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# Virginia PTA

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## Virginia PTA Mission

### Statement

To Advocate on Behalf  
of All Children and  
Youth

To Promote Positive  
Parenting

To Encourage Parent  
and Public  
Involvement in the  
Health, Education, and  
Welfare of  
Children and Youth

## Under the Sea

Dear Parents:

It is with mixed feelings that I write my last letter to you as principal of Landstown Elementary School. I will certainly miss being part of the entire community. Being the principal here has been a wonderful experience for me. You entrusted me with your children and I will always be eternally grateful.

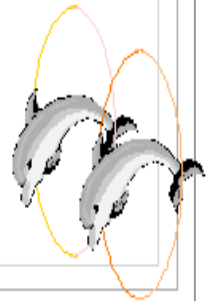
As we end another school year, I want to say thanks to every Landstown family for working so well with the staff and administration. You send us such wonderful, bright, energetic, imaginative, and simply marvelous students. We have truly enjoyed working with each of you and each of them. Together we have spelled SUCCESS!

Successful school opening!  
Successful cultural arts events!  
Successful PTA family events!  
Successful student achievement!  
Successful staff appreciation by Landstown families!  
Successful field trips!  
Successful school programs!

As I look back on all that has been accomplished, I cannot help but be amazed at how far our students have come. They have learned so many things about how to communicate their thoughts and ideas, how to contribute in worthwhile ways and how to enjoy the spectacular wonders around us. Our students are older, more confident, more expressive, and more willing to make the world a better place. While it has come to be an overused expression, once again we see the power of the phrase *“it takes a village to raise a child”*. You are certainly a part of that village.

As I close, know that I will always have fond memories of the students, staff, and community. You will remain in my heart forever.

Fondly,  
Lavern Chatman  
Principal



Parents,

Please make sure your child has his or her glasses and coat.  
There are several in the lost and found. If these items are  
missing please contact the office! Thank you.

## President's Message

May 2007 Dear LES Families,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and accomplishment that I start my final letter to you as your PTA president. It has been an amazing journey. I look back at the many events and the many things we have all accomplished this year by working together. I must thank everyone for their cooperation toward this achievement, especially my fellow board members for all the help and counsel they have provided me. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for their efforts and sacrifices on behalf of our kids. And just the same, we could not have accomplished all we have done together without the cooperation, assistance, and counsel of our administrators; Ms. Chatman, Ms Hollandsworth and Ms Butler, as well as the school's staff. They are a very important part of all of the PTA's efforts. But mostly, I must thank all you - the families of Landstown Elementary. You are the heart of this organization and we could not have accomplished our goals without you! Of course I am not going far. I will remain involved with the PTA next year. But we will be led by an energetic and dedicated parent with great new ideas. Please join me in extending our thanks and a warm welcome to our next President, Alanna Bobulinski. If you extend to her the support, guidance, assistance, and effort you extended to me, I am sure we will have another wonderful year for the PTA and our kids.

I chose to serve as PTA President for the same reason that all of you do what you do for your child's education - to enhance their educational experience and support the school. I believe we have all succeeded and the kids have benefited. The PTA does what it does because of YOU, so let me also take this last opportunity to implore all of you to get involved in the PTA. Please consider making this year the year to make it happen. The school and the kids need your help always. Our final event of the year is Field Day on June 8th and we need every available volunteer to help. This is a wonderful event filled with displays, interactive demonstrations and lots of FUN! If you could donate just a few hours of your time, it would mean so much to the school and the kids.

And now, over to you Alanna, with my heartfelt best wishes and thank you to Landstown Elementary. It has been a privilege for me to be your PTA President. I wish you all the best, always.



Have a great summer.  
Sincerely,  
Cindy Furman

Landstown Elementary PTA President



## Programs

My deepest Thank You to all Landstown Families

It has been my pleasure to serve the staff and students at Landstown Elementary this 2006-2007 school year. It is sad that the school year is coming to a close and with that brings many memories, stories, and "Summer Vacation"! Yea! All those who participated in events( PTA and school sponsored), copying, fundraising, Room parents, having lunch with your child, "Happy Grams", "Sol Hugs", and volunteering any way you can we can not thank you enough for all that you have done. This year would not have been the same without you.

Just before the school year comes to a close, Field Day will be happening on June 8th from 8 am -2 pm. This is a HUGE event and requires the help of volunteers, parents, staff, students and PTA. You will be seeing flyers come home advertising the event and looking for volunteers. If you can please come out and be with the children for the day. It is really shaping up to be quite the event. We will have Marine Helicopter, CHKD transport, DARE, Gold's Gym, Army, K-9 unit, Bookmobile, Virginia Beach Fire and Police departments, railroad safety, and many many more. Yes, all this and the students all get to participate in sports events and just have some good old fashion fun!

I look forward to serving all of the families and students again at Landstown next year. Have a great and safe summer and see everyone again in September!

Alanna Bobulinski  
1st VP Programs/Public Relations

[HTTP://WWW.LANDSTOWNES.VBSCHOOLS.COM](http://www.landstownes.vbschools.com)

## Citizen of the Month

February-- Honesty

Congratulations Amairani Garcia-Contreras  
of Ms. Tesson's Kindergarten class.

March-- Cooperation

Great job to Italy Holland in Ms. Tesson's  
Kindergarten class

April- Self Control

Congratulations to Donovan Mulrooney of  
Ms. Myers 3rd Grade class.

Each child has shown that with the help of those around them that they can go above and beyond, showing special qualities and commitments that make each one stand out to be very special in the Citizenship category for the month. Those students who become Citizen of the Month show that they have pride in themselves, their school, and others. To all the students of Landstown Elementary

– Congratulations!

**WAY TO GO DOLPHINS!**

[WWW.VAPTA.ORG](http://www.vapta.org)

## Membership

Greeting to the Landstown community. The LES PTA board would like to congratulate Mrs. Tesson's PM Kindergarten class and Mrs. Nickel's class for winning the last membership contest of the 2006-2007 school year. Both classes enjoyed an ice cream party on May 11. I would also like to once again congratulate and thank the parents and children of Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Price's class for winning the other two membership contests this year. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the Landstown community as your Vice President of Membership. I would like to thank everyone who joined the LES PTA for joining. Your membership dues helped pay for many of the fine programs the PTA helped sponsor this year. Two of the programs The LES PTA helped sponsored this year were the mobile Marine Science Museum for the Kindergarten classes and the Brazilian dance troop for the whole school. Your membership dues really do make a difference to our school. I look forward to working with the Landstown community again next year. Enjoy your summer and see you in the fall.

Teri Barbee  
2nd Vice President

### With The Expressed Support Of Our Community, Sentara Will Bring Healthcare Closer To Where You Live, Work And Play.

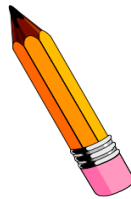
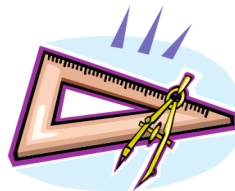
The Sentara Princess Anne Health Campus will continue to grow in the years ahead and the master plan includes the Sentara Princess Anne Hospital. But to build that hospital, Sentara is required to obtain approval by the State. That's where your help is needed. Log onto [www.sentara.com/princessanne](http://www.sentara.com/princessanne) or call 1-800-SENTARA and join your friends and neighbors who are already part of the excitement. Volunteer opportunities are available to show your support for the Sentara Princess Anne Hospital. Become a Sentara Princess Anne Ambassador and receive health campus updates and exclusive gifts. Your help is needed! Join today.

## The SOLs Are Finally Here!

This week students in third and fifth grade will be participating in the Virginia Standards of Learning tests. Though they began yesterday, there are still things you can do to help your student do his/her best.

- o Make sure your child gets plenty of rest! A tired mind won't do its best!
- o Don't be late! Students will be eating breakfast in their homeroom every morning this week.
- o Encourage, Encourage, Encourage! Let your child know how proud you are of them and their hard work.
- o If your child is going to be absent on an SOL testing day this week (which we hope doesn't happen), be sure to call the school by 7:45 that morning. 430-2733

The schedule for testing is as follows with testing beginning promptly at 8:30. Next week will be testing make-ups and the fourth grade tests.



### Third Grade:

Monday - Reading  
Tuesday - Reading  
Wednesday - Math  
Thursday - Science  
Friday - History

### Fifth Grade:

Monday - Reading  
Tuesday - Math  
Wednesday - Science  
Thursday - History  
Friday - Make-ups



### Fourth Grade:

Wednesday, May 30th - Reading  
Thursday, May 31st - Math

## Getting Pumped to Trump the SOLs!

During the last several months, teachers throughout Landstown Elementary have been working hard to have students excited about the SOL tests. Last week, students in grades three through five had more fun than they expected! Many students enjoyed dancing at the SOL dance that was held after school on May 15th. If that wasn't exciting enough, the entire school participated in an SOL Pep Rally later in the week. We even had local celebrities Nicole Livas from FOX 43 and Regina Mobley from WVEC 13 stop by to offer some words of encouragement and support. We are all looking forward to the success of our Landstown Dolphins and we thank all of our parents for your help and encouragement at home!

Summer Camp & Sports Physicals are now being offered at **Pediatrics at Princess Anne**, located on the Sentara Princess Anne health campus. Doctors Melissa Lexier and Lisa Stephens both bring experience, skill and pediatric expertise to the campus. Please call **Pediatrics at Princess Anne** at 757-507-0255 to schedule an appointment. Go to [www.sentara.com/princessanne](http://www.sentara.com/princessanne) for more details.

The Landstown Elementary School PTA Scholarship committee would like to congratulate Jacquelyn McEntee as the winner of the Shirley D. Barco Annual Scholarship. Ms. McEntee is a senior at Landstown High School and will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall. We wish her much success.



# Happy Grams



My daughter is SPECIAL because she is my light in the darkness; the very meaning of BEAUTY and Intelligence. When I am in doubt, I need only to look at her face to understand the why, what and how... Thank you Melissiana -- I love you!

Deepest appreciation to Mrs. Andersen and Mrs. Montero for helping our son Kirtis Joe adjust to the world of school. Kirt and Karen Joe

Andre is an awesome kid. He is full of energy and always wants to help someone. We are very proud of him and we want him to know we love him. You made us very PROUD Andre. Great job this year!

Maddy has a very sweet heart and is a very bright young lady. She has a great sense of humor and always makes people laugh. She helps her Dad and me a lot around the house by folding laundry, putting dishes away, and picking up. She also helps a lot with her little sister. She gives incredible wonderful hugs, even if the do often come with puppy kisses! Love Mom

I thank Mrs. Weers and Ms. Carey for being excellent teachers to our son Jamie. We will miss them a bunch and so our daughter and her classmates as well. I wish the teachers the best for the next year and will always treasure them.

Joshua is a great student and will do his best throughout the end of the year. Joshua enjoys learning from all his teachers!

Dana is a good girl and she will work hard throughout the rest of the year!!

Tyler Moore - great job on making Dolphin Club! You are doing an awesome job in First Grade! We love you! Mom and Dad

Cole Moore - great job on making honor roll! You tired so hard - your hard work paid off! Also for the citizen of the month. We love you Mom and Dad

What makes Ashley special is her smile and her love for life. Her amazing ability to laugh and care about others. Ashley, I want to thank you for being such an awesome little girl. we love you very much and thank you for making us smile. Love Rob

We are very proud of you son (Marc Cate) for being an Outstanding Citizen of the Month and most of all for your good grades. Mrs. Haberdash, we are so grateful for all your patience and handwork. Marc, you are always outstanding to our life. Mom and Dad

Mary - You are a special big sister, because you look out for me. Love Victoria

Derrick is a very obedient son. He reads a book everyday and significantly reduced his TV watching. Keep up the good work DJ! Mom and Dad loves you. Thanks Ms. Sykes and Ms. Swager for giving Patrick the best year ever! Mr. and Mrs. Brown

Stephen - Congratulations on making the Principal's List. All your hard work is paying off! Keep it up. I am so proud of you. Love Mom and James

Our sons Anthony and Joshua are the GREATEST kids ever! I couldn't have asked God for better kids. They are both doing awesome in school. They are growing up way too fast. Keep up the good work guys, school is almost over. Happy Birthday Anthony!! We love you guys!! Love Mommy and Rodney

Brooklyn - you worked so hard this year and we are very proud of you! Great job in the 4th grade! Keep up the good work and keep trying your hardest. Love Mom and Dad

Samantha - we are so proud of you! You have done a great job in Kindergarten! Keep up the good work and always try your hardest! Love Mom and Dad

Joseph - We are so proud of you! Keep up the hard work. We love you!! Love Mom and Dad

The reason Jason is very special is because he is very protective. He always cares about his mom, when I was hurt he would go get the medicine and water for me. He is a good boy.

Well, my child Arvin Rosete, has been special and fun all the time. Arvin has gotten all of his grades to a 4 in the third quarter. He always makes our family laugh. Keep up the good work! We also want to thank Ms. Price for helping Arvin to be a good student. D



Kate is such a bright and beautiful young lady. Work hard in school and read to your sisters. Practice your math and do your chores to help mommy and daddy. We are so proud of you. Aunt Stacia, Gabe and Uncle Tony



My teacher Ms. Korday is nice. My teacher is nice because we learn. From: Caitlin Alverio

Victoria Thomas - We are proud of you. Love Mom, Dad, and Mary



Dear Ciara, you od a super job in 4th grade! We are so proud of you. You earned excellent grades, showed excellent behavior, and have been the best daughter anyone could hope for. You have worked so hard at ODC and in school and you are a supper star! We will always love you. Mom and Dad

Emily - congratulations on making Principal's List again, you have been working hard and we are proud of you. Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Lily

You've had a great year and you really try hard. Good Job! Keep up the great work. Love Mom, Dad, and Antonio

Nathan Jenkins - We are very proud of you. You have really done a great job in the 1st grade. Miss Johns has really brought out the best in you. We love you! Mom, Dad, and sister



**Landstown Elementary School  
Field Day Committee and PTA  
Presents:**

**Field Day 2007  
June 8  
8:00am-2:00pm**

*Operation Lifesaver  
Railroad Safety*

*Virginia Beach Fire and  
Safety Department*

*Virginia Beach  
SPCA*

*US Army Field Artillery  
Display*

*Storyteller and  
Bookmobile*

*Exercise and  
Fitness*

*US Marine Squadron  
HMM-774  
Display: CH46-E Sea Knight*

*Personal Trainers by  
Gold's Gym*

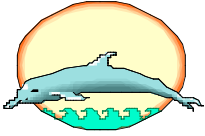
*Virginia Beach Police  
Department and DARE*

*CHKD Transport  
Team*



Here is your chance to join the students of Landstown Elementary as they participate in a day of GREAT activities ranging from sports and exercise to just plain FUN! We will need the help of parent volunteers to aid presenters, oversee displays, and assist with all other special activities. As in years past, it takes wonderful volunteers like you to make this event a success. Please volunteer as much as you would like for the day. If you have any questions, contact us at [ptaeditor1@cox.net](mailto:ptaeditor1@cox.net) or 468-9786. Please, fill out the form below and send it back to school. All volunteers will be provided lunch and refreshments.

Thank you for your continuing support.



# PTA Parent Questionnaire

The Purpose of this survey is to get your comments about the Landstown Elementary PTA and its activities. Your answers will be kept confidential. Please complete this survey and return it by June 8, 2007. **All returned surveys will be entered in a raffle for a Sony personal CD player.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone / email \_\_\_\_\_

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the most important and 5 being least important, please rank these PTA activities in order of importance or value.

\_\_\_\_ Fundraising to subsidize programs and to purchase materials not funded by tax dollars.

\_\_\_\_ Communicating with parents about topics of interest or concern.

\_\_\_\_ Coordinating and sponsoring family programs.

\_\_\_\_ Lobbying for issues regarding child advocacy.

2. Do you feel the PTA does a good job communicating with parents? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

3. Would you like the PTA to take a more active role in helping you communicate ideas or suggestions to the faculty and staff? This might include the quality of student lunches, ect. \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_No

4. Do you read the flyers the PTA sends home in the Tuesday Dolphin folders? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

5. Have you ever requested assistance or information from the PTA? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, did you receive a prompt response? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No what did you request? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Which of these past PTA sponsored events have you attended? (check all that apply)

\_\_\_ Health Fair \_\_\_ Movie Night \_\_\_ Bingo Night \_\_\_ Spaghetti Night \_\_\_ Multi- Cultural Fair

\_\_\_ Grade Level Concerts \_\_\_ Boo Hoo Breakfast \_\_\_ Holiday Shop \_\_\_ Spring Carnival \_\_\_ Math / Science Night

7. If you haven't attended these programs, why not?

\_\_\_ Subject matter does not meet my needs. \_\_\_ Too busy/schedule conflicts \_\_\_ Not interested

\_\_\_ No child care available \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What new events or programs would like to see added by the PTA?

9. What current event or programs do you no longer want the PTA to offer?

10. If an activity or event were to be added would you be willing to help the LES PTA organize it? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

11. Are you a PTA Member? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No / Would you join the PTA next year \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

12. a. Why did you join the PTA?

b. Why didn't you join the PTA?

13. Would you volunteer for the PTA if asked? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

14. Which PTA fundraisers has your family participated in?

\_\_\_ Dutch Mill Bulbs \_\_\_ Believe Catalog \_\_\_ Holiday Shop \_\_\_ Happy grams / Sol Hugs

15. PTA Meetings and projects are: \_\_\_ Very Helpful \_\_\_ Helpful \_\_\_ Not Helpful

16. Over all I feel the PTA is: \_\_\_ Very Helpful \_\_\_ Helpful \_\_\_ Not Helpful

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