

Dear Pride Parents,

Whether you are a parent of a student athlete or a parent of a Leesville Loonie, you know how important athletics are to the total high school experience. You are probably also aware of the great start our fall sports teams have had this year!

The Pride Athletic Club (PAC) likes to think we have contributed to the success of our athletes by providing funds for facilities and equipment and raising school spirit. Purchasing a PAC membership is a great way to help to support the LRHS athletic department. Not only does your membership make you a member of a group of very dedicated parents, it also provides you with PAC passes which entitle you to free admission to all regular season home athletic events. We have had a great membership drive this year, with 321 family and individual memberships to date!

60% of the money collected through membership fees go directly to the school's athletic department budget. The rest goes into the PAC budget along with money raised by fundraising efforts for use in upgrading equipment and facilities and providing some special extras for our student athletes.

The PAC meets on the first Monday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend and to volunteer to help with fundraising activities. We always welcome new members and new ideas. Our current fundraising activities include selling concessions, programs, Loonies t-shirts, yard flags and Pride throws at home sporting events.

Another important fundraiser is the sale of bricks for the Pathway to Pride. If you haven't seen the Pathway, it is still in its initial stages, starting just inside the gates of the stadium and is envisioned to extend all the way into the courtyard. The Pathway contains engraved bricks commemorating students, teachers, coaches, or others associated with LRHS. We will be placing our next order with the brick engraver in late November, so there is still time to purchase a brick to be installed in the Pathway to Pride sometime in February. An order form is included in this newsletter and also on the PAC Web page at www.leesville.org/PAC/index.htm.

Come and join us at the Pride Athletic Club.

Sincerely,
Gayle Steinbugler
PAC President