



The PTA TOY DRIVE BIN is in the lobby and ready to receive donations now through December 1st!

Next Week at Lakeland Hills:

20th **No Late Start today:** School starts at 8:40
"Pajama Day" with \$1.00 Food Bank donation
Global Reading 3:10-4:15
21st **Deadline** for PTA Online School Spiritwear

22nd **Apple Cup Colors Spirit Day**
1:10 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Break
(Students will have recess and lunch before dismissal)



Nov. 23-24 - NO SCHOOL

Coming Up...

Nov. 28th - GR5 Orchestra student's concert at PAC at 7:00-8:00pm

Dec. 4th-8th is the Holiday Shop

Dec. 11th is the Kindergarten and GR1 Christmas Concert at the Auburn PAC 5:30-6:30pm

Dec. 15th is the PTA Family Movie Night in the gym. Doors open 5:30 movie (TBD) starts at 6.

PTA SPIRITWEAR 2017-18 SALES

Reminder: There is a Limited Time Only to buy school spiritwear for your child.

Available online only at:

Bit.ly/LHESpirit (case sensitive)

Deadline: Tuesday, Nov. 21

Items will be distributed by teachers before Winter Break.

For additional questions please contact: Konnie Lucas at LucasKL97@msn.com

The Counselor's Corner....

COLLAPSE OF PARENTING part 2

Last month I wrote a newsletter article describing the cultural crisis we live in today in America with the parent-child relationship. The article was from the book COLLAPSE OF PARENTING from physician and psychologist Dr. Leonard Sax. It was PART 1 of 6 different articles I will share over the next couple of months. I had mentioned that I was going to present some concrete ideas this month (in part 2) that you could try at home, but after some thought, I have pushed that off until the next article (part 3). Today we will look at some common parenting myths that lead to the current cultural crisis or "role confusion" many parents are stuck in today.

According to Dr. Sax, there are certain parenting MYTHS he has found in his research that many parents believe in and it results in poor parenting decisions. There are 3 that are front runners:

1. Good parenting means letting your kids decide. That's how kids learn right? If I make all the decisions for her how will she ever learn to decide on her own.
2. We are all human beings and we are equal.
3. If I force my child to do something they don't want to, then what can I say when they complain about it?

These myths propel parents today to suffer from "role confusion" which means there has been a transfer of authority from parents to children. In the mid to late 1900's many people became less comfortable with any sort of power differential in social relations. Power differentials between men and women, managers and employees, blacks

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and whites, lower class and upper class, and parents and children. Equality flooded the cultural ideals. In American culture today, same-age peers matter more than parents. Keep in mind though, Parental Authority does NOT mean Parental Discipline. Parental Authority is primarily about a scale of value. Strong parental authority means that parents matter more than same-age peers. Today's kids no longer learn culture from their parents, but from their peers. Today's kids are in charge of making many to all the choices in their lives. They have their own culture, a culture of disrespect. It is an "ingratitude seasoned with contempt" which is the characteristic attitude of American children today towards their parents, and this disrespect is now shown towards one another as well. One example is kids now commonly wear t-shirts that have slogans like.... "Do I look like I care? Is that all you got? I'm not shy, I just don't like you". TV shows in the 60's - 80's all had parents consistently depicted as the reliable and trusted guide of the child. Now it's hard to find a single show on the Disney channel that isn't mocking the parents as clueless imbeciles. In our American culture today, "new" is practically synonymous with "improved". Celebration of the new over the old easily translates into celebration of the young over the old, the youth of today over their "wise" elders.

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SPIRIT WEAR 2017-18 ★

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Youth & Adult Sizes
 50/50 cotton/poly blend, hooded sweatshirt.
 Grey, maroon, or white. Prices start at **\$26** ea.+ tax.
 Hoodies shown are youth sizes. Adult styles include hood strings.

Make it yours!
 Option to add a name or nickname to the back of any apparel item.
\$4 + tax



Youth & Adult Sizes
 100% cotton long sleeve tee
 Maroon, grey or white. Prices start at **\$15** ea.+ tax

Youth, Adult, & Ladies Sizes
 100% cotton short sleeve tee
 White, grey & maroon. Prices start at **\$14** ea.+ tax

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Having fun together needs to be a foundation of the family unit. If kids only have fun with their peers they will never want to spend time with adults. Too often parenting today is governed by their desire to please their child. Children are hardwired to look up to the parent, to be instructed by the parent, and be commanded by the parent. If the parent instead serves the child, then the relationship falls out of it's natural balance. The parent who puts the child's wishes first, will earn only the child's contempt not their love.

I will present some concrete ideas next month (in part 3) that you could try at home.

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