



PTA TIMES

Takoma Park Elementary School

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Message from PTA President Shruti Bhatnagar

Hello everyone,

Hope you all had a successful Back to School Night. The PTA was unable to provide childcare for this event due to lack of space at the Grosvenor facility. We apologize for the inconvenience.

The school and transportation authority have been working together to help resolve the transportation issues. It has not been easy. If you still have concerns, please contact Robin Painter at Robin_J_Painter@mcpsmd.org. If your child is getting on the wrong bus please contact the school. Please copy me on your correspondence so that the PTA can stay informed and continue to help to resolve these issues.

Please remember to send a NOTE for your child's teacher in the Dolphin folder every time there is a change in how your child gets home. In the absence of a note your child will go home as she/he usually does. Last minute phone changes will not be accepted. Thank You.



Upcoming Events:

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events, and note that all PTA evening events will be held at **Piney Branch Elementary School**, 7510 Maple Ave., in Takoma Park.

Sept. 15	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	1 st Grade Mixer
Sept. 17	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Kindergarten Mixer
Sept. 18	8:45 am – 10:00 am	Principal's Coffee
Sept. 22	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	2 nd Grade Mixer

Principal's Coffee of this month will be held at Grosvenor.



Flu Mist Forms:

The Flu Mist Campaign is scheduled for Sept 24th. Please return signed FluMist consent forms, if you have not already done so. The forms were sent in your child's Dolphin Folder and were due September 11, 2009. If you would like to volunteer to help that day please contact Shruti Bhatnagar at shruti_bhatnagar@yahoo.com



Sign up now to be a Room Parent!

Each class needs at least one or two room parents. A room parent is a liaison between the teacher and other parents of the class to help coordinate activities and volunteers on request from the teacher. The room parent will also be the PTA rep for their child's class and help with contacting class parents for PTA needs. Please volunteer your name to the Room Parent Committee chair, Kellee Witherspoon, at kellee@gentlelotus.com.



Volunteers Requested for following committees:

Spanish translator: If you are bilingual and know Spanish, the PTA Newsletter committee needs you to help with translation of the PTA weekly newsletter. Please contact the newsletter committee co-chairs, Frances Cook (cookf@gao.gov) or Rohini Pande (rohinipande66@yahoo.com).

We are also looking for volunteers to Co-Chair or be committee members of the following committees:
Book Fair Committee.
Field Trip Support.
Diversity Committee.

Please Note: We are unable to provide a Spanish version of the PTA Newsletter at this time but we hope to start that soon. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this delay and appreciate your patience in this matter.

Sad News: The PTA would like to express our condolences after the passing of Mr. Dan Parr, father of Mr. Parr and husband of Ms. Weiss, after a struggle with cancer. Mr. Parr was a strong advocate for the less advantaged kids in the school system, ran for school board, and served as chief of staff to county councilman Tom Perez. If you would like to make donations or inquire about the memorial service, please contact the TPES office.