

The Mount Airy Parr's Ridge PTA

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



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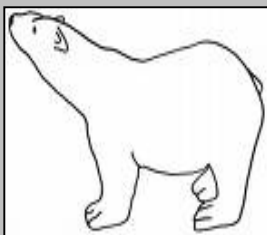
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President's Corner

It's hard to believe that 2009 is coming to an end and 2010 is just around the corner. My, how time flies!

Our 25th Annual Dinner Auction was a huge success! It truly takes a team effort to pull off this amazing fund raiser. Thanks to all who have supported us in every way.

In closing, the PTA Executive Board would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday and wonderful new year!

Season's greetings,

Lee Piccolo

Box Tops and Campbell's Labels

Parr's and MAES - you guys are AWESOME! We have already doubled our Box Top collection compared to this time last year. Please keep up the great work!

Unfortunately, we are not having the same success with our Campbell collection. Please remember when you are getting ready to throw away that Campbell's can with the label still on - think about the good the label could do for our schools and children. As a tip . . . most of the labels have delicious recipes on the back of them!

Let's make 2010 our best year and take back the top spot for the Box Top and Campbell Label collection!

Kelly and Scott Magee

Mark Your Calendars!

December 2009

- 4** Holiday Dinner Auction
Mt. Airy Fireman's Activity Building (6:30 PM)
- 12** Holiday Craft Shop - MAES (10:00 AM)
- 24** Schools Closed - Christmas Eve
- 25** Schools Closed - Christmas
- 26 - 31** Schools Closed - Winter Holiday

January 2010

- 12** PTA Exec Board Meeting - PARRS (8:45AM)
- 20** PTA General Board Meeting - PARRS (7:00PM)

HELP WANTED!!!

VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED!

WE NEED YOU! The 2009-2010 MAES-PARRS PTA is currently seeking volunteers, Chairs and Co-chairs for the following PTA committees:

Donuts with Dad (MAES)
Spring 2010 event

Market Day

Volunteers are needed to assist monthly with distribution. Please contact **Virginia John** at **410-984-3586** or **scott2va@comcast.net**

Bingo Night

Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning and preparation of this family-fun event in February. If interested, please contact Cheryl Pickard at **livethemagic2003@yahoo.com**

If you are interested in helping a committee, please contact Susie Paschal at **sfpaschal@comcast.net**.

Holiday Craft Workshop

This year the **Holiday Craft Workshop** will be held on **Saturday, December 12th** from 10:00am til 1:00 pm in the MAES Cafeteria and Gym. The Holiday Craft Workshop is a craft workshop where children can make simple craft items to give as gifts to family or loved ones for the Holidays or to save as keepsakes! The children are helped by Mt. Airy Middle and High School volunteers. Planning is underway, so if you have any great craft ideas or would like to **volunteer to help**, please contact Julie Sadler at **jjurdsadler@progressivepodiatry.net**.

ARE YOU A CRAFTER, MERCHANT OR OWN A HOME-BASED BUSINESS?

The **Holiday Craft Workshop** just might be the place for you on the morning of December 12th! You are welcome to set-up a booth/table in the Gym at MAES to display, sell or demonstrate your wares. The admission fee will be a small item which will be used as door prizes for the parents of the children crafting. Please contact Julie Sadler at **jjurdsadler@progressivepodiatry.net** if you are interested.



MAES "Go Green" Club

The MAES "Go Green" Club kicked off an exciting year! This is the first year for this club. The club, which meets monthly, is working to raise awareness to our school and community of how much our kids care about this amazing planet we live on.

Our first projects are "upcycling" (turning trash into a usable product) Frito Lay chip bags and crayons. We had collection tubs for the chip bags in the cafeteria which was full on the first day! Students may bring bags in from home as we get \$.02 per bag (any size). It just needs to be a Frito Lay bag. The crayons will be recycled into new "crazy crayons" that we may sell to raise money for our school. More information to come on this exciting program!

Special thanks to our teachers helping out - Mrs. Dulaney, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Stevens. Parents - we appreciate your ideas and input, please email us at **lori_bitner@liz.com**. Thanks!

Lori Bitner

25th Anniversary Dinner Auction

SUCCESS!!

Our 25th Annual Dinner Auction was a huge success! Although we have not tallied all the numbers, our initial reports are very positive! This event, which is the PTA's largest fund raiser, is the perfect example of how our school community comes together for our Parr's and Mount Airy Elementary students.

The Dinner Auction is an enormous undertaking and would not be possible without the help of many volunteers. With that being said, we have lots of "kudos" to share! Thanks to all of the businesses who have supported our efforts, the wonderful teachers and staff at MAES and Parr's for generously donating an "experience"; our friends and families who donate items or services and those who bid on those items; our fantastic auctioneer, Rachel Troppman and most importantly, our amazing Dinner Auction Committee, led by Wendy Collins! This committee works tirelessly to coordinate this event and their time, talents and dedication are truly remarkable! Without further adieu, we'd like to give our thanks and appreciation to the following committee / subcommittee chairs and their volunteers:

Wendy Collins, Dinner Auction Chair
Andrew Finch, Master of Ceremonies
Susan McNulty, Teacher Donations
Julie Sadler, Parent Donations
Christine Carstens, Online Auction Coordinator
Mike Collins, Silent/Live Auction Coordinator
Carla Viviano, Donations
Holly Jackson, Grade Theme Basket – Kindergarten and 4th grade
Lori Bitner, Grade Theme Basket – 1st grade
Lisa Gwyn Paar, Grade Theme Basket – 2nd grade
Lori Bitner and Heather Williams, Grade Theme Basket – 3rd grade
Robin Snider and Lisa Russo, Grade Theme Basket – 5th grade
Aimee Winkler, Ticket Sales
Julie Komiske, Donations and Advertising
Cate DiMisa, Dessert Station Coordinator
Mysi Finch, Volunteer Coordinator



More Kudo's -

A BIG thank you to **Kathy Summerlin** who chaired this year's Fall Social! Thanks to Kathy and the other volunteers who made this event another MAES-PARRS success!

Many thanks to **Bryan Berndt** for volunteering his wonderful DJ services for both the Fall Social and 25th Anniversary Dinner Auction!

Continued thanks to **Terri Warehime** and **Sue Askeland** for leading our monthly Reading Incentive Program.

Many thanks to the many teachers who meet and greet our students at "Parent Drop Off and Pick Up" each day.

Continued thanks to the wonderful **custodial staff at Parr's and MAES** for their ongoing assistance in setting up for the many PTA events.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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 by the BOE in Feb). 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. Dec 9, 5PM and Wed. Jan 13, 5PM. 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>

Adopt-a-Staff Program

Thanks to all the families who are participating in our MAES/PARRS Adopt-a-Staff program. Lots of treats and notes have been flowing through both schools. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

There are a few staff members left to adopt at PARRS, so if you are not already participating you may want to reconsider! It's a fun easy way to thank our staff for all they do throughout the school year.

Remember your questionnaire's have great ideas for the upcoming holidays! If at any time you find yourself stuck for ideas drop us an email and we'll help out! Wishing all our families a safe, fun and happy holiday season!

Shelby Evans (PARRS) & Stephanie Cooper (MAES)