



PTA Committee Descriptions

2022-2023



We continue to need support from our Lester families and community by volunteering for different programs and school activities. Lester PTA is grateful for the dedicated members who are able to support our organization by generously donating their time and talent.

We offer a variety of PTA sponsored activities and commitment times vary.

A list of all Lester PTA committee descriptions is provided below including ways in which volunteers may help.

If interested, please complete the online sign-up using the following link by **Friday, September 16th, 2022**.

A committee member will be in contact with you in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact:
Angela Hassan, VP Programs - vpprograms@lesterpta.com

<https://forms.LesterVolunteer>

PTA FUNDRAISING EVENTS

FUN RUN / RUNNING OF THE LEOPARDS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Julie Jurek / Katie Frick (FunRun@lesterpta.com)

This annual event is held in the fall and is one of the largest fundraisers for the school. Volunteers are needed to assist in managing the event, collecting donations, designating the running route, and helping on the day of the event.

WINTER FUNDRAISER

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Kara Gordon / Adriana Karawan / Kristen Avery (WinterFundraiser@lesterpta.com)

Volunteers needed for the PTA's largest fundraiser of the year! Whether your area of expertise is event planning, 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!

SCHOOL PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES

ART AWARENESS

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Shawna Smith / Stephanie Brockway (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! Volunteers needed to present a lesson about the artist to students in the classroom.

EXPRESSIONS ART SHOW

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: **NEED CHAIR AND/OR CO-CHAIRS** (ExpressionsArtShow@lesterpta.com)

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

FALL / SPRING BOOK FAIR

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Katie Kadlec / Sydney Musselman (FallBookFair@lesterpta.com, SpringBookFair@lesterpta.com)

Book fair event held during the fall and spring. Volunteers are needed to help setup, staff, and clean-up at the book fairs.

FIELD DAY

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Ainsley Sumlin / Tina Nammari (FieldDay@lesterpta.com)

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

FUN LUNCH

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Lisa Kelsey / Shannon Degiulio (HotFood@lesterpta.com)

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

REFLECTIONS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Karissa Campione / **NEED CO-CHAIR** (Reflections@lesterpta.com)

National PTA program that encourages student entries in music, photography, visual arts, literature, creative arts, film, and dance. Several volunteers are needed to help with organization and submission of entries.

SIXTH GRADE

This committee is separated into two distinct parts:

SIXTH GRADE PARTY: *COMMITTEE CHAIR(S):* Jen Gawel / Andrea Paris / Lisa Kelsey (SixthGradeParty@lesterpta.com)

Plans end of year party for exiting 6th graders. Organizes volunteers to assist with day-of-event activities, books DJ, and coordinates slideshow.

SIXTH GRADE YEARBOOK: *COMMITTEE CHAIR:* Andrea Paris

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.

FAMILY / STUDENT EVENTS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Stephanie Brockway / Lisa Kelsey (ChalktheWalk@lesterpta.com)

Plans 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 to pick up supplies before the event and to work at the event. ****Volunteering will take place for the summer 2023 event.****

CUB CLUB

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Alison Gustafson / Tina Nammari (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.

CULTURAL FAIR

COMMITTEE CHAIR: James Milkert (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!

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Shannon Matesi / Sahar Solcum (DaddyDaughter@lesterpta.com)

A fun night planned in February for dads and their daughters that attend Lester. Volunteers are needed to help with the planning of the dance (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 dance. Approximately 15-20 volunteers will be needed.

FAMILY READING NIGHT

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Angela Hassan / Shawna Tarnow (FamilyReadingNight@lesterpta.com)

Family Reading Night is a spring 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.

FIT BOYS CLUB

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Jennifer Gawel (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.

FIT GIRLS CLUB

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Candice Richmond (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.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Angie Erickson (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!

MOTHER-SON EVENT

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Sara Schad / Angie Erickson (MotherSon@lesterpta.com)

This is a yearly game night or fun night out held in spring for mothers to spend time with their sons that attend Lester. Volunteers are needed to help plan the event, source donations for prizes, set up, clean up, facilitate the games, man the prize and raffle tables, man the refreshments table, and supervise. Volunteers on the night of the event are desired to be parents of daughters so that organizers can spend time with their sons at the event.

VARIETY SHOW

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Maggie Calder (varietyshow@lesterpta.com)

We are excited to showcase student talents with Lester's First Annual Variety Show! This event, to be held at the Tivoli, will focus on students' talents and skills. Students can perform individually or with a group of other students. Parent volunteers will be needed to help plan, go through submissions, and organize the event.

OTHER PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Mary Beth Mariner (afterschoolclubs@lesterpta.com)

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

BIRTHDAY BULLETIN BOARD

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Karissa Campione (BirthdayBulletinBoard@lesterpta.com)

This committee maintains the hallway birthday bulletin board to acknowledge staff and student birthdays. Volunteers are needed to prepare decorations for the board each month and come into school to put them on the board.

HOSPITALITY / TEACHER APPRECIATION

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Sara Schad / Kristen Wiklund (Hospitality-Refreshments@lesterpta.com)

Provides food / drinks for various school events, conferences, and staff birthdays, as well as organizes teacher appreciation events in the spring. This committee is separated into two distinct parts:

TEACHER BIRTHDAYS / CONFERENCES

Arranges food, drinks, and treats for Lester staff for parent teacher conference nights and for a quarterly birthday table arrangement. Volunteers are needed to provide food and refreshments, decorate, and put together small gifts.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

This occurs during the first week of May and Lester families show teachers and staff their appreciation for their hard work. Volunteers are needed to help 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.

LESTER GARDENS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Andrea Paris / Julia Salisbury (LesterGardens@lesterpta.com)

Volunteers are needed year-round to help plant, weed, mulch and water all the beautiful gardens around Lester School.

NOMINATIONS

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Katy O'Donnell (Nominations@lesterpta.com)

Receives nominations for incoming PTA board members.

PHILANTHROPY/ SCHOLARSHIP

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Jill Schwartzers (Philanthropy@lesterpta.com)

Coordinates fundraising for charity or scholarships. Several college scholarships are awarded to former Lester students in the spring each year. Volunteers are needed to help review applications and with the selection process.

PLAYGROUND

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Patty Esslinger / Angela Hassan (Playground@lesterpta.com)

Coordinates the continued maintenance on the turf surface and any other items that come up, as needed.

ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR / CLASS AMBASSADOR

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Jen Gawel (RoomParentCoordinator@lesterpta.com)

The Room Parent Coordinator organizes a lead Room Parent for each classroom, who contacts volunteers for classroom events and parties. 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.****

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Jackie Szalanski / Karissa Campione (SchoolSupplies@lesterpta.com)

Lester families can order school supply kits before the start of summer break. Volunteers are needed in the week before school to help sort, label and distribute student kits.

SUMMER MATH CLUB

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Erik Duda (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 SUPPORT

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Heather Phegley (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.