

The Mount Airy Parr's Ridge PTA

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



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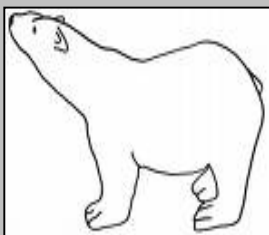
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President's Corner

BINGO Night was a tremendous success again this year with over 500 people in attendance! We'd like to give a huge "thank you" to Tracie Larson and her team of volunteers who work tirelessly to provide an event that's fun for the entire family.

On Friday, March 12th, our "junior scientists" will be ready to report their findings at the annual Science Fair. It's always exciting to see what they come up with every year!

Lastly, we'd love to see you at the next General Meeting on Wednesday, March 17th at 7 pm in the Parr's Ridge cafeteria. Nominations are currently being accepted for PTA 1st Vice President, with elections being held at our April General Meeting. Make your vote count!

Lee Piccolo

SCIENCE FAIR NEW DATE!!

The Science Fair has been postponed one week and will now take place on Friday, March 12th (6:30pm – 8:30pm) in the Mount Airy Elementary School Cafeteria.

For questions regarding the Science Fair, please contact Suzanne Himmelberg at 301.829.0428 or minnette@comcast.net.

Morning Running Program

Spring is right around the corner and you know what that means...Morning Running at Parr's Ridge. 1st and 2nd graders will have the opportunity to participate in Morning Running starting Thursday April 1st. Please contact Kelly Vasquezna at BK3C@comcast.net if you would like to help.

Mark Your Calendars!

March 2010

- 9** Executive Board Meeting – Parr's (8:45am)
- 12** Science Fair – MAES (6:30PM)
- 17** Parent Volunteer Training – Parr's (6:30pm – 7:00pm)
PTA General Board Meeting – Parr's (7:00pm)
(Nominate Officers)

April 2010

- 6** Executive Board Meeting – Parr's (8:45am)
- 13** Parent Volunteer Training – MAMS (5:30pm – 6:00pm)
- 16** Parr's "Date Night with Mom" (6:30pm – 8:30pm)
- 20** PTA General Board Meeting – Parr's (7:00pm)

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3rd – 7th “Let’s Celebrate Our Award-Winning Staff”.

We will be holding a daily raffle for the teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3rd – 7th. A donation drive will occur the week of March 22nd – March 26th for the raffle items. Suggested donations include: spa certificates, sports tickets, theater tickets, restaurant gift certificates, store gift cards, etc. We would also like to include some items that follow this year’s theme, “Let’s Celebrate Our Award-Winning Teachers”. Additional raffle items that might follow this theme include: gift baskets, flowers, movie tickets, etc... Of course, if you would rather make a monetary donation, that would work as well, and we can purchase things that we need.

Please contact Joyce Anderson at 301-829-5128 or Alison Brickey at 301-829-6999 for more ideas. During the week of March 22nd – March 26th, please send any donations to Parr’s labeled with “Diane Gleason - Teacher Appreciation” on the outside of the envelope/bag, and for MAES, labeled with “Teresa Federici - Teacher Appreciation”. If you are sending money, please make check payable to “MAES-Parr’s PTA”. Help us make this a fun week for the teachers!!

Other events for the week include a Sweet Treat Day and a Luncheon. Further information about these events and how you can help will be sent home in the future.



USED BOOK DRIVE



Our schools are collecting your gently used books for our spring Used Book Sale! This is your chance to "clean out your library". Consider donating the children's books your kids have outgrown, the paperbacks you and your neighbors have already passed around twice, home improvement books you know longer need, cookbooks, etc.

We will accept paperback and hardback fiction and non-fiction, textbooks, dictionaries, manuals, even those bundles of National Geographics! Ask your neighbors, relatives, coworkers, and friends for books they no longer need and send them in too! This is a great opportunity to get a jump on your spring cleaning, donate to your school and community, and be support our schools recycling efforts.

The books are being collected through March and will be priced very reasonably for our Used Book Sale which will take place in April. The sale will run over four days, with the first two days books priced \$1.50-\$5.00, 1/2 price on the third, and a bag of 10 for \$5.00 on the fourth. All remaining books will be donated to the school libraries and the Mt. Airy branch of the Carroll County library.

Boxes will be located at the front of both schools so the kids can just drop their bundle in as they enter in the morning. Or if you have an "extensive library", please give us a call and we can pick it up from your home. Any questions can be directed to Jeni Hart (jenihart@comcast.net or 410-908-4913).

Kudo's Corner -

Many thanks to **Tracie Larson** and the Bingo Committee for another wonderful Family Bingo Night! 600 tickets were sold for this fun-filled event.

Thank you to Mr. Bill and his team for clearing the snow so our children could access the school safely following the snow events in February.



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 on Sept 23). The Operating budget funds staffing, classroom resources, transportation, facility maintenance (the FY11 Operating budget request was approved on Feb 24). 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. March. 10 @ 5PM, and Wed. March. 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>

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



Green Team Update

The Abitibi Paper Retriever dumpsters are no longer in the parking lot of PRES and MAES. The company could no longer provide service to our area. However, we ARE STILL RECYCLING in school. All recycling can be single streamed (cans, bottles, paper, cardboard). Please keep in mind our recycling efforts during school functions and celebrations. Thanks for helping keep our schools GREEN!

Spirit Wear – Available Online

"Spirit Wear" for Parr's Ridge and Mount Airy Elementary Schools is now available on-line. You can get clothes, blankets, magnets, mugs and much more! Take a look at all the different ways to show your school spirit at <http://www.proforma.com/maes-parrsspiritwear>.



Don't forget Friday's are Spirit Day at both Parr's and MAES!!