



PTA TIMES Takoma Park Elementary School

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PTA website: <http://www.tpespta.org>
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Message from PTA President Shruti

Bhatnagar: I am pleased to announce Scott Ward as our new PTA V.P. The

executive committee approved his nomination and I announced it at the Oct 6th PTA meeting. Scott and his wife Beth Hedstrom are parents of first graders Nicholas and Caroline Ward. Scott has been managing the TPES PTA web site since last year. His professional background is in advocacy communications, focusing on non-profit communications and communications in support of conflict resolution. Scott has a positive attitude, great team spirit and leadership qualities. As VP, he will help facilitate communication. I welcome Scott to his new role and look forward to working with him. He will be officially elected in the Nov PTA meeting and, until then, he will be a member of the executive committee as the V.P elect. Thank you.

training from Ms. Ricci in how to use the media center computer. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Ricci (Patrizia_D_Ricci@mcpsmd.org or leave a message for her in the main office). Volunteer as often or as little as your schedule permits!



Stay fit and contribute to the school!

Runners and non-runners are invited to join the TPES 5k Committee. We need event planners, fundraisers, logistics coordinators and promoters. No experience required. If you would like to help or have questions, please e-mail Fred Hargrove at: fred.hargrove@morganfranklin.com.



Upcoming Events: Please mark your calendars for the following events to be held at PBES.

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

Note: School is open on Columbus Day (Oct. 12)
School is closed on October 16.



TPES Construction Update:

Construction is progressing ahead of schedule, with renovations to the main office, health room and other front rooms almost complete. You can see the pictures on the PTA Web site (www.tpespta.org).



Principal's Coffee: Have you ever sat down with your child and wondered why there is so much homework, or thought there isn't enough homework? Come to the Principal's Coffee on October 15th (Room

206) and discuss homework and homework strategies with the principal and other parents. Ask questions, get feedback and eat a delicious breakfast! Please sign in on the sheet displayed by the white board in the lobby as you enter the building.



Bus Update:

The PTA Executive Committee is working to help resolve continuing problems in some buses. Thanks to parents for keeping us informed, and to those who have taken the initiative to try and resolve issues. One of the most effective ways that parents can pursue their concerns is to talk directly to the bus driver and/or the bus supervisor. You are likely to get more information faster than if you call the school. On the back page of this newsletter, and on the TPES PTA website, is a list of drivers and supervisors (with phone numbers) for each bus. We also suggest parents of White and Purple bus students volunteer to ride the afternoon bus. We believe adult supervision on the bus would work well as a short run, immediate solution to the problems on these buses. We request you to coordinate amongst yourself and create a schedule for volunteers. Do continue to keep us informed, however, as we continue to work with the community to look for solutions for remaining problems.



Volunteer Requests for Media Center:

We need parents to volunteer in the Media center from 9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:30 pm. Volunteering parents will receive a 15-minute