

The Mount Airy Parr's Ridge PTA

Your "Guide **MAP**" to what is happening in our two schools!



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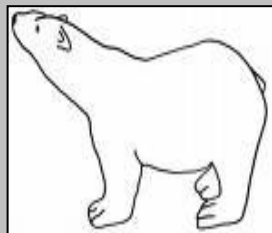
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President's Corner

As our Sally Foster/Entertainment Book sale comes to an end, I'd like to again acknowledge the frustrations many have been experiencing. We are hearing complaints that some cards are still not activated. We're working with Sally Foster to rectify this issue as soon as we possibly can and are so thankful for your continued patience.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Social on Friday, November 5th. This event will run from 6:30-8:30 pm at Parr's and will feature a DJ, crafts, snacks and tons of family fun!

In closing, the PTA Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Lee Piccolo
PTA President



November Recycling Drive

Parr's Ridge is participating in *Recycle Forward!*

Recycle Forward is a unique fundraising campaign that recycles used technology to raise money for new technology for schools, and we need your help!

During the month of **NOVEMBER**, bring in your old cell phones, laptops and other electronics (see attached list of acceptable items) and help us raise vital funds for our school! By donating these used items you can assist Parr's Ridge with earning funds to provide our students with the technical education needed to thrive in tomorrow's workforce. *(Please only send your child with items that they can carry.)*

Mark Your Calendars!

November 2010

- 2 Schools Closed – Election Day
- 5 Fall Social PARRS/MAES – PARRS (6:30 PM)
- 8 Early Dismissal (12:25PM)
- 12 PTA Executive Board Meetings – MAES (8:45 AM)
- 15 Early Dismissal (12:25PM)
- 17 PTA General Meeting – MAES (7:00 PM)
Volunteer Training – MAES (6:30 PM)
- 22 – 26 Schools Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2010

- 3 PTA Dinner Auction
- 10 Early Dismissal (12:25PM)
- 18 PTA Holiday Shop - MAES (10:00AM – 1:00PM)
- 23 Early Dismissal (12:25PM)
- 24 – 31 Schools Closed – Winter Holiday

HELP WANTED!!!**VOLUNTEERS AND
COMMITTEE
CHAIRS NEEDED!**

Hurry, there's still time to get involved!

The MAES-PARRS PTA is currently seeking a **Chair for our Used Book Sale.**

Volunteers are also needed to staff these Fall PTA events:

- **Fall Social**
- **Dinner Auction**

If you are interested in helping a committee, please contact Noreen Maksym at 301-829-6430 npmaksym@verizon.net.



The collection bins have been placed in the lobbies of MAES/PARRS ready to hold all of the Campbell Labels that you have been collecting over the summer.

Last year we collected over 28,112 points (down from the previous year by 1,257 points). I am positive with everyone working together and all the AWESOME products Campbell's offers, we can double what we did last year. Don't forget to ask your friends and family to collect proofs of purchase on behalf of our schools.

Products worth 1 point:

Campbell's® soups
SpaghettiOs® Pasta
Campbell's® beans, gravies, and canned pasta
Prego® Italian sauces
Swanson® broths and canned poultry
Campbell's® tomato juice
Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products
Campbell's Foodservice products

Products worth 5 points:

26 varieties of condensed soup in specially marked cans
All Campbell's® Microwavable Soups
All Campbell's Supper Bakes® Meal Kits
All V8 Splash® Beverages
All V8® Soups
All Campbell's® Select Harvest™ Soups
SpaghettiOs® Pasta (Original and Meatball)

Visit labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of eligible products and point values.



the difference
1 can make.

The first deposit of Box Tops from MAES and Parr's has been made for this school year! HURRAY! We collected more than 10,000 Box Tops which is worth over **\$1,000.00!!!** Please keep up the great work so our March 2011 deposit will be just as impressive

Remember, box tops can be found over 265 products including Yoplait, Betty Crocker, Green Giant, Pillsbury, Scott, Kleenex, Land O Lakes and Ziploc to mention a few. For a complete list of eligible products, please visit the Box Tops for Education site at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



26th Annual MAES-PARRS PTA Dinner Auction

We are excited to announce that the 26th annual MAES-Parr's PTA Dinner Auction will be held on Friday, December 3rd at the Mount Airy Firemen's Activities Building at the Carnival Grounds. The Dinner Auction is a long standing PTA tradition that raises over \$20,000 each year through an Online, Live, and Silent Auction of gift certificates and items generously donated by local businesses and Parents and Staff from our schools. The fun-filled evening begins with a Silent Auction, Dinner, and music. We partnered with The Illiano Group again this year to provide a delicious menu from their array of restaurants – The Greene Turtle, California Tortilla, J&P's, and The Mount Airy Inn. Mt. Airy Liquors will be offering an on-site tasting menu for donations. As with last year, guests 21 years and older will be permitted to bring alcoholic beverages of their choice.

We move quickly from Dinner and the Silent Auction into an action-packed Live Auction featuring Professional Auctioneer Rachel Troppman. The evening concludes with music from our DJ and the scrumptious desserts.

Some of the items that are offered in the Live Auction are Principal for the Day or Bus Caller for the day. Imagine the smile on your child's face when they hear about their special experience! The Grade Theme Baskets are also in the Live Auction that always provide a plethora of items. These are not your normal gift baskets these are huge displays based on the themes below. Purchase a Grade Theme basket for your family or split it with another family. There are always good treasures to find in the Grade Theme baskets.

- Kindergarten – “The World is our Stage!”
- First Grade –
- Second Grade – Sports, Sports, Sports
- Third Grade – Home for the Holidays
- Fourth Grade – Games for the Family
- Fifth Grade – Divas & Dudes

If you have not already donated to the Grade Theme Basket for your child's grade, please donate an item. The Grade Theme Baskets are some of our best-selling auction items. We are also accepting family donations and corporate sponsorships for the MAES-Parr's PTA Dinner Auction. We have many sponsorship opportunities available to this is our largest PTA fundraiser. Last year, we donated over \$20,000 to our schools to underwrite field trips, provide school supplies, and purchase the software license for BrainPop. Please help us raise more this year.

Tickets will be on sale beginning Friday, November 5th at the Fall Social. Purchase individual tickets for \$25/ticket or reserve a table for 10 of your friends and family for \$250. Pre-reserved tables of 10 will be assigned reserved table numbers. Individual tickets will have open seating. The number of tickets is limited so hurry and purchase your tickets today. We have sold out each year.

Please contact Wendy Collins at collinswendy@comcast.net for additional information for the 2010 MAES-Parr's PTA Dinner Auction.

Kudo's Corner -

There are so many parents, teachers and staff that help make our schools as successful as they are. This month, we'd like to give special thanks to:

- **Missy Sellers and the Fall Bingo Night Committee** for a GREAT 1st Annual Fall Bingo Night!
- **MAES and Parr's Parents** who attended the PTA General Meeting last month.
- **Shelby Evans and Stephanie Cooper** for leading our Adopt-A-Staff Program. 100% Participation for the 2010-2011 school year!
- **Mr. Bill and the custodial staff at Parr's** for always lending a helping hand!



More Dinner Auction News!!!

Online Auction opens November 19th

Our Online Auction will open on Friday, November 19th just in time for Holiday Shopping. The Online Auction is open to the Public – spread the word to your family and friends. Have them check out the Online Auction at www.mtairypta.cmarket.com and bid on items. The Online Auction will close on CyberMonday – Monday, November 29th at 9pm. Get some holiday shopping done and support the MAES-PARRS PTA.

Donations Are Still Needed for the 2010 Dinner Auction.

Do you, or a friend, relative or neighbor own a business, or have some great connections with a business that may be willing to donate an item to be auctioned? Perhaps you, or someone you know has season football, basketball or baseball game tickets and are willing to donate tickets to one game. Maybe someone owns a vacation property that they are willing to donate for a weekend. The possibilities are endless! Donations may be mailed or dropped off at your child's school. Email Wendy Collins at collinswendy@comcast.net with suggestions or questions.

Get your tickets before their gone

Get your tickets to the 26th annual MAES-Parrs PTA Dinner Auction starting on Friday, November 5th at the Fall Social. Tickets are \$25/person for open seating or \$250 for a RESERVED table of 10. Tickets were sold out last year so be sure to get your tickets early. This is the one PTA event not to miss. Don't miss the only PTA BYOB of the year! Contact Aimee Winkler at aimwink@yahoo.com to purchase your tickets.

“ADOPT-A-STAFF”

Adopt-A-Staff has officially been started at both Parr's and MAES. Families have been notified of their staff assignments and been given their “adopted” staff questionnaire. Emails have been sent out if you were unable to be paired up with staff. If you have not received any information and are still interested in adopting, we have several teachers from Parr's that have requested adoption.

If you are interested in adopting a staff member, have questions or concerns, please email Shelby Evans at sevans@fedmedinc.com.

This program is a fun, easy way to thank all our staff for all they do for our children. Our thanks to all the families who have begun gifting, we have seen lot's of goodie bags sneak their way into the staff's mailboxes!