



# LesterPTA Committee Descriptions

## 2024-2025



The PTA is an integral part of the Lester community. The mission of Lester PTA is to make every child's potential a reality. We help support Lester students while providing as many exciting and enriching activities as possible. The impact that the PTA has on students, teachers, parents and our community is second to none.

We want every family to feel like they are a part of this community and hope that you will consider joining us as a PTA volunteer. All of our events and programs take dedication from our community members. Each one of us has different skills, talents and resources that are needed to make Lester what it is. Your involvement helps support a variety of school activities and programs while creating a fun, engaging and positive community!

The volunteer time commitment for PTA-sponsored activities varies from short term projects to year round projects. Your contribution – no matter the manner or size – is appreciated and welcomed.

Please read below for a list of all Lester PTA committee descriptions and a timeline for the committee work.  
If you have any questions, please contact: Angie Erickson, VP Programs - [vpprograms@lesterpta.com](mailto:vpprograms@lesterpta.com)

### YEAR ROUND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

([afterschoolclubs@lesterpta.com](mailto:afterschoolclubs@lesterpta.com))

Arrange outside organizations to provide after school clubs and enrichment for students. Examples include BAM Theatre, Foreign Language, Chess Club, and more.

#### **ART AWARENESS**

([ArtAwareness@lesterpta.com](mailto:ArtAwareness@lesterpta.com))

Students learn about a specific artist and their work. Students will then create their own masterpiece using what they learned about the artist for inspiration! A chairperson will develop the lesson plan and identify an art project for the students to make. Volunteers will visit a classroom to present the pre-written lesson about the artist to students and guide the students to make their own art masterpiece.

#### **BIRTHDAY BULLETIN BOARD**

([BirthdayBulletinBoard@lesterpta.com](mailto:BirthdayBulletinBoard@lesterpta.com))

This committee maintains the hallway birthday bulletin board to acknowledge staff and student birthdays. Volunteers will sign up to decorate for a month, prepare decorations for the board and come into school to put them on the board.

#### **DINE OUT**

The Dine Out chairperson arranges fundraising opportunities with local restaurants. A special dine out day is scheduled, and Lester PTA earns a portion of sales made that night.

#### **FUN LUNCH**

([HotFood@lesterpta.com](mailto:HotFood@lesterpta.com))

Organize hot lunches that are offered to students twice per month. Volunteers help serve pre-ordered food to students during lunch times at school.

#### **TEACHER HOSPITALITY / APPRECIATION**

Provide food / drinks in the staff lounge several times throughout the year including back to school, conferences and some holidays. Volunteers sign up to bring in specific food/ drink items, arrange food, drinks and treats for Lester staff. Do you enjoy baking? This volunteer opportunity is the one for you!

## **LESTER GARDENS**

(LesterGardens@lesterpta.com)

Volunteers keep the Lester Gardens beautiful all year round by planting, weeding, mulching and watering. Do you have a green thumb? Share your gardening passion with the Lester Gardens!

## **ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR / CLASS AMBASSADOR**

(RoomParentCoordinator@lesterpta.com)

The Room Parent Coordinator organizes a lead room parent for each classroom and serves as a liaison for room parents throughout the year. The Room Parent Coordinator will provide communication guidelines to room parents for classroom events/ parties, arranging for class gifts to the teacher and other messages throughout the year.

The Class Ambassador consists of 1-2 parents per grade level to coordinate social outings throughout the school year. The outings can be adult nights out and/or family events.

*\*A separate sign-up form will be sent out for room parent volunteers.\**

## **SPIRIT WEAR**

Serve as the PTA liaison to arrange for Lester spirit wear.

## **TEACHER SUPPORT**

(TeacherSupport@lesterpta.com)

Volunteers are needed on a weekly basis during school hours to help teachers with various classroom duties, such as copying and cutting. One or two additional volunteers are needed that can commit to a certain day/time each week that they will be able to go to the Lester office to help.

## **FALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **CULTURAL FAIR**

(culturalfair@lesterpta.com)

Planning is underway for Lester's first Cultural Fair! Visit various booths with information, food, music, maps, and more! Students can visit these booths to receive passport stamps as they "travel" around the world. Volunteers may be needed for planning, organizing, set up, take down, etc. Please volunteer if you are interested in helping with this new event!

### **FUN RUN / RUNNING OF THE LEOPARDS**

(FunRun@lesterpta.com)

Our annual Running of the Leopards takes place each fall and is one of the largest fundraisers for the school. Volunteers assist with managing the event, collecting donations, designating the running route and helping on the day of the event.

### **REFLECTIONS**

(Reflections@lesterpta.com)

Reflections is a national PTA program that encourages student entries in music, photography, visual arts, literature, creative arts, film, and dance. Volunteers help with organization and submission of entries.

### **SIXTH GRADE YEARBOOK**

Sixth grade yearbook works closely with the Sixth Grade Party committee chairs to facilitate collection of photos, information, and memories to contribute to the special Sixth Grade Yearbook.

\* There will be separate committees for the Fifth Grade class during that transitional year.

### **VARIETY SHOW**

(varietyshow@lesterpta.com)

We are excited to showcase student talents with Lester's Annual Variety Show! This event, to be held at an offsite location, will focus on students' talents and skills. Parent volunteers will help plan, review student submissions and organize the event.

## WINTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **READING GAMES LIAISON**

This is a district-wide initiative for grades 3rd and up. The Reading Games Liaison works with the district committee to organize the event and keep Lester informed of deadlines, writes questions for the event and volunteers at the event.

### **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

(ScienceOlympiad@lesterpta.com)

This after school event held in winter brings everything we love about science to Lester. Students are broken up into small groups and are led through different hands-on science activities by parent volunteers. This program requires many parent volunteers to lead the activities and guide the small groups. It is a night of exploring, experimenting and extra fun for everyone involved!

### **WINTER FUNDRAISER**

(WinterFundraiser@lesterpta.com)

Whether your area of expertise is event planning/ decorating, donation solicitation, or marketing, or you can lend a hand the day of the event, we need your help! Join us in making this year's Winter Fundraiser a huge success!

### **NOMINATIONS**

Receives nominations for incoming PTA board members and presents a single nominee for each available position.

## SPRING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **AUTHOR FEST**

This is a district-wide initiative for 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders to visit with an author for a few hours, usually in April. A volunteer is needed to serve as the Lester liaison to help plan for the author visit.

### **EXPRESSIONS ART SHOW**

(ExpressionsArtShow@lesterpta.com)

Prepares students' art work to display at the spring open house. Volunteers help hang the art before the open house and five volunteers are needed to take down the art afterwards.

### **FAMILY READING NIGHT**

(FamilyReadingNight@lesterpta.com)

Family Reading Night is an event to encourage reading and learning in students. The night is focused around a theme/topic and consists of story time and a presentation by a guest speaker. Each student receives a book for coming to the event.

### **FIELD DAY**

(FieldDay@lesterpta.com)

This is an annual event held in the last few days of the school year. Volunteers work games & activities that are organized by the PE teacher to promote fitness. Volunteers also help distribute lunch during Field Day.

### **PHILANTHROPY/ SCHOLARSHIP**

(Philanthropy@lesterpta.com)

Several college scholarships are awarded to former Lester students in the spring each year. Volunteers help review applications to select the scholarship recipient(s).

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

(SchoolSupplies@lesterpta.com)

Lester families can order school supply kits before the start of summer break. This volunteer role helps identify the school supply vendor and communicates with families about how to place orders for the following school year.

### **SPECIAL PERSON EVENTS**

Students choose between two different events and invite a special adult to join them. Volunteers help with the planning

of the events (decorations, refreshments, raffle baskets, etc.) as well as volunteers on the day of the dance to help with set-up, clean-up, and assist during the events. Volunteers may be needed to chaperone during the event.

### **SPRING BOOK FAIR**

Lester's book fair takes place each spring. Volunteers help setup, staff and clean-up at the book fairs.

### **SIXTH GRADE PARTY**

This committee plans the end of year party for exiting 6<sup>th</sup> graders and organizes volunteers to assist with day-of-event activities, books DJ and coordinates slideshow.

\* There will be separate committees for the Fifth Grade class during that transitional year.

### **SUMMER MATH CLUB**

(SummerMathClub@lesterpta.com)

The summer math club promotes student learning over the summer by providing various worksheets for students to complete and turn in for prizes. Help is needed at the end of the year and during the summer. Volunteers are needed to coordinate distribution of Summer Math Folders to participants and supervise one collection day at the library.

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Teacher Appreciation Week occurs during the first week of May. Lester families show teachers and staff their appreciation for their hard work. Volunteers may help prepare for decorations leading up to Teacher Appreciation Week and then help decorate the staff lounge. During Teacher Appreciation Week, volunteers will arrange food, drinks, and other refreshments throughout the week, order wish list items, and help set up and clean up the tables in the teacher lounge.

## **SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **CUB CLUB**

(CubClub@lesterpta.com)

Cub Club is a casual opportunity for both our incoming Lester kindergartners and their parents to get to know each other before the start of the school year. Committee chairs coordinate three or four park meet-ups throughout the summer and early school year for the incoming kindergarten families.

### **FIT BOYS CLUB**

(FitBoys@lesterpta.com)

This is a running club for 5th and 6th grade boys to prepare them for the annual fun run "Running of the Leopards" in the fall. Students will meet after school several times during the week for workouts and runs. Volunteers will get a head start planning before the school year starts so that Fit Boys can begin during the first week of school. \* If 4th grade parents are interested in volunteering for this during the 25-26 school year, this club may include 4th grade boys. The program must be open to both girl and boy 4th graders in order to include any 4th graders.

### **FIT GIRLS CLUB**

(FitGirls@lesterpta.com)

This is a running club for 5th and 6th grade girls to prepare them for the annual fun run "Running of the Leopards" in the fall. Students will meet after school several times during the week for workouts and runs. Volunteers will get a head start planning before the school year starts so that Fit Girls can begin during the first week of school. \* If 4th grade parents are interested in volunteering for this during the 25-26 school year, this club may include 4th grade girls. The program must be open to both girl and boy 4th graders in order to include any 4th graders.

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL/ BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY**

The social event to kick-off the start of the school year at Lester. Free ice cream and/or popsicles are provided to attendees. This event provides families an opportunity to mix and mingle with the Lester Community and get information regarding various events, clubs, and committees. Volunteers are needed during the summer to help plan the event, help pick up supplies before the event and then volunteer at the event.