

# The Mount Airy Parr's Ridge PTA

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



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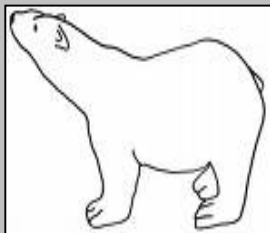
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## President's Corner

Spring has sprung! It's a hectic time for all of us, including the PTA. Teacher Appreciation Week, Desserts with Dad (MAES students) and Play Day are a sampling of what's coming your way!

Our last PTA General Meeting is on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Parr's and we will be electing our new Board Members. Nominations will remain open until the evening of the election. Additionally, this meeting is the last opportunity to approve any additional funding and teacher requests for the rest of the academic year. Any outstanding items requiring a vote by the General Membership will be tabled until the October General Meeting next fall. With that being said, we encourage you to attend. Please cast your votes for your future leaders and have a voice in how we spend your PTA dollars!

Lastly, thanks to our amazing faculty and parent volunteers who give their time to make out PTA and school community a huge success.

Lee Piccolo

## It's PTA Election Time!

Noreen Maksym has been nominated for PTA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Nominations remain open until the vote during the April 20<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting.

Lee Piccolo has also decided to run for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as PTA President.

## SCIENCE FAIR WRAP UP

Congratulations and thanks to all our student presenters! Each Science Fair presenter was well informed and was able to explain to fellow classmates and adults about their projects. It was clear the students enjoyed the study and preparation. It was great to see the students learning from each others' science projects. Special thanks to Mrs. Bunker and Mr. Spaur for serving as medal presenters to the students. A great night for all!

## Mark Your Calendars!

### April 2010

- 13 Executive Board Meeting – MAES (8:45am)
- 13 Parent Volunteer Training – MAMS (5:30pm – 6:00pm)
- 20 PTA General Board Meeting – Parr's (7:00pm)
- 26 Schools Closed

### May 2010

- 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 11 Executive Board Meeting – Parr's (8:45am)
- 31 Schools Closed

# Committee News

## Volunteers Needed:

**"Play Day"** Volunteers are needed to help with water stations at Parr's Ridge on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Lisa Skelton at [lisaskelton@comcast.net](mailto:lisaskelton@comcast.net) or 301.829.9312.

**"Deserts with Dad"** is in need of volunteers to donate desserts, set up, clean up and assisting with the event. Contact Sheila Colvin at [davesheila93@gmail.com](mailto:davesheila93@gmail.com) or 240.793.8864.

**"Morning Running"** needs a few volunteers to help out for 30 minutes on Wed or Thurs mornings. Contact Carolyn Langille at [sclangille@comcast.net](mailto:sclangille@comcast.net)

**"Used Book Sale"** still needs parent volunteers to assist with book sorting and assistance working the actual event. If interested, please contact Jeni Hart at [jenihart@comcast.net](mailto:jenihart@comcast.net) or 410-908-4913

**We need YOU!!**



## Desserts with Dad (MAES)

Although the annual Donuts with Dad event will not take place, we are very excited to announce that it has been replaced this year with **"Desserts with Dad"**. We are busy planning a fun evening for our students and their dads or other special guy in their lives. In order to make this new event a success, we need volunteers to help with various duties to include donating desserts for the event – homemade or store bought is fine, set up, clean up, and working the event. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Sheila Colvin at [davesheila93@gmail.com](mailto:davesheila93@gmail.com) or 240-793-8864.

## Market Day!

We would like to thank everyone that supported our March Market Day sale! There are only two more months this year to support the PARRS - MAES PTA with this great fundraiser! Be sure to enter the code APRPIZZA in April with your on-line order of \$75 or more and receive a 4 pk of cheese pizza Eatzzas! Also be sure to look online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) and see how you can earn a Free Get Grillin Starter Pack. Finally, new for April's menu is a Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Cup for the freezer. We always want a little cookie dough before baking the cookies, now they are conveniently packaged for just that craving!!

If you haven't yet tried Market Day, why not give it a shot, these wonderful foods are backed by a 100% money back guarantee!! This month's orders are due to be turned in by Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> and on-line orders by Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> by 11:00 pm. Sale pick up is scheduled for Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30 in the MAES cafeteria.

With your support we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals!

Thank you! Virginia John and Kathy Seymour  
301-831-0448 and 301-831-0071  
Market Day co-chairs

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# Committee News

## Adopt A Staff

Spring has finally sprung and our Adopt A Staff program at both MAES and PARRS will be wrapping up in May! Hard to believe the school year has flown by. All participating families still have a good two months before revealing who they are! Remember your staff's birthday, anniversary, special Easter celebrations and end of the year ideas. If you are stuck at anytime for gift giving ideas refer back to your teacher questionnaire! Please feel free to contact either Stephanie Cooper at [cooperstephanie@comcast.net](mailto:cooperstephanie@comcast.net) or Shelby Evans at [sevans@fedmedinc.com](mailto:sevans@fedmedinc.com) with any questions or concerns regarding the program. Thanks again to all who have adopted a staff member and gifted them throughout the year!

## **Spring Morning Running starts in April !!**

1st graders will run on Wednesday mornings and 2nd graders will run on Thursday mornings - make sure your children are dressed for running and the weather. Please email Carolyn Langille ([sclangille@comcast.net](mailto:sclangille@comcast.net)) or Kelly Vasquenza ([bk3c@comcast.net](mailto:bk3c@comcast.net)) if you are able to help for 30 minutes on Wednesday or Thursday mornings.



## **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7) "Let's Celebrate Our Award Winning Staff!"**

Let's hear for the fabulous teachers at Parr's and MAES! It's that time of year when we get the opportunity to tell our teachers how much we appreciate their many talents.

If you can volunteer your time for this week to help with the Luncheon, Sweet Treats Day, or help make posters for the staff, please contact Joyce Anderson (MAES) at 301-829-5128, [scottandjoyce@msn.com](mailto:scottandjoyce@msn.com), or Alison Brickey (PRES) at 301-829-6999, [almike1@comcast.net](mailto:almike1@comcast.net). Even just one hour of your time can help make this a great week for the staff!

## **USED BOOK SALE – Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Parris Ridge and Mt. Airy Elementary Used Book Sale. We need help organizing, restocking, and ringing up books during the weekends of April 10-11 and April 17-18 in the Parris Ridge Elementary cafeteria and gym from 9 am - 1 pm. If you can help for just a few hours or an entire sale day, we need you! If you cannot help, be sure to still stop by and bring and inspire your family and friends with affordable books that will motivate them to read something new and interesting.

The sale is a great opportunity to pick up a fresh read for cheap and includes paperback and hardback fiction and non-fiction for readers of all ages. The sale will run over four days, with the first two days books priced \$1.00-\$5.00, 1/2 price on the third day, and a bag of 10 for \$5.00 on the fourth day. All remaining books will be donated to the school libraries and the Mt. Airy branch of the Carroll County library. Any questions can be directed to Jeni Hart ([jenihart@comcast.net](mailto:jenihart@comcast.net) or 410-908-4913).

## Kudo's Corner -

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Kindergarten Readiness Fair a success!

Many thanks to **Suzanne Himmelberg** for organizing and another successful Science Fair! A fantastic night for all our students!

A continued thanks to **Chris Bloch and Kris Barker** for the many hours they spend training our parent volunteers!

Thank you to **Kelly Vasquenza, Carolyn Langille, Leslie Stipcak and Angela Strope** for keeping our Running Program in motion!

Here's to **Shelby Evans, Stephanie Cooper and our many parent volunteers** for keeping our "Adopt a Staff" Program active throughout the year.



## 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](mailto:jgouge@ccg.carr.org); [dminnich@ccg.carr.org](mailto:dminnich@ccg.carr.org); [mzimmer@ccg.carr.org](mailto: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](mailto:ciecker@k12.carr.org), [clfoley@k12.carr.org](mailto:clfoley@k12.carr.org), [gwbauer@k12.carr.org](mailto:gwbauer@k12.carr.org), [bjshree@k12.carr.org](mailto:bjshree@k12.carr.org), [pwgadbe@k12.carr.org](mailto:pwgadbe@k12.carr.org), [jaseide@k12.carr.org](mailto: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>

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## 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-parrspiritwear>.



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