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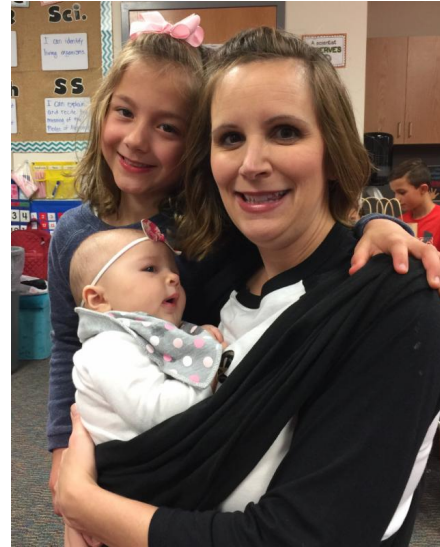
The Lovejoy Preschool PTA (LPPTA) is an organization for parents with infant, preschool and kindergarten children in the Lovejoy Independent School District. The LPPTA will encourage and enhance the intellectual, social and emotional development of these children by providing parent education, social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

President's Note

Happy Spring!

Blink, spring break will be here and I'm sure, poof...it will be summer already. The season will bring lots of change and growth. As I write this, I am balancing a baby in my lap that has doubled her weight in less than four months. Not only is our weather constantly changing, our children and even we as parents are growing. Spring is about change and I want to highlight some changes that the Preschool PTA has recently made.

Facebook groups have been created for each age group so your kids can meet and play with kids their age. This is a great way for them to know and play with other kids before they start kindergarten.



You will also see posts about new members that have joined the LPPTA. This is a great way to make a new family feel welcome so please keep those comments coming and make sure to say hello to those new faces at upcoming events. Thank you Liz Goertz our membership chair for making this happen.

And another change many of you have been a part of is Austin Street Center food donations. We are supplying lunch for 100+ homeless men and women in Dallas. The final date we have planned is 3/31. It is my goal that this change is so popular that we can add summer dates so school aged children can participate too in this life changing service to others. Thank you Star James for your contribution and continued efforts for coordinating this!

If you want to be part of this change happening on our LPPTA board or special committee work that is short and sweet, please contact me and we will find a place for you. We have more changes happening this Fall and we would love for you to be a part of this. Have a safe and fabulous spring break!

Stephanie Merrifield
LPPTA President 2016-17

Save the Date



What: LPP TA Spring Party

Where: Little Harts

When: Saturday, April 22nd

Time: 3-5pm

There will be pony rides, face painting, balloon animals, a petting zoo and more!

Community Outreach



AUSTIN STREET CENTER

Our last date to donate or serve at Austin Street Center is March 31st. Be on the lookout for more information on Facebook about how you can donate or get involved with this project!



For more information about the Austin Street Center go [here!](#)

Membership

Thank you to all members who have paid your membership dues!

Membership information and communication will still be done through PT Avenue and our event/social information will be posted in our Private Facebook Group. If you haven't already and would still like to join, please pay your dues through the online store at [PT Avenue](#). The LPPTA dues have been reduced to \$20 for the remainder of the school year!

Member Spotlight Klein & Foster Families

The Klein Family:

Family:

Philip, Barrett, Harrison(8),
Holden(6)



Where are you from?

I was born and raised in Houston but moved to Dallas as quickly as I could after college at UT.

What is your favorite thing about Lovejoy?

The amazing families and fantastic schools!

Least favorite?

Sometimes there's a little too much nature for this city girl! ;)

How did you find out about the Lovejoy Preschool PTA?

Through a fellow Mom from GEM Express.

What was your career "before kids" (or are you still working)?

I was primarily in outside sales and then worked for home builders before I stayed home with Harrison. A little over a year ago, I purchased a 14 year old business... [Feel Good Frames](#). We offer hand-painted, personalized picture frames. I have also started blogging about fashion and accessories on www.houseofhargrove.com as a guest blogger, Wear it with Barrett. It has been so fun!

Tell us something surprising about you that we don't know:

I worked at Chili's from 15 years old through college. I started as a hostess, then a food server, then a trainer and bartender. Don't ask me to make any cocktails now though, I am out of practice!

Favorite TV Show:

This Is Us

Favorite Holiday:

Christmas for sure

Favorite Place Traveled:

Italy. My Dad took me when I graduated college and it was beautiful!

Favorite Book:

What to Expect When you are Expecting?! Just kidding! Honestly, I don't really read very often. I did enjoy For the Love by Jen Hatmaker!

Favorite Restaurant:

There are so many but I love Houston's (Hillstone)!

Favorite Apps (for mom and kids):

My favorite app for editing pictures is called Pic Tap Go. I LOVE taking pictures. Photography is a hobby of mine. For my boys, my favorite apps are by Osmo. I love how they take playing with the iPad off of the screen and make learning so fun!

The Foster Family:

Family: Husband: Toby, and three sons: Corbin (20), Caden (17), and Cole (15)

Where are you from?
Dallas

What is your favorite thing about Lovejoy? Our students

Least favorite? nothing

How did you find out about the Lovejoy Preschool PTA? When I was asked to visit a meeting and share information about Kindergarten Round Up

What was your career "before kids" (or are you still working)? Teacher :)

Tell us something surprising about you that we don't know: I was homecoming queen in high school

Favorite TV Show: Anything that makes me laugh, and that I can enjoy with my family

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Place Traveled: Hawaii

Favorite Book: I love so many books so I can't pick one. I just finished A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman, and would recommend it.

Favorite Restaurant: Chuy's

Favorite Apps (for mom and kids): Life 360 (good for knowing where your kids are; especially when they can drive)

Upcoming Events

March

March 2 Chick-fil-a Lunch Bunch @11:30am

March 6-10 PES & LES Book Fair

March 8 Pokeno @ 7pm Marci Marrs Home

March 13-17 Spring Break

RSVP on Facebook!



How to Avoid March Madness

The "Final Four" tips to enjoying a stress-free Spring Break

Spring break is around the corner. The word "break" may be deceiving. Kids being "off" means parents being "on" -more. Combine increased time demands and changed weekly routines with parents' continued work schedules and what do you have? Stress.

Take these four steps to get ahead of potential chaos and avoid "March Madness." Continue reading article [here!](#)

Hospitality News

Do you know of an LPPTA member in a time of need due to the arrival of a new baby, illness or loss of a family member? If you know someone in need of a little sunshine, please contact our hospitality chair, [Jenny Lee](#) so we can be of assistance during those times. (We are happy to help; no thank you required!)



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