

Loomis Basin Charter School

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Greetings LBCS Families,

The 2008-2009 school year is off to a great start. Our progress to date is a reflection of the tremendous support and hard work from the Loomis Union School District, the LBCS staff and our LBCS student families. Congratulations and a sincere "thank you" to all that have contributed.

The LBCS has implemented a School Site Alliance (SSA) to assist in identifying school and staff needs and to provide advice to the school administration. With Cindy Uptain's leadership, we formed the first SSA committee in March of 2008. The SSA is composed of equal representation between teachers and parents. We have a formal office structure with a 2 year term of service.

We just held our first school year meeting this past week and we quickly identified an area where we need your help. As families of LBCS students, we all understand the commitment we have made to volunteer service. The amount of enthusiasm and positive energy around volunteering has been tremendous. It appears there is no shortage of parents that are ready and willing to serve in the classrooms. This is much appreciated and highly valued. We appreciate your patience as the teachers and staff prepare opportunities for you to serve in the classrooms.

At the same time we are in need of parents to help out with yard duty and lunch duty. There have been several generous volunteers helping in this area but we simply need more of them more often. We urge you to please consider spending time volunteering at recess and lunch time. There is no experience necessary! And an opportunity like this will certainly satisfy your curiosity about what our kids are doing at lunch and recess!

We realize that many families are simply unable to assist during typical school and business hours. The SSA has identified a unique opportunity for those who can't help out during the week. We are putting together weekend work crews to address needs such as basic landscape maintenance and thorough cleaning of the classrooms. The school takes care of basic custodial and facility services through paid employees. On a periodic basis the classrooms really need a deep cleaning and the outdoor facilities need general cleanup and light landscape work.

This provides an excellent opportunity for families to put in meaningful volunteer time that is outside of the typical school and work week. Yes, the school could pay for these services. But keep in mind that a dollar spent on paying for somebody to pull weeds is a dollar that is not spent in the classrooms. We think it's a wise decision to solicit volunteer help in a situation like this.

Sarah Conover (SSA Secretary) will be coordinating a weekend work day very soon. Please look for an e-mail from Sarah or you can contact her directly at conoverat3@aol.com. Sarah is looking for volunteers and for a coordinator that can handle this responsibility on an ongoing basis.

The SSA is also looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help with grant writing. We are fortunate to have applied for and received several considerable grants thus far. Thank you Cindy and Tammy! There are several more grants we have identified and perhaps many more that we are not even aware of. If you have grant writing experience or if you have the willingness and aptitude to learn a new skill, please contact any one of us on the SSA and we will get you started right away.

Thank you for your continued support and for volunteering your time and talents to the Loomis Basin Charter School.

Warm Regards,

Ron Howard
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2008-2010 LBCS School Site Alliance

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