

The Mount Airy Parr's Ridge PTA

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



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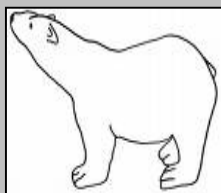
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President's Corner

While it's hard to believe the first month of school is now over, the PTA has been off to a busy and successful start!

Our first General Meeting of the year will be at Parr's Ridge on October 21st at 7pm and we'd love to see you there. This is one our most important meetings as our proposed budget will be voted on and approved. Our budget determines where all monies raised will be distributed and input from the membership in genuinely appreciated.

As always, thanks to all of our parent volunteers who take the time to make a difference and keep us running smoothly.

Lee Piccolo

YOU'RE INVITED . . .

1st Annual PTA Meet and Greet

Come meet your new PTA Board and a few school staff members to find learn about the events planned for the 2009 - 2010 school year.

This is to be an interactive session where you bring your ideas and thoughts about what you'd like to see from your PTA.

We will have an extra "idea" book to record your thoughts and ideas, i.e., types of programs, extra-curricular activities, fundraisers, family events, and other things you'd like to see in our schools.

There will be a drawing and one lucky winner will receive **TWO FREE TICKETS TO THE ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION!**

Mark Your Calendars!

October 2009

- 9 PARRS - Date Night with Dad (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
- 13 PTA Executive Board Meeting - PARRS (8:45 AM)
- 14 PTA "Meet and Greet" Social - PARRS (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
- 16 Schools Closed - Professional Meeting Day
- 21 PTA General Meeting - PARRS (7:00 PM)
- Volunteer Training - PARRS (6:00 PM)**

November 2009

- 6 Fall Social PARRS/MAES - PARRS (6:30 PM)
- 10 PTA Executive Board Meetings - MAES (8:45 AM)
- 17 PTA General Meeting - PARR'S (7:00 PM)
- Volunteer Training - PARRS (6:00 PM)**
- 23 Schools Closed - Parent Conference Day
- 24 Schools Closed - Parent Conference Day
- 25 - 27 Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday



Green Team

We've had a great start to the school year! Thanks for all those who remembered to recycle paper in their classrooms. Parents please use our recycling dumpster in the parking lot for the paper you collect at home and at work. If you are interested in helping with our Green Team on Friday mornings (8:30-9:00), please contact Erin Tunkel erintunkel@verizon.net.

Adopt a Staff

Our Adopt a Staff program continues at both Parris and MAES. If you are interested in participating please feel free to email either Shelby Evans at sevans@fedmedinc.com or Stephanie Cooper at cooperstephanie@comcast.net.

We hope to already have all staff and families matched up by Oct 1 to kick off the program. Thanks to all in advanced who have participated so far!

HELP WANTED!!!

VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED!

WE NEED YOU! The 2009-2010 MAES-PARRS Pates currently seeking volunteers to chair or Co-chair the following PTA committees:

Fall Social (MAES/PARRS)

Chairperson needed for this Nov 6th event

Dinner Auction

Volunteers are needed to assist with the PTA's largest fundraiser of the year.

Donuts with Dad (MAES)

Spring 2010 event

Market Day

Volunteers are needed to assist monthly with distribution.

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

2009 Dinner Auction

The **2009 MAES-PARR'S PTA Dinner Auction** Committee is looking for a lot of helping hands. We need people to help out in many different ways. There are openings for organizing Grade Theme Baskets, Online Auction, Corporate Sponsorship/Donations, Teacher Donations, Dessert table, and the Cover Art Contest. There are jobs to fit in every schedule. Please consider this opportunity to help raise funds that will be used to help enrich your children's learning experiences. Volunteering for this committee provides an opportunity for you to be involved in PTA, form friendships that last beyond the committee, and get to know your local community both inside and outside the school.

If you are interested in being a part of this amazing group or if you have ANY questions or would like more information, please call **Wendy Collins at 301-996-1401**, or email collinswendy@comcast.net.

We ask that you help support our school's PTA to help us make one of the LARGEST fundraisers of the year another HUGE success! All and any help is greatly needed and very much appreciated.

Donations Needed for the 2009 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.

The 2009 Dinner Auction is quickly approaching. Keep an eye out for your opportunity to experience one of our PTA's largest fundraiser. You don't want to miss it!

In the PTA Spotlight:

Cheryl Pickard 2nd Vice President

My husband and I have lived in Mount Airy for 10 years and chose to raise our two sons, Christian and Cameron in a small town community where the focus was on "community". We are proud to call Mount Airy our home town.

My son Christian started school last year and it was important for me to become involved at Parr's. I knew I didn't have a lot of time as I work full-time but knew the extra hours I could give would benefit my son, my family and Parr's.

Before I knew it, I was the Chair for Bingo Night and found myself at the PTA meetings. This year I serve as the 2nd Vice President where my main responsibility is preparing the monthly PTA newsletter and making sure our parents are informed our current happenings.

I hope you find the appropriate spot for you within our school community as the return is worth the time!

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Legislative News

For information on critical issues affecting your child's education check out the websites of the National PTA @ <http://www.pta.org>, and the Maryland PTA @ <http://www.mdpta.org>

Carroll County Board of Education prepares two budget requests each year: Capital and Operating. The Capital budget funds school construction and renovation (the 2011 Capital budget request was approved by the BOE on Sept 23). The Operating budget funds staffing, classroom resources, transportation, facility maintenance, etc. (approved each January). Check these out at <http://www.carrollk12.org> After BOE approval, the budget requests are sent to State agencies, and then County Commissioners for final approval. **Since funding is limited attending key meetings and writing to your representatives is critical in making sure improvements to our schools get done!**

Email the BOE: ciecker@k12.carr.org, clfoley@k12.carr.org, gwbauer@k12.carr.org, bjshree@k12.carr.org, pwgadbe@k12.carr.org, jaseide@k12.carr.org; and copy the County Commissioners: jgouge@ccg.carr.org; dminnich@ccg.carr.org; mzimmer@ccg.carr.org

Next BOE meetings: Wed. Oct. 14, 5PM and Wed. Oct. 28, 1PM. All meetings will be held at 125 N. Court St., Westminster. Broadcasts on Cable TV Channel 21, meeting agendas at <http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/ccps/Board.nsf/Public?OpenFrameSet>

For more information contact Rita Misra: misraspaurs@gmail.com or Lee Ann Leshko-Lindsay: leeannleshko@lindsay.us

Reading Incentive HELP WANTED!!

The Reading Incentive Program kicks off October 1st! Students will bring home a calendar each month, for the months of October through March, where they will mark the days where they've done a reading activity for 20 minutes per day. Students who read at least 20 days each month (and turn in their calendar to their teacher) will select a book of their choice and receive coupon for a free Pizza Hut personal pizza!

The Reading Incentive committee is looking for volunteers to help distribute books and coupons at both Parr's Ridge (2nd Wednesday of each month) and MAES (2nd Friday) from 8:10-11:30 AM, and to help fill out the Pizza Hut coupons (one evening each month.) Please remember that a commitment to volunteer does not lock you in each month, and if you can't do both schools, one or the other is completely fine. Do you work full-time and still want to help? Then consider signing up just to fill out coupons!

Anyone interested in volunteering should please contact one of the co-chairs: Sue Askeland at sue.askeland@gmail.com; Terri Warehime at twarehime@yahoo.com; or Shelley Lauffer at Shelley@laufferland.com. Thank you for your support!

Kudo's Corner -

Thank you to all **volunteers** who helped man the PTA table s during our Back to School Nights!

Thank you to our **lunchroom volunteers** for helping the kindergarten children transition into their new setting.

Thank you to our **bus drivers** for safely transporting our children to school each day!

Thank you to our **many parents** who ordered items from Market Day!

Thank you to **Wendy Collins** for all of her hard work planning and preparing for this year's Dinner Auction

THANK YOU!!!

Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels

We are off to a great start with the Box Tops and Campbell Labels collection! We have collected 506 Box Tops and 396 Campbell Labels. Besides cutting out Box Tops you can shop online through the Box Tops Marketplace at www.boxtops4education.com . Shopping online can increase our school earnings. First you will need to join the Box Tops Marketplace (It's fast and free!). Then, whenever you shop online at the Box Tops Marketplace, our schools earn a percentage of your purchases.

In addition to the online shopping market, Box Tops has introduced another program for our schools to earn money. This program is called "My Class Essentials". Teachers create a FREE online account for their classroom. The account will list the supplies they need for their classroom. Parents can view their child's classroom registry, and purchase the items that are needed. When items are purchased our schools earns a 2% donation on every purchase.

Please remind your children to drop their collection off at the bins in their school's lobby. Thank you for your continued support!

Bon Appetite . . . Market Day!

Thank you so much to our 85 customers for the month of September!! We are very excited to have met our highest profit tier due to your purchases! We earned 20% of our sales that will go straight to the PTA for the benefit of our children and teachers!!

If you were new to Market Day and made a purchase, help out by sharing with others what some of your favorite items have been! So do us a favor and let others know about your favorite snacks or meals so they can join in on great food!

October specials: Spend a minimum of \$40 - receive a FREE pound of ground beef, spend \$90 or more - receive both the pound of ground beef AND a FREE pound of large shrimp! Don't forget also about their FREquent buyer promotion. Spend \$40 or more 2 times between September and November, then \$40+ again in December and earn a free lunch tote to be picked up at the December sale!

You may visit www.MarketDay.com and enter our school code 16312 to place your order anytime between now and October 8th. For those that choose to place their order via Market Day order forms, please return them to school with your child no later than Wednesday October 7th. Our pick up date for the month of October is Wednesday October 14th from 5:30-6:30.

Lastly, if you have any questions about Market Day, please contact Virginia John at 410-984-3586 scott2va@comcast.net or Kathy Seymour at 301-831-0071