

To my fellow LVPA Parents!

My name is Carrie Hrichak and I am honored to have been appointed the first President of the first LVPA parent group. Like many of you, I have been very involved in my daughters' elementary and middle schools and have been looking for an opportunity to help at the high school level. This fall, we will have a junior instrumental major and freshman vocal major at LVPA. Although my career path took me elsewhere, I have a strong background in instrumental and vocal music, dance, and musical theater and support this school 100%.

We are very excited about the formation of the new LVPA Parents' Association. We have been meeting this summer and are now ready to hit the ground running. Though we have had a good turnout for the summer meetings, I am sure there are many more of you with great ideas, resources, and contacts. As you all know, our school is not traditional, so our approach to fundraising and community involvement/awareness must not be either.

As parents of students who attend a charter school, we are faced with many challenges. As most of you know, Governor Corbett's educational budget cuts have significantly affected most of our home school districts and LVPA too, has felt the negative effects.

We are faced with a unique situation in the upcoming year. We need to raise \$100,000 to keep the school running at its current level—just to meet budget. We hope to be able to raise additional funds to enhance our students further with new equipment, educational experiences, and more, but to do this, we need YOUR help. With roughly 450 families at LVPA, this breaks down to roughly \$225 per household. Knowing that in today's economy, we cannot simply ask each family to write a check to cover expenses, we are looking to do several fundraisers in addition to the annual Gala.

Some of the exciting upcoming events include a Walk-a-thon centered around this year's school Kindness theme, participation in the Bethlehem Halloween Parade, a weekly Healthy Lunch fundraiser, School Store, and other fundraisers with a focus on creativity, such as Applebees Breakfasts with the Arts and a Creative Writing/Illustration book to be published in the spring.

If you cannot make the meetings, but have ideas or would like to participate in an event or committee, please contact either Deb Nonnemacher or me at lvparents@gmail.com

I thank you in advance for your participation and look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,
Carrie Hrichak
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