



PTA TIMES

Takoma Park Elementary School

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Message from PTA President Shruti Bhatnagar

I hope every family got a school directory. Thanks to all who support the fundraising that helps fund these projects. We will be printing a directory supplement page that will be sent home with the November 9 newsletter. Please send any omissions or corrections to Pam Loprest at ploprest@yahoo.com by November 4.

I am pleased to announce that our PTA membership has gone up by 25% more than last year. Our goal is 100% participation. **I request those parents who have not yet sent in their membership form to please send it in asap.** If you are not able to download it from our web site, please send a note in your child's dolphin folder and we will send one to you.

We are getting closer to our Fall fundraising goal. Our goal for Sally Foster is \$10,000 and we have reached \$6762. Our goal for the flower and bulb fundraiser was \$3000 and we got \$2300. The entertainment books also brought by Sally Foster are not included in these totals as we are still waiting for those orders.



Upcoming Events & Early Release Days in the Next Two Weeks

<u>Events at Piney Branch Elementary School</u>		
Nov. 3	7 - 8:30 pm	PTA Meeting
<u>Events at the Grosvenor Location</u>		
Nov. 11 & 12	1:00 pm	Early release-conferences
Nov. 11	5 - 6 pm	Staff dinner



November PTA Meeting – Nov 3, 2009

Tonight at Piney Branch E.S. in the All Purpose Room at 7:00 pm. **The agenda includes:** Principal and PTA President's updates; a session on the reading curriculum with Reading specialist, Michelle Koopman: "What does your child do in the 90 minute reading time in class" and other important aspects of the reading program; Guided reading in classroom by Ms Vivek from 2nd grade and vote on electing Scott Ward as PTA Vice President.



Calling 2nd Grade Parents!

The TPES-PTA Staff Appreciation Committee will organize a dinner for TPES Staff for Nov. 11 at 4:30 p.m. for parent-teachers conferences. If you're a second-grade parent and interested in volunteering to bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or beverage, please contact Denise Thompson by email at msdenise@gmail.com.

TPES PTA Website Updates:

- * Under the "Handy Info" tab we've added the current Magnet bus departure and arrival times, as well as an updated list of drivers and supervisors.
 - * On the homepage, we've added a photo of the construction back at TPES and a link to a construction slideshow.
 - * Minutes of the PTA meeting. As a rule, we have a draft of these posted within 48 hours of the conclusion of the meeting.
 - * Volunteer form for filling in volunteer hours has been posted under the forms tab. All volunteers are requested to print a sheet and fill in all their volunteer hours for any school or PTA volunteer activity.
- If anyone ever has specific questions about the web site, please feel free to contact Web Manager Scott Ward directly at Scott.Ward@FifthEstateCI.com



Fundraising Corner

Please continue to support our fall fundraiser by buying the entertainment book brought to you by Sally Foster or by placing Sally Foster orders on-line until the end of December. You can have your orders shipped directly to you and use your credit card to order. Additional entertainment books for this area or anywhere else can be ordered by going to our PTA website, under Support Our Schools or by using the following link: <http://www.fundraising.entertainment.com/esale2.cfm?CI=501413&SI=682637&LI=1> The 2010 Washington D.C./Maryland Entertainment® Book is packed with over \$18,200 in local savings:
• 368 Dining Discounts • 161 Attraction Discounts
• 202 Shopping Discounts • Over \$15,000 in Travel Discounts • Movie Ticket Discounts • And Much More...