



The PTA and the Corte Madera Larkspur School Foundation

Working Together to Improve Our Schools

We are often asked – “What do the PTA and the Foundation do, and why do we need both?” We thought we’d take this opportunity to introduce both organizations and explain what each group does and how they complement one another.

For starters, both the PTA and the Corte Madera Larkspur School Foundation (CMLSF) are staffed by parent volunteers who are passionate about improving the quality of our kids’ education, supporting teachers and administrators, keeping families connected to school events, beautifying the campus and much, much more!

Each organization has a distinct role to play – the CMLSF is focused on fundraising to bridge the gap between inadequate state and federal funding and the cost of a well-rounded quality education, while the PTA forms the backbone of many vital campus activities and events. Below are further details on what each organization does, who is involved, and how you can participate to make a difference in your child’s education.

CMLSF

Raises private funds for both Neil Cummins and Hall

Directly supplements the annual Larkspur School District (LSD) budget

- Allows schools to maintain small class sizes
- Pays teacher aides
- Provides programs such as science, music, technology (including the sparkling new Apple® Computers in the Tech Lab!), drama, physical education, library, and much more
- Supports Youth in Arts and Poets in Schools
- Supplements Outdoor Education

NC PTA

Fundraises within Neil Cummins (NC) Community

Directly supplements NC budget

- Supplements instructional and fine art supplies in the classroom; stocks Youth in Arts art room annually
- Provides money for fieldtrips
- Funds assemblies
- Sponsors the 3rd & 4th grades’ Musical Theater
- Organizes and sponsors Parent Education series
- Funds campus improvements, such as the shade and play structures, and the Hawk Courtyard
- Organizes and maintains emergency backpacks (classroom) and provisions (school)

Fundraising Efforts

Annual Family Giving Campaign

- Generates approximately 60% of the funds committed to LSD budget
- Asks families to make a donation to help bridge the gap between state/federal funding and the actual cost of your child’s education

Fundraising Efforts

Hot Lunch Program

- Largest PTA fundraiser
- Provides healthy, tasty lunch for children
- Eco-friendly packaging, food provided by local farmers

Businesses Supporting Schools

- Asks businesses and professionals to support our schools
- Provides valuable exposure to these businesses/professionals in a variety of ways, including an acknowledgement in the *Larkspur Schools Directory* (an invaluable tool!)

Spellathon

- A spelling challenge for grades 1-4, held in January
- Friends and family sponsor children for every word spelled correctly
- A fun learning opportunity that helps the school

eScrip Campaign

- Parents register credit cards with eScrip so that CMLSF receives funds from participating vendors

Greenraising

- Families order earth-friendly and fair trade goods

to help fund Outdoor Education for 5th grade

Spring Auction

- Annual, themed event that celebrates and raises money for our schools

Golf Tournament

Community Building

- Kindergarten Social for families with an incoming Kindergartener

Communications & Support

- Organizes and oversees Friends of the Foundation (FoF) representatives
- Produces annual Larkspur Schools Directory
- Holds monthly Board Meeting open to all

CMLSF Board

Presidents: Scott Key & Molly Wuthrich
Treasurer: Tim Orlick
Secretary: Jeanine Tede
Family Giving: Diana Miller & Alicia Kepler
FOF: Lianna McSwain & Joann Serra
BSS: Kerry Bogardus, Elein Phipps & Maria McKellips
Communications: Jen Reidy
Event Coordinator: Julie Muller
eScrip: Tracy Schuyler
Spring Event: TBD

How to Contact the CMLSF

- Phone: (415) 927-6960 x3208
- Email: presidents@cmlsf.org
- www.cmlsf.org

Spirit Wear

- Promotes school spirit through the sale of kids' and adults' clothing with NC logo

Community Building

- New Parent Welcome
- Welcome Coffee
- Homecoming Hoedown

Communications & Support

- Oversees and organizes Head Room Parents (HRPs)
- Publishes weekly online newsletter (the "Pink Section") and Community Page
- Coordinates distribution of first Backpack Mail
- Maintains School Sign
- Holds monthly Board and General Membership meetings (General Meetings open to all; voting restricted to Members)

NC PTA Board

President: Catherine Guthrie
Executive VP: Julia Ritter
VP/Health and Safety: Karen Bond
VP/Operations: Erin Langs
VP/Enrichment/Outreach: Sarah Notter
VP/Fundraising: Carolyn Caindec
VP/Volunteer Coordinator: Jamie Bueman
Secretary: Susan Christman
Treasurer: Ann Trunko
Financial Secretary: Debbie Arnowitz
Historian: Kris Wade
Auditor: Pam Bittner
Parliamentarian: Monica Malone

How to Contact the PTA

- Phone: (415) 927.6965
- Email: president@nc-pta.org
- www.nc-pta.org

Please give generously and participate however you can. Both organizations always need more volunteers. Together we make a difference!



CMLSF Board 2008-09: From Left to Right: Barbara Snyder, Maria McKellips, Elein Phipps , Diana Miller, Jen Reidy, Scott Key, Molly Wuthrich, Alicia Kepler, Lianna McSwain, Tim Orlick, Tracey Schuyler, Joanelle Serra, Jeanine Tede. Not Pictured: Kerry Bogardus and Julie Muller.



PTA Board 2008-09: Back Row: Ann Trunko, Pam Bittner, Julia Ritter, Kris Wade. Front Row: Sarah Notter, Debbie Arnowitz, Karen Bond, Carolyn Caindec, Susan Christman, Cathie Guthrie, Monica Malone, Jamie Bueman. Not Pictured: Erin Langs

PTA Committee Chairs 2008-09

Absentee Line Coordinator: Jody Coker, Jodi Glasser
Assemblies: Carolyn Jensen
Back to School Hoedown: Jamie Bueman, Ann LaShelle
Boxtops for Education: Paula Strand, Kathleen Roy
Campus Improvement: Janey Lupario, Fran McKernan
Community Page Editor: Shoshana Fleishman
District Breakfast: Lanae Warner, Ursula Cingolani
Drama Coordinator: Nancy Wilson
Eco Hawk Team Leaders: Cheryl Pole, Susan Christman
Foundation Reps.: Board Member Rotation
Greenraising Sales: Cheryl Vohland, Wendy Robinow
Health & Safety/Backpacks: Dawn Weick
Health & Safety/Container: Karen Bond
Health & Safety/Lice: Gina Vartanian
Holiday Store: Lori Calzaretta, Colleen Flynn
Kindergarten Registration: Lanae Warner, Ursula Cingolani
Lost & Found: Stephanie Evans, Jenny Lawler, Liz Delaney
Lunch/District Subsidy: Lisa Thompson
Lunch Support/Deposits: Paula Turner
Lunch Vendor Liaison: Jenny Tippet
Lunch Team Leader - Mon: Grace Salk, Duane Menting
Lunch Team Leader – Tue: Jackie Grandy

Lunch Team Leader – Wed: Jennifer Newbury, Carolyn Caindec
Lunch Team Leader – Thur: Leslie Gill, Elein Phipps
Lunch Team Leader – Fri: Jody Coker
Lunch Volunteer Recruiter: Jackie Grandy
Membership: Alice Marks, Joanna Zesiger
New Parent Welcome: Lanae Warner, Ursula Cingolani
Parent Education: Andrea Pierpont, Paige Rodgers
Pink Section Editor: Maryann Thompson
Popcorn Sales: Cara O'Connor
Room Parent Coordinator: Stacey Conti, Barbara Snyder
Safe Routes to School: Monica Malone
Screen Awareness: Jen Reidy
Sign Changer: Hanna Kecskes, Debra McGlynn
Sign Coordinator: Erin Langs
Spellathon: Lynn Werner, Margot Segal, Allison Ross
Spirit Wear: Carolyn Caindec, Shoshana Fleishman
Staff Appreciation: Cindy Traverso
Variety Show: Jackie Grandy, Dean Cook
Volunteer Coupon Book: Jamie Bueman
Website Coordinator: Deb Blum
Yearbook Coordinator: Tracey Wirth, Hiromi Ono, Stacey Conti