



PTA TIMES Takoma Park Elementary School

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From PTA President Shruti Bhatnagar

I am pleased to share that the behavior of children in the buses has improved and calmed down, with any remaining issues being addressed as they arise. Thanks to parents who have talked to their children about the code of conduct and reinforced good bus behavior. The school is having limited complaints about bus behavior at this time. The staff is talking to the children about the bus challenge to encourage good behavior in the buses. The assistant principal, Ms. Tamera Sherr is organizing parent volunteers who are willing to ride the bus. Anyone interested in volunteering can call the school office to talk to her or e-mail her at: tamera_a_sherr@mcpsmd.org.

Our PTA meeting is tomorrow – Oct 6th. I encourage parents to attend. We are working together with the team leaders of each grade to make sure that we bring important information to the parents about what is happening in each grade and your child's classroom. Every month one teacher from each grade will be at the PTA meeting to talk about the highlight of the month in each grade, share information on some important topics, and answer parents' questions. The draft of this year's budget is attached for your information. It will be discussed at the PTA meeting. Thank You.



October Principal's Coffee at PBES

Please join us on Thursday, October 15 from 8:45 to 10 am for the Principal's Coffee, which will be at Piney Branch ES this month. The coffee is on a Thursday because there is no school on Friday. (In the future, please mark your calendars for the third Friday of the month.) October's topic will be "Homework: Too Much or Not Enough." Bring your questions and be prepared for a lively discussion. Breakfast will be served. Please contact your co-chairs, Kat Haines diamou@earthlink.net or Nicole Pauls nickypauls@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

!!! Reminder: No School on October 16 !!!



Come to the PTA Meeting tomorrow: Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm

In addition to the Principal's report and the budget, the agenda includes teacher breakout sessions, at which a teacher from each grade will talk about the curriculum, how instruction is imparted in all classrooms, and homework. In addition, Mr. Parr, 2nd grade teacher, has kindly offered to be available to talk to parents of his home room and math students since he was unavailable for Back to School Night. The meeting will take place in the All Purpose Room at **Piney Branch Elementary School**, 7510 Maple Ave., in Takoma Park. Refreshments and child care will be provided.



Join us for the Fall Fiesta on Friday, October 23rd, 7:00, at PBES

The Fall Fiesta is a potluck this year, so please bring a dish to share — any festive dishes very welcome! El Golfo will provide some tasty things to nibble on, and some wonderful musicians from Piney Branch will entertain us. This is a great chance to get to know other TPES students, parents, and staff. The Fall Fiesta committee needs help with planning and setting up for the event. If you could volunteer a little time either before or on the day of the event, please contact Mary Hanisco at hanisco_family@mac.com or 301 270-0477.



Fundraising Corner

Sally Foster: Parents can continue to place orders on-line until December. The TPES code is 501413. Questions go to A.J. Campbell at aj@cosynergy.com. **Donations:** You can also make a donation to the PTA instead of participating in the Fall fundraisers. The check should be made out to TPES PTA and can be sent in your child's dolphin's folder. Your contribution is appreciated.

October Events at Piney Branch ES

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