

# The Mount Airy Parris Ridge PTA

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



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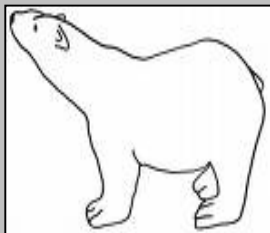
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## Welcome Back Teachers and Students!

The Parr's/MAES PTA wish each teacher and student a warm welcome as we return for the 2009 – 2010 school year!

Your PTA has many exciting events planned for the upcoming year and is looking forward to working together with our generous schools and parents!

## Bridge the Gap

While you're enjoying your summer break with family and friends, don't forget to work on your "Bridge the Gap" books! They are filled with pages of exercises designed to help students improve the skills they learned last year and prepare them for the upcoming school year. Books will be collected in early September. Each student who completes 80% of their book will be eligible for an exciting prize! More details to follow in September!

## Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars now and be sure to join us for an evening of fun and ice cream at our annual Ice Cream Social on September 1, 2009 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. More information will be given out during the first week of school. If you're interested in helping with this event, please contact Christine Carstens at [sccarstens@verizon.net](mailto:sccarstens@verizon.net) or Susie Paschal at [sfpaschal@comcast.net](mailto:sfpaschal@comcast.net).

## Mark Your Calendars!

### **August**

- 20 Kindergarten Orientation – PARRS at 9:00am  
New Student Orientation – PARRS at 1:30pm/MAES at 1:00pm  
Open House – Both PARRS and MAES at 2:00pm
- 25 Schools Open – First Day for Students
- 26 Back to School Night MAES Grade 5 - 6:30PM, Volunteer Training, 6:00
- 27 Back to School Night MAES Grade 3 - 6:30PM, Volunteer Training, 6:00

### **September**

- 1 Ice Cream Social MAES/PARRS/MAMS – 6:30 PM
- 7 Schools Closed – Labor Day
- 2 Back to School Night MAES Grade 4 – 6:30PM, Volunteer Training, 6:00
- 8 PTA Executive Board Meeting - PARRS 8:45 AM  
Back to School Night PARRS Grade K – 7:00PM, Volunteer Training, 6:15
- 9 Back to School Night PARRS Grade 1 – 7:00 Volunteer Training, 6:15
- 15 Back to School Night PARRS Grade 2 – 7:00 Volunteer Training, 6:15
- 28 Schools Closed – Yom Kippur

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

Hurry, there's still time to get involved! The 2009-2010 MAES-PARRS PTA is currently seeking a few volunteers to chair or co-chair the following PTA committees:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration/Picnic (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chairpersons needed)
- PTA Newsletter (Copy, collate and distribute)
- PTA Membership (Co-chair needed)
- Fall Social (Chairperson needed)
- Parent Involvement (Both Parr's and MAES)

We have jobs to fit all schedules and skill sets!

If you are interested in helping a committee, please contact Susie Paschal at 301-831-7376 or [sfpaschal@comcast.net](mailto:sfpaschal@comcast.net).

**JOIN IN THE FUN!!**

**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 2008-2009 school year will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup> regardless of how late in the year you took the training. Trainings will be held on Back to School Night as well as prior to each of the Wednesday night PTA General Meetings. Please be reminded that **trainings begin on time!** 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 Chris Bloch at [abcn5686@comcast.net](mailto:abcn5686@comcast.net).

**Coming Next Month:**

"Green Team" Update

**HELP WANTED/NEEDED:** The volunteer trainers at Parr's and MAES are in need of help. Please contact Chris Bloch at [abcn5686@comcast.net](mailto:abcn5686@comcast.net) if you are interested in becoming a trainer or helping out behind the scenes with data entry after each of the volunteer training sessions.

**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 480 members! This year we are hoping to exceed 500 and we are counting on your support. 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 soon!

**Coming Soon . . . Entertainment Book Sales**

Through Entertainment Publications, we will be selling the very popular Entertainment Book!! Since everyone is watching their pennies, this will be perfect for everyone! In addition to the local books for Baltimore and Washington, DC, you can also order books for cities all across the United States.

**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 PTA  
Spotlight:**

**Lee Piccolo  
PTA President  
2008 - Current**

I have been a lifelong Marylander and a resident of Mount Airy for nearly 8 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 fourth grader at Mount Airy E.S., Olivia is our first grader at Parr's Ridge and our youngest, Rylan, who's just 2, would like to think she's part of Mrs. Little's kindergarten class!

I began my tenure with the MAES-Parr's PTA last year 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.

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**Legislative News**

August is a very busy month for CCPS! The kids are heading back to school and administrators are preparing the FY11 Operating and Capital Improvement Project Budgets. How will this year's budget decisions affect our children, teachers, and schools? Will class sizes be reduced? What is CCPS doing about the overcrowding and need for modernization at Mt. Airy Middle where the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade class is in portables?

As the legislative liaisons, we will keep you informed of legislative issues pertaining to our schools and notify you of important meetings and hearings with the Board of Ed and County Commissioners. Since funding is limited and needs are great, attending key meetings and writing or calling local representatives will be critical in making sure necessary improvements to the schools that serve our children, actually get done.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Next BOE meetings: Aug. 12th @ 5pm and Aug. 26th @ 1pm in the BOE Building in Westminster – Room 007. These meetings are also broadcast on Cable TV Channel 21). For more information contact Rita Misra at [misraspaurs@gmail.com](mailto:misraspaurs@gmail.com) or Lee Ann Leshko at [leshkolindsay@adelphia.net](mailto:leshkolindsay@adelphia.net).

**Wear and Show your Cardinal  
and Polar Bear PRIDE!!!**

School is just about to begin and we can't wait for you to see what we've been up to! We have spent all summer redesigning our **Spirit Wear** line! Not only are we offering new logos and apparel items, we're bringing it to you from the comfort of your home, the cyber cafe or even your smart phone! We are in the process of launching our own dedicated **Spirit Wear** website where you can shop anytime/anywhere. Be sure to check the site frequently as we will be working hard to bring you new and exciting merchandise throughout the year.

We will be offering a limited supply of new items for sale at the Back to School events as well as the opportunity to view sample pieces we'll be offering on the web. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Kelly Watson ([kelly11375@aol.com](mailto:kelly11375@aol.com)) or Lee Piccolo ([leepiccolo@comcast.net](mailto:leepiccolo@comcast.net)). Stay tuned for further details!

**Coming Soon- Sally  
Foster Gift Wrap  
Sale!**

Be on the lookout for information coming home with your student regarding the annual PTA Sally Foster Gift Wrap sale. This is one of the PTA's largest and most successful fundraisers. Each Sally Foster sale helps provide money for the many different programs the PTA sponsors throughout the year. Take a minute to visit [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) for a preview.

As always, we will have samples of products in the fall during Back to School Nights. Thank you for your continued support.

*Sally Foster*