

# The Mount Airy Parrs Ridge PTA

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



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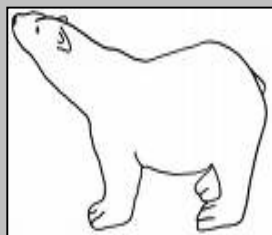
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**President's Corner**

Welcome back MAES and Parr's Ridge families. The summer has flown by and your PTA Board of Directors has been working hard all summer. There are many, many changes on the horizon and some new and exciting additions to our social events for the year. Stay tuned to see what's to come!

We'd also like to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Jan Bubnash, to Parr's Ridge. Please join us on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:00 pm at Parr's for popsicles and a big polar bear welcome!

We are still in need of volunteers to help with some of our upcoming events. If you have any time to give, please consider signing up at any of our Back to School Nights or check the "Help Wanted" section of this edition of the MAP. As always, thank you for all you do for our schools.

Lee Piccolo  
PTA President

**Start your school year off by joining the PTA!**

Look for information coming soon about joining the Mt. Airy/Parr's PTA. Last year we had more than 500 members! Your \$10 fee will assist the PTA in providing the many items needed in the classrooms. Please visit our website at [www.maes-parrspta.org](http://www.maes-parrspta.org) to download a membership form! Forms will also be coming home with your student.

**We're now on FACEBOOK!!!**

Want the latest news on our schools and have the ability to join in the conversation? The PTA is now on Facebook. We look forward to positive interactions with our MAES/Parr's families. Join the group –

**Parr's Ridge & Mount Airy  
Elementary PTA**

**Important Dates – August 2011**

22	7:00pm	Middle School Construction Meeting	Parrs
25	9:00am	Kindergarten Orientation	Parrs
	2:00pm	New Student Orientation	Parrs
	2:30 – 3:30pm	Meet Your Teacher Open House	Parrs
	3:15-4:00pm	School Supply Kit Pick-up Popsicles with Mrs. Bubnash	
29	1:00 – 2:00pm	New Student Orientation	MAES
	2:00 – 3:00pm	Meet Your Teacher Open House	MAES
		School Supply Kit Pick-up	
30		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	
31	6:00pm	Volunteer Training	MAES
	6:30pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night	MAES

## Volunteer Training News!

A new school year and numerous opportunities to volunteer! Before you can volunteer in any Carroll County Public School, you must first attend volunteer training. You must complete training **AT LEAST SEVEN SCHOOL DAYS** before you wish to volunteer. Remember, **you must renew your volunteer eligibility every school year** by attending training. Training attended during the 2010-2011 school year will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup> regardless of how late in the year you took the training.

This year's trainings will be held on Back to School Night as well as select dates during Fall 2011 and Spring 2012. Please be reminded that **trainings begin EXACTLY at 6:00pm!** Due to time and the specifics of the trainings, late participants may be asked to attend another training session. For additional information on volunteer training, contact **Erica Zamensky at [zamensky1@comcast.net](mailto:zamensky1@comcast.net)**.

<b>Training Dates:</b>	August 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm	MAES
	September 1	6:00pm	MAES
	September 7	6:00pm	MAES
	September 13	6:00pm	Parr's Ridge
	September 15	6:00pm	Parr's Ridge
	November 16	6:30pm	MAES (training takes place before the General PTA Mtg)
	February 21	6:30pm	MAES (training takes place before the General PTA Mtg)

### HELP WANTED -

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The MAES-PARRS PTA is currently seeking a few volunteers to chair the following PTA committees:

- Fall Social
- Bingo Night
- Holiday Shoppe
- Legislative Liaison
- Play Day

If you are interested in helping a committee, please contact Noreen Maksym at 301-829-6430 [npmaksym@verizon.net](mailto:npmaksym@verizon.net).



### Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels

It's time to start our annual General Mills Box Top and Campbell for Education collection drive. We encourage everyone to clip and save GM box tops and Campbell's UPC codes (including Prego, Swanson, Pepperidge Farm and V-8). The web sites for both programs are fun and full of great information so check them out: [www.boxtop4education.com](http://www.boxtop4education.com) and [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).

Please cut the box tops along the dotted line and include the kid with the pencil next to the UPC labels. Send your labels to school with your children to be placed in the bins in the front hallway of their school. The labels are collected and counted at the end of each month.

If there is a Middle School student who would like to help with the cutting and counting for service hours please contact Kelly Magee at [kelly@royfc.com](mailto:kelly@royfc.com). For questions regarding Box Tops, please contact Scott Magee at [scott@royfc.com](mailto:scott@royfc.com). For questions regarding Campbell's, please contact Kelly Magee.

## In the SPOTLIGHT - Lee Piccolo PTA President (2008 – Current)



I have been a lifelong Marylander and a resident of Mount Airy for nearly 10 years. My husband, Brian and I moved to Mt. Airy from Federal Hill in Baltimore where I enjoyed a bustling career as an event planner. Before event planning I was an Animal Anatomy and Physiology major at College of Notre Dame of Maryland and worked for many years in the veterinary industry.

Above all, I'm a dedicated mother of 3 wonderful daughters. Haleigh will be a sixth grader at Mount Airy Middle School. Olivia is our third grader and our youngest, Rylan, who's just 4, is anxiously awaiting the 2012-2013 school year when she will join her sisters.

I began my tenure with the MAES-Parr's PTA three years ago as First Vice President and took over as President in November of 2008. It's truly an honor to serve our families and I'm looking forward to the upcoming year.

If you wish to contact Lee – 301.829.4342 or [leepicolor@comcast.net](mailto:leepicolor@comcast.net)

### ASK THE PTA

This new feature will highlight questions from our parents and teachers to help provide insight and clarity around the work of the PTA.

**Question:** What is the benefit to joining the MAES/Parr's PTA?

The number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is to **benefit** your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

- **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- **Discover Great Resources.** The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- **Tap into a Network.** Parenting is not easy—it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.
- **Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child and all children in the community.
- **Speak Up.** Because the PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events—all vital to a school's success.

If you have a question or a topic that you would like the PTA to address, please forward to Cheryl Pickard at [livethemagic2003@yahoo.com](mailto:livethemagic2003@yahoo.com)

# No-Bake Bake Sale

The Parrs/MAE PTA "No-Bake" Bake Sale is our ONLY annual, school-wide fundraiser.

Even though it has a lighthearted name, we are faced with the serious goal of sustaining school programs and staff support that would otherwise be cut due to budget reductions.

**OUR GOAL: 1000 STUDENTS RAISING \$50,000  
100% PROFIT!**

Dates: Sept 16 to Oct 7

#### Matching Gifts:

If you work for a company that offers a matching gift program, please be sure to **forward a matching gift form** to us so that we can benefit from your company's generosity!



#### Two ways to give:

- Cash or Check made payable to PARRS/MAES PTA
- Online by visiting our website <http://www.maes-parrspta.org/> and click on the No-Bake Bake Sale link (coming soon)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
AND GENEROSITY!**

#### Questions?

Please contact Twilla Zirkle at  
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# No-Bake Bake Sale

## Our PTA uses funds for:

- ◇ **Teacher requests for classroom supplies and equipment requests:** (teacher materials, projectors, digi-blocks math tools, special ed. equipment, replacing broken or unsafe playground equipment)
- ◇ **Field trip assistance funding** (PTA partially funds all trips to decrease cost per student)
- ◇ **Reading incentive program** (PTA purchases scholastic books for each student that completes the monthly reading calendar)
- ◇ **Music program support**
- ◇ **PTA fully funds the following programs: Bridge The Gap, Brain Pop, BARE Books and Weekly Readers**
- ◇ **Cultural and Educational Programs** (Johns Hopkins Science Show, traveling planetarium, visiting authors, Blue Sky Puppet Theater and many more)
- ◇ **Science Fair**
- ◇ **Summer scholarships and Community support** (aid students who occasionally need lunch money assistance)
- ◇ **Fun stuff** (morning running, play day, 5th grade celebration, after school clubs)



Without your support,  
these programs would  
NOT exist!

**Sept 17th—Oct 6th  
ONLY!!**