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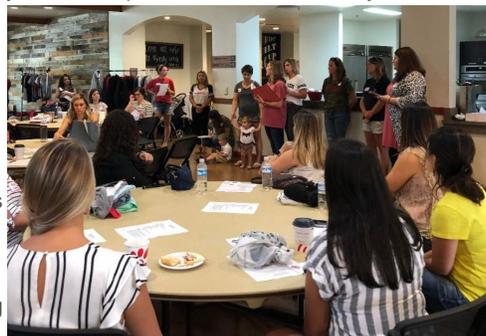


Note From Our President

School is officially in full swing, and hopefully cooler temperatures are on the way!

Thank you to all who joined us for the Annual Membership Coffee and a special thank you to Chick Fil A on Stacy Rd and Trader Joe's in McKinney for their generous donations!

The turnout was great, the spirit we all were on point, and we can't wait to get to spend time with each of you as our year continues. If you didn't get a chance to join the LPPTA at the coffee, don't fret! **Joining is easy to do at joinpta.org.**



As we head into the fall, please share on our Facebook page any local fun fall activities that you and your family love to do together so other LPPTA members and their families can join in on the fun.

And as you mark up your fall calendars, **be sure to block off September 29th from 5-6:30 pm for our Open House at Metroplex Gymnastics.** Whether you've joined the LPPTA or you haven't had the chance to pull the trigger just yet, you and your entire family are invited. Please spread the word and invite friends and neighbors as we want anyone and everyone in our area with children ages birth through kinder to feel welcome and included in this amazing organization.



School is back in session, and our board is hard at work planning a fun year for our members!

Come join us tomorrow, 9/12 for Mom's Night Out in Downtown Plano at 6:00pm for the Art & Wine Walk
See the [Lovejoy PPTA Facebook Page](#) for more Details



Hospitality Outreach

Do you know a LPPTA member in need of a little sunshine? Please contact [Sara Rapier](#) so we can be of assistance in this time of need. Whether it is the arrival of a new baby, illness or loss of a family member we want to help during this difficult time.

LPPTA Upcoming Events

Check Facebook for the latest info on Mom's Night Out or Playdates!

September:

Thursday, 9/12: Mom's Night Out- Plano Art and Wine Walk (6:00pm at Downtown Plano)

Sunday, 9/29: LPPTA Open House at Metroplex Gymnastics (5:00pm to 6:30pm)

October:

Thursday, 10/17: General Meeting (10:00am at Creekwood UMC) featuring guest speaker Becky Leach to educate our pre-school aged children about their bodies and safe boundaries.

Thursday, 10/24: Mom's Night Out- Fall/Halloween Pokeno (7:00pm at Rachel Butler's house)

November:

Saturday, 11/2: Fall Fundraiser (More to come soon on this new event!)

Friday, 11/15: LPPTA Annual Playdate for newborns to PreK (Stay tuned for more details)

December:

Saturday, 12/7: Annual Couples Holiday Party (Stay tuned for more details)

Sunday, 12/8: Santa Pictures (appointments available 2 to 5pm at Creekwood UMC)

Member Spotlight: Stephanie Albertini

Family:

Nick, Stephanie, Audrey (8),
Christian (6), Zoe (2).

Where are you from?

I am from Salisbury Maryland and Nick is originally from Dallas. We met in Austin after college (Nick is an Aggie and I'm a Longhorn!). We moved to Grapevine in 2007, got married and started our family. But after learning of the excellent school district and to be closer to Dallas, we moved to Lucas in 2016.



What is your favorite thing about Lovejoy?

The community is so tightly knit and supportive. There is a genuine feeling of love and sincerity here that is difficult to find elsewhere. For us, Lovejoy is unique in the people as well as location, where we are in the country, with a big city just beyond reach.

Least favorite? Being this far "out" creates a feeling of being removed, making it challenging to network with other families outside of Lovejoy.

How did you find out about the Lovejoy Preschool PTA? At

Cindy's School of Dance, Jenny Lee and I recognized each other from our girl's softball team and spurred a connection on the spot. Like I said, everyone is tightly knit!.

How do you spend a typical day? Nick and I are both involved in Digital analytics and data measurement around marketing technology and digital experience. I work for UnitedHealth Group and Nick is with Wunderman Advertising. On the weekends we typically race to catch up on all the stuff we couldn't get to during the week, like laundry and yard work, as we ping pong through games and birthday parties.

Favorite hobbies/interests: I love to cook despite the limited time crunch during the week. Experimenting with different spices and flavors is exciting. Nick has a green thumb and spends a lot of time with our plants outside or just hanging with the kids. I also enjoy exercising but am having trouble making that work with my schedule. Ideas, anyone?

Favorite Book: "The Fountainhead", by Ayn Rand. It's intellectually stimulating as well as inspiring.

Favorite motivational quote: "Smooth seas don't make skillful sailors" African proverb



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Lovejoy Preschool PTA (LPPTA) is an organization for parents with infant, preschool and kindergarten children in the Lovejoy Independent School District. The LPPTA will encourage and enhance the intellectual, social and emotional development of these children by providing parent education, social opportunities and fundraising support for the Lovejoy Independent School District.



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