exchange an order as long as it has not been worn or washed. **If you have question please call Lindsay Ford 295-3162 or email at [lford4686@gmail.com](mailto:lford4686@gmail.com)**

Administrative Use: Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date Filled \_\_\_\_\_ Payment method/Amount \_\_\_\_\_

## Greathouse Chess Club News

The Greathouse Chess Club is off to a GREAT start. Students participated in the Martin Luther King Day Chess Tournament and they had a lot of fun.

Aakash Vadhanam won second place overall in the K-3 group and Vidu Godage won 3rd place overall in the K-5 section.

The Quad B Tournament is on Saturday, February 4. The more players we have, the better our chances are for participating in the state finals.

The Chess Club is also having a Thursday morning class, in addition to our Friday class, for students who are interested in playing in tournaments.

## SKATE ON...

This month's skating party at Champs will feature the 2nd graders and a special Valentine treat for all Greathouse kids. The 2nd grade class with the most participation will win a special treat. Mark your calendars for February 14th. 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Special thanks to Monica Green, Diane Cornier, Julie Avery, and Laura Mechlin for helping out at last month's skating party.

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# Greathouse/Shryock Traditional School CAREER WEEK

Feb 14 - 17, 2012

Career Week is scheduled this year for February 14-17. We need your help in making this a fun-filled learning experience for our children. We need volunteers to make 20-30 minute presentations about their career. This time frame also includes a Q&A session with the class. In your presentation, please include information on specific areas of study you have used in preparing for your career (for example: writing, math, science, art, etc.).

We hope that you will be able to take time to share this experience with our kids.

If you are available to speak to your child's class, please contact [shareendunn@gmail.com](mailto:shareendunn@gmail.com).

## Donations Needed!

Have you seen the Henry the Lion mascot? Isn't he wonderful? We would love to keep him in perfect condition for years to come. If anyone has a large duffel bag or storage container that Henry could be stored in for the future, we would love to take it off your hands. His head is quite large, so a large duffel or container would be needed. The shipping box that it came in is holding up okay for now but will not last forever. Let Staci Rampenthal know if you can help. [rampenthalt@bellsouth.net](mailto:rampenthalt@bellsouth.net)  
We would also like to have a small supply of 9 volt batteries for the fan in the Henry's head. If you have any extras or would pick some up for the PTA, please send them in to school labeled PTA.

## *The Counselor's Corner* *From our Counselor, Mrs. Meador*

Parents,

Our guidance topic for February will be Careers since the Greathouse Career Week falls during February (2/14-2/17). A major priority for JCPS is to ensure that by the time students graduate from high school they are college and/or career ready. It is also one of the school counselors' national standards. At the elementary school level our goal is to provide a foundation for the acquisition of skills, attitudes and knowledge that will enable students to make a successful transition from school to the world of work, and from job to job across the life span.

We will have some activities about describing the transferability between school skills and work skills. We'll also discuss vocabulary associated with employment, the importance of enjoying your career, considering careers associated with personal strengths, making informed career decisions, considering the reasonableness of becoming a music/movie/athletic star, identifying occupations of personal interest and investigating the training required for them, as well as describing behaviors which affect success on the job.

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Attention all 5th  
grade students going  
to Barret Traditional  
Middle this fall...

Barret will hold its **mandatory meeting** for all incoming students and their parents for 2012-13 on **February 2, 2012 at 6:00pm**. This will be our only meeting for current traditional program families. The meeting will last about an hour or so and will cover important information and dates in regards to attending Barret next year. This is a mandatory meeting which will require parents to fill out and turn in forms as to their intent to attend next school year.

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*The Fifth Graders are still offering Market Day Foods for you to purchase!*

*Market Day Food Fundraiser  
Schedule*

*Internet Orders Due:*

*Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> by  
11:00pm ET*

*Pick-up : Tuesday, February  
14<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 to 4:00pm*

*Login to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)  
and choose Greathouse Shryock  
Elementary to support the 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade programs*

**Congratulations to the Greathouse  
Spelling Bee winners:**

First Place: Jacob Ioffe  
Second Place: Kartik Sinha  
Third Place: Antara Gupta

The top three spellers from each third, fourth, and fifth grade class competed in the Greathouse Spelling Bee on Friday, January 13. Our winner, Jacob Ioffe, will represent Greathouse at the JCPS 15th District Spelling Bee on February 9, 2012, at Sallie Durrett Auditorium, Louisville Male High School at 4:30. Good luck, Jacob!

Congratulations to all of the Spelling Bee participants:

Ms. Edelen (3rd)  
Lauren Barrouquere, Tyler Marcum, Sydney Snyder

Mrs. Haas (3rd)  
Hannah Avery, Ayanna Presley, Maddie Smith

Mrs. Hines (3rd)  
Chase Carter, Mason Deeley, Justin Xu

Mrs. Theobald (3rd)  
Zachary Cao, Anjali Koparkar, Trinity Smith

Mrs. Hershberg (4th)  
Lilly Gonzalez, Lokesh Nanthakumar, Cameron Taylor

Mrs. Molter (4th)  
Laknieya Crosson, Amin Daneshmand, Aanika Garre

Ms. Pulliam (4th)  
Hutch Conrad, Elliott Davis, Maggie McGee

Mrs. Sanders (4th)  
Claire Binford, Nimrit Singh, Alex Thai

Ms. Bryant (5th)  
Austin Clark, Ian Karrer, Indraneel Kulkarni

Mrs. Burns (5th)  
Kendall Eatherly, Maya Malawi, Kartik Sinha

Mrs. Goldsmith (5th)  
Andrew Baker, Karlie Gatewood, Noah Schneid

Mrs. Scarpellini (5th)  
Vidu Godage, Antara Gupta, Jacob Ioffe

## Looking for a Fun Activity for the Whole Family? Come see the Harlem Wizards play

On Sunday, February 19, at 2 p.m. the Louisville Male High School PTSA will host the Harlem Wizards at the Male gym as a PTSA fundraising event. Students and families from all of the traditional middle and elementary schools are invited to join come out and watch this fun, family-friendly game. At the Wizards game, fans will see amazing basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy. The athleticism, tricks, fancy teamwork and ball-handling wizardry, plus wild dunks not even seen in NBA games, engages and wows the most avid hoops fans. The comedy is for everybody. Its two hours of family time where parents, grandparents, and kids can all laugh together. The Wizards push the envelope on fun, combining pre-planned comedic acts with spontaneous humor that fans of all ages will find laugh out loud funny.

The team that will play the Wizards will consist of students from Male and staff from all of the traditional schools. We are working to put together a half-time showcase of cheer, step and dance teams from all of the schools.

The funds will be used to fund various PTSA programs such as Project Graduation, a Drug and Alcohol Awareness presentation, a Community Leadership workshop and many other worthy projects.

**Advanced tickets are \$7/students and \$9/adults. Door tickets are \$10/students and \$12/adults. For more information, please contact Claire Arnold at (502) 254-2950 or [darnold98@aol.com](mailto:darnold98@aol.com). Please make checks for tickets payable to the Male PTSA.**

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# GREATHOUSE/SHRYOCK FEBRUARY 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 Quick Recall Practice 3:50-5:00
- 1 SBDM Council Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room
- 2 PTA Board of Managers Meeting 11:30 a.m., Room 130
- 2 Barret Open House Mtg. for GH Parents 6:00, Barrett MS
- 3 School Spirit Day
- 3 Chess Club 8:00-8:55
- 6 Young Rembrandts 3:50-4:55
- 6 Problem Solving Practice, 3:50-5:00
- 6 Quick Recall Practice, 3:50-5:00
- 8 Quick Recall Practice, 3:50-5:00
- 9 Chess Tournament, 3:50-5:00
- 9 Market Day Order deadline
- 9 Hwang's Martial Arts Practice, 3:50 – 5:00
- 9 Basketball vs. Wheeler, 7:00 Ramsey MS
- 13 **No School**, Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 14 Valentine Classroom Parties, 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.
- 14 Market Day Pick-Up 3:00-5:00
- 14 PTA School Skating Party, 6:30 -8:30 p.m., Champs Rollerdrome
- 14 Basketball Tournament Games
- 14-17 Career Week
- 15 Quick Recall Match vs. Dunn, GH Library 4:00
- 15 Fish & Wildlife, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (AM)
- 16 Hwang's Martial Arts Practice, 3:50 – 5:00
- 16 Basketball Tournament Games
- 17 Chess Club 8:00-8:55
- 17 March Lion's Tale Deadline
- 20 Young Rembrandts 3:50-4:55,
- 20 Problem Solving Practice, 3:50-5:00
- 20 Quick Recall Practice, 3:50-5:00
- 21 Basketball Tournament Games
- 22 Quick Recall Practice, 3:50-5:00
- 23 Hwang's Martial Arts Practice, 3:50 – 5:00
- 23 K-PREP Information Night, 6:30-8:00 (for all 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade parents)
- 24 Chess Club 8:00-8:55
- 24 Cheerleading Showcase/Basketball Championship Game
- 24 End of 4<sup>th</sup> Grading Period
- 27 Young Rembrandts 3:50-4:55
- 27 Problem Solving Practice, 3:50-5:00
- 27 Quick Recall Practice, 3:50-5:00
- 27 Celebration Around the World Program, 6:30
- 28 SBDM Committee Meetings, 4:00 p.m.
- 28 Chick-fil-A Day (20% of sales back to GH)
- 29 Quick Recall Match vs. Wilder, at Wilder 4:00
- 29 March Lion's Tale Distributed/Posted on Website

