

The Mount Airy Parr's Ridge PTA

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



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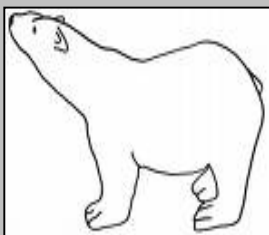
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President's Corner

It's that time of year again! Your Executive Board is hard at work seeking nominations for our next PTA successors. After much thought and careful consideration, I have decided to run for a second term as President. We are currently seeking nominees for 1st Vice President. If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved either on the Executive Board level or assisting the Nominating Committee, please let us know!

On another note, Muffins w/ Mom and Donuts w/ Dad will be postponed until April due to the ongoing construction at MAES. However, if we do not find a chair for each of these events, we will be forced to cancel them. If you have any extra time to lend a hand, please consider helping one of these committees.

The Science Fair is just around the corner and will be held at MAES on March 5th. Suzanne Himmelberg is currently seeking volunteers to help the evening of the event. If you are interested, please contact her at minnette@comcast.net.

Have a wonderful February!

Lee Piccolo

BINGO NIGHT!!

It's that time of year again – **Family Bingo Night!** Mark your calendar for **Friday, February 19th**.

Flyers are headed home with your children. Please place your ticket orders as soon as possible as this event **SELLS OUT every year!** Don't miss the fun!

If you have an hour or two to assist with this event, please contact Tracie Larson at tracie.larson@microsoft.com

PTA Nominating Committee

The PTA is taking nominations for seats on our Executive Board. If you are interested in assisting the PTA, please contact Lee Piccolo at leepiccolo@comcast.net

Mark Your Calendars!

February 2010

- 9** PTA Executive Board Meeting – MAES (8:45AM)
- 15** Schools Closed – President's Day
- 16** Schools Closed – Professional Development Day for Teachers
- 19** Bingo Night for PARRS/MAES Families – PARRS (6:30PM)

March 2010

- 5** Science Fair – MAES (6:30PM)
- 9** Executive Board Meeting – Parr's (8:45AM)
- 15** 2 hr 45min Early Dismissal – Professional Development for Teachers
- 17** PTA General Board Meeting – Parr's (7:00PM)
(Nominate Officers)

Kudo's Corner -

Many thanks to **Michael Scalzi** for his informative session on "Anxiety" at our General PTA Meeting in January.

Thank you to **Chris Barker** for maintaining our PTA website - www.maes-parrspta.org.

Continued thanks to **Chris Bloch** for the time she dedicates to training our parent volunteers!

**Help Wanted!!!****Bingo Night (PARRS)**

We need volunteers to assist with several one-hour assignments on the evening of the event. Please contact Tracie Larson at tracie.larson@microsoft.com

Donuts with Dad (MAES)
A Chair is needed for this 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

Legislative News

ALERT: On Jan 12, Carroll County proposed eliminating modernization of Mt. Airy Middle, and renovation of science rooms at South Carroll and a few other high schools, from their 6 year Community Investment Plan. <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/budget/11-16-CIP-PR/default.asp>

Write to your representatives and urge them to do more to ensure that these important improvements to our schools get done!

Email the County Commissioners: jgouge@ccg.carr.org; dminnich@ccg.carr.org; mzimmer@ccg.carr.org

Carroll County Board of Education prepares two budget requests each year: Capital and Operating. The Capital budget funds school construction and renovation (the FY11 Capital budget request was approved by the BOE on Sept 23). The Operating budget funds staffing, classroom resources, transportation, facility maintenance, etc. 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 in May.

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

Next BOE meetings: Wed. Feb. 10 @ 5PM, and Wed. Feb. 24 @ 1PM 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>

The proposed FY11 Operating Budget was presented to the BOE Jan 13.

The next public hearing will be held Tues. Feb. 9 @ 7PM in Manchester Valley HS, Manchester. The final version will be approved on Feb 24.

For more information contact Rita Misra: misraspaurs@gmail.com or Lee Ann □

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

We are very excited to announce that **Teacher Appreciation Week** is coming up in May (**May 3rd - 7th**). This is a great opportunity for the parents and students to thank the wonderful teachers and staff at both Parr's Ridge and Mt. Airy.

Please keep a look out for a donation drive in March for give away and raffle items for the teachers/staff during the week. We'll also be sending home fliers to request baked goods and other foods, too.

If you would like to help on the planning committee, or have some ideas that you would like to share, please contact Joyce Anderson at 301-829-5128, scottandjoyce@msn.com, or Alison Brickey at 301-829-6999, almike1@comcast.net. Look for more information in the March Newsletter!