



# PTA TIMES

## Takoma Park Elementary School

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### Message from PTA President Shruti Bhatnagar

I would like to begin by thanking the entire community for all their support to me. In particular, I am grateful for everyone's patience and assistance in helping the school get through the enormous transportation challenges at the start of the year. Your effort underscores how wonderful our PTA is and how awesome our community, where everyone comes together in difficult times.

I would like to thank all the parent volunteers who have worked with me through the summer and into the new school year. The PTA is off to a great start this year because of these volunteers. As a result of early sign-up, we filled our committee chair positions by early summer. Thanks to all the committee chairs for volunteering to lead the committees and making a work plan ahead of time for their scheduled events.

A special thanks and Hats Off to parent volunteers who put in a lot of work during the summer to get things done for the start of this year. It is parents like you who are the strength of the PTA.

1. Pam Loprest, Lisa Moran, Frances Cook and A.J Campbell in the Executive Committee for their tremendous support and time to plan and analyze PTA goals and strategies.
2. Lisa Moran, for chairing the Grosvenor Committee. Sub-committee chairs Beth Gorman, for working with transportation, and Giuseppe Cimmino, for keeping us updated on construction
3. Scott Ward for re-designing our web site and always uploading useful information very promptly.
4. List serve moderator Andrew Partan who took the time to streamline the list-serve settings.
5. Jayne Holt (Supplies Committee Chair) for streamlining PTA supplies and organizing them at the PBES facility.
6. Pam Loprest, Susan Roth, Alisa Smedley, Erika Lang, Barbara Cosgrove and A.J Campbell (Directory Committee) for their amazing effort in collating the directory information. Due to their hard work, we will

have the school directory out in early October this year.

7. Kristen Dill & Geneva Watenpaugh (Atrium Committee chairs), Jenny Ash-Maher, Nina Garfield, Ruth Polk, Debra Bodner, Emily Schabacker, and Eva Chao (committee members) for nurturing our Atrium at the TPES facility.

Additional acknowledgements are listed below. Thank you everyone.



### Acknowledgements for PTA Events and Activities Held in September

In the last newsletter of each month, we try to acknowledge all of the many volunteers who make our PTA so strong. If we have left anyone out, please know that your hard work makes a huge difference for the students, parents, and staff at TPES.

**Staff appreciation:** Great appreciation goes to Lydia Oberholtzer and Heidi Danielski, committee chairs, for working with their committee members and early planning of the staff appreciation events for the year.

**Staff and teacher lunch:** Many thanks to Heidi Danielski and Lisa Hone for coordinating the wrap, snack, and apple lunch, and to Lisa for donating cookies from the Piney Branch ES staff appreciation committee. (Sponsored by the PTA and held on August 28<sup>th</sup>.)

**TPES staff breakfast:** Thank you Jackie Kuchta for coordinating the TPES staff breakfast, including the yummy bagels, fruit, and coffee. Thanks also to Denise Thompson for helping Jackie. (Held by the PTA Staff Appreciation Committee on September 11.)

**Mixers Committee:** Many thanks to Terri Scott and Cherry Marwah, mixers committee chairs and new incoming parents at TPES for organizing and running successful ice cream socials for K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Also thanks to Laney Park for volunteering and helping at all three mixers.

**Principal's Coffee Committee:** Many thanks to Nicole Pauls and Katherine Haines, committee chairs, for organizing the first Principal's coffee of this year at Grosvenor. It was a great turnout and there was breakfast for everyone.

**Newsletter Committee:** Hats off to newsletter committee chairs, Frances Cook and Rohini Pande, for doing an incredible job on getting us the weekly newsletters. Thanks to the committee members who have volunteered to help with photocopying and Spanish translation -- Renato and Claudia Bendana, Alicia MBenga, Debra Bodner, Gwen Glesmann, Tomoko Mizui, and Samantha Shofar.

**School Directory:** A special thank you goes to our School Directory committee which has worked tirelessly to get the directory put together in record time this year so that parents will have this important resource sooner than ever. Many thanks to Pam Loprest, Susan Roth, Barbara Cosgrove, Alicia Smedley, Erika Lang, and A.J. Campbell.

**Flu Mist Campaign:** Many thanks to Samantha Shofar, Claudia Bendana, Kandice Chuh, Joyce Loebig, Cathy Futrowsky, Tammy Glasser, and Jennifer Alexander for volunteering to help with the Flu Mist campaign held on September 24th.



### Other Acknowledgements

**Room parent volunteers:** Many thanks to all those who have already volunteered to be room parents. Others interested in being room parents for their children's classrooms, please contact Kellee McCluney at [kellee@gentlelotus.com](mailto:kellee@gentlelotus.com).

**Lunch and Recess Volunteers:** We greatly appreciate and thank parents who have volunteered to help at lunch and recess. Thanks to Tomoko Mizui, Jane Sharp, Lydia Oberholtzer, and Kathryn Desmond.

**Media Center Volunteers:** Thanks to Emily Schabacker, Jennifer Alexander, Ally Zevin and Shruti Bhatnagar for their help in the media center. The media center still needs volunteers, especially from 12:50 pm to 3:30pm. Please contact Ms. Ricci at [Patrizia\\_D\\_Ricci@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patrizia_D_Ricci@mcpsmd.org).

**Fundraising contributors:** Thank you to everyone who has placed orders for Sally Foster products and through other fundraising activities. If you have not yet done so but would like to do so, please contact A.J. Campbell ([aj@cosynergy.com](mailto:aj@cosynergy.com)) for Sally Foster orders or Susan Heil ([milwokie.cat@verizon.net](mailto:milwokie.cat@verizon.net)) for the Flower and Bulb Fundraiser. The deadline for both is September 30<sup>th</sup>. You can also contact Sue Anderson if

you would like to purchase TPES T-shirts or magnets ([sueganderson@yahoo.com](mailto:sueganderson@yahoo.com)), or donate cash. Many thanks to A.J., Susan and Sue for their efforts towards these different fundraising activities.

**PTA Members:** A big round of applause for all our parents who have taken the PTA membership this year. We are ahead by 10% of our last year's membership because of all of these parents. A list of members will be available at the PTA meetings.

If you have still not taken the PTA membership, please do so as soon as possible and help make our PTA strong. Your PTA membership gives you the right to vote at PTA meetings. Join hands with us and send in your membership soon. Forms are on the PTA web site or send in a request in your child's Dolphin folder.



### Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for the following events in the month of October, and note that all PTA evening events will be at **Piney Branch Elementary School**, 7510 Maple Ave., in Takoma Park. More details will be provided for each event in the relevant weekly PTA newsletter.

#### TPES PTA Oct Events at PBES Location:

Oct 6	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	PTA meeting
Oct 15	8:45 am – 10:00 am	Principal's Coffee
Oct 23	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Fall Fiesta

#### TPES PTA Oct Events at Grosvenor Location:

October 30	Staff Appreciation Event
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### School closings and early release days

Please note the following school closings and early release days in October. More details will be forthcoming from the school for early releases closer to the time of each early release day.

Sept 28		School closed: Yom Kippur
Oct 2	1:00 pm	Early release
Oct 16		School closed: MSTTA Convention