



PTA NEWS – AUGUST 2010

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

We want to welcome all of you to another great year here at Level Creek Elementary. For those of you who are new to the Level Creek family, we just want you all to know how excited we are to have each and every one of you here! As parents, we can take great pride in all Level Creek has achieved, and we firmly believe that the involvement and commitment of the parents, faculty and staff are what make those achievements possible. Our school is unique among public schools, and hopefully throughout the year, you will see that your child is receiving a top-notch education.

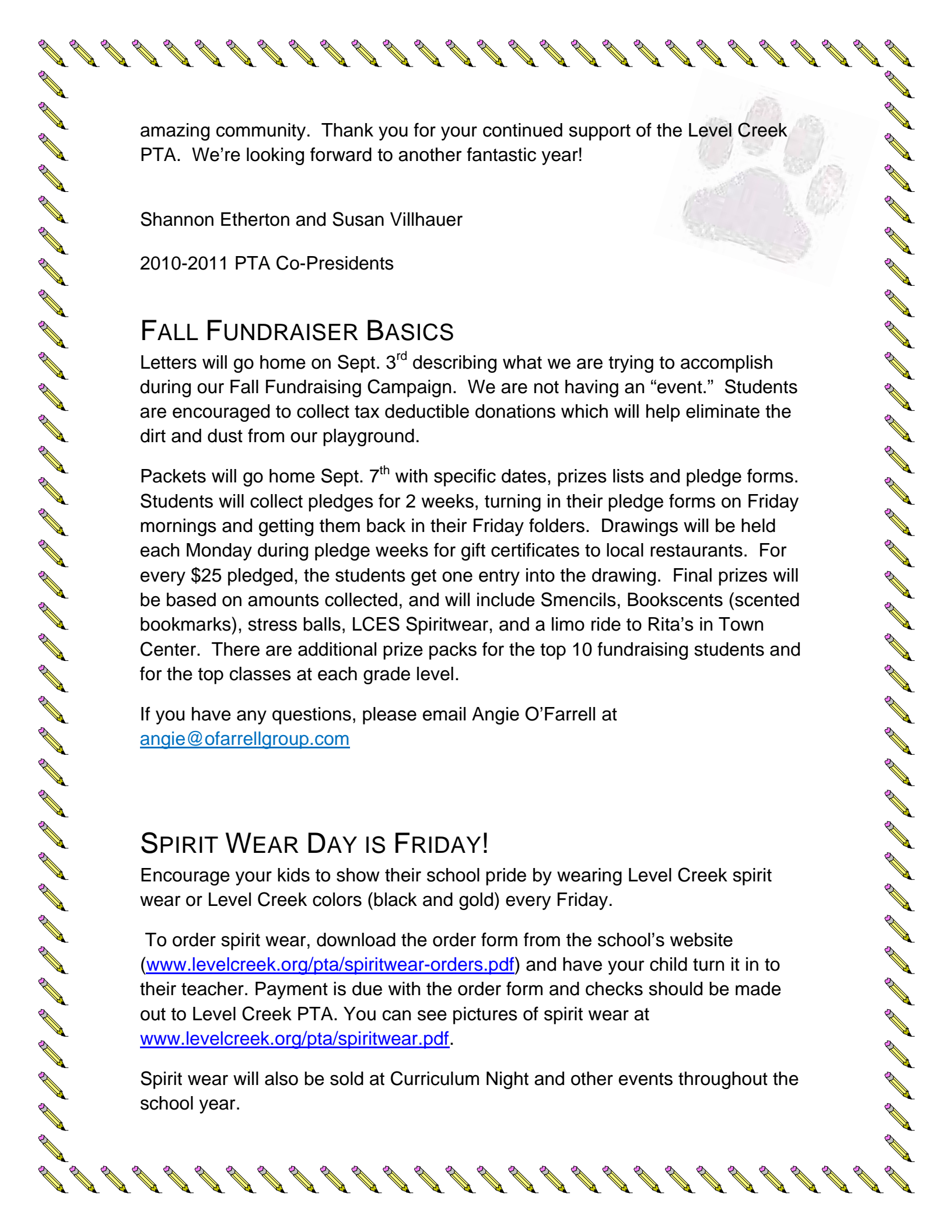
Our PTA plays an important role in the educational experience of each child through enrichment programs, school and staff support and community events. These programs are made possible through the generosity of our members. Thank you to everyone who has already joined the PTA. If you haven't joined already, it's never too late. You can send in your membership form to your child's teacher. There is no time requirement for joining –just simply your support

Every year, the PTA sponsors a fundraiser to enrich our academic curriculum at Level Creek, like Arts in Education, Language Arts, music and technology, just to name a few. A portion of that money is also earmarked for a specific need. This year, we would like to find an environmentally friendly (or GREEN) solution to replacing the dirt and dust on our playground.

We believe that with **your** support we can raise the money our school needs and keep the majority of funds within our school. Our commitment with this fall's fundraiser is to keep 100% of all money raised to support Level Creek and its students.

On September 7th, we will launch a fundraising campaign where the students collect financial pledges from businesses, family and friends in exchange for fabulous prizes, including a limo ride to Town Center Park. Your children will be receiving information about this program in the upcoming weeks. Please join us as we all watch Level Creek turn GREEN.

Thank you to everyone who is already making a difference by giving your time to the Level Creek PTA. We cannot do anything without the generosity of our



amazing community. Thank you for your continued support of the Level Creek PTA. We're looking forward to another fantastic year!

Shannon Etherton and Susan Villhauer

2010-2011 PTA Co-Presidents

FALL FUNDRAISER BASICS

Letters will go home on Sept. 3rd describing what we are trying to accomplish during our Fall Fundraising Campaign. We are not having an "event." Students are encouraged to collect tax deductible donations which will help eliminate the dirt and dust from our playground.

Packets will go home Sept. 7th with specific dates, prizes lists and pledge forms. Students will collect pledges for 2 weeks, turning in their pledge forms on Friday mornings and getting them back in their Friday folders. Drawings will be held each Monday during pledge weeks for gift certificates to local restaurants. For every \$25 pledged, the students get one entry into the drawing. Final prizes will be based on amounts collected, and will include Smencils, Bookscents (scented bookmarks), stress balls, LCES Spiritwear, and a limo ride to Rita's in Town Center. There are additional prize packs for the top 10 fundraising students and for the top classes at each grade level.

If you have any questions, please email Angie O'Farrell at angie@ofarrellgroup.com

SPIRIT WEAR DAY IS FRIDAY!

Encourage your kids to show their school pride by wearing Level Creek spirit wear or Level Creek colors (black and gold) every Friday.

To order spirit wear, download the order form from the school's website (www.levelcreek.org/pta/spiritwear-orders.pdf) and have your child turn it in to their teacher. Payment is due with the order form and checks should be made out to Level Creek PTA. You can see pictures of spirit wear at www.levelcreek.org/pta/spiritwear.pdf.

Spirit wear will also be sold at Curriculum Night and other events throughout the school year.



MEDIA CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Level Creek Elementary Media Center has a need for volunteers to help shelve books, check in/out books and assist with special projects. There is also a book fair held twice a year that is mostly staffed by our wonderful volunteers. If you'd like to dedicate two hours a week (or every other week) to helping our fantastic Media Center, please e-mail Lynne Beach at lynne_beach@bellsouth.net. Please e-mail her with your name, day of the week you'd like to volunteer and the time slot. She'll be happy to get you on the volunteer calendar.

5TH GRADE COMMITTEE FUN

The 5th Grade Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the many fun activities planned for the 5th graders this year. If you are a parent of a 5th grader and would like to be a part of this committee, please e-mail Lynne Beach at lynne_beach@bellsouth.net.

YEARBOOK ORDERING HAS BEGUN...ORDER YOURS NOW!

The 2010-2011 yearbook is hard cover, 112 full color pages of about 2000 candid student and faculty photographs taken at various school activities throughout the year. **The price is \$32.50 and may be ordered online at www.ybpay.com.**

Extra yearbook features that can be purchased:

- **Personalization Line with student's name (\$5.00)**
- **Icons (\$3.00)** - Icons can be added to express their student's special interests (clubs, sports, etc.). Options can be viewed on the website or order form and are only available if the personalization option is also ordered.
- **Zoom Current Events (\$3.00)** – Sixteen full-color pages packed with information and vivid photos from the year's top stories.
- **Sticky's (\$2.50)** – Removable yearbook stickers let students have fun personalizing the pages of their yearbooks. Includes 65 colorful stickers.



How to Place Your Order:

- **Order Online at www.ybpay.com:** Once on the ybpay homepage, you will select “locate school” and select the appropriate state and city information from the drop down menus in order to pull up Level Creek Elementary. The system is easy to use, and will walk you step by step through the ordering process. Please save a copy of your receipt for your records.
- **By Mail:** If you are unable to order online you can order by mailing in the order form (which will be available in the next 1-2 weeks) with a check for the appropriate amount made out to Lifetouch Publishing. **PLEASE do NOT** send in order forms or money to the school, **all** orders will be handled directly by Lifetouch.

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Please direct yearbook questions to Shannon Mahoney at sbmahoney@att.net.
Thank you!