



PTA TIMES Takoma Park Elementary School

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Message from PTA President Shruti

Bhatnagar: The members of the PTA executive committee, the Grosvenor

transportation committee and parent volunteers are putting together a plan to help resolve continuing bus behavior problems. In the interim, it would be an enormous help if parents whose children ride the Red, Purple or White buses volunteer to ride the bus as bus monitors once a week, or as their schedule permits. We will put together a monthly schedule for you. Ms. Landrum has volunteered to provide bus volunteers a ride to the Grosvenor metro once the buses reach school. Please write back to me as soon as possible if you are able to contribute your time as a bus monitor.



Volunteer request for room parents:

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be room parents. We still need room

parents for the following classrooms:

- Kindergarten: Ms Adeosun's class
- 1st Grade: Ms. Albers and Ms. Levine's class
- 2nd Grade: Mr Parr, Ms. Scott-Clayton, Ms Smith and Ms. Vivek's class

Room parents (1) co-ordinate project activities or supplies for the class; (2) share class information with other class parents on request from the class teacher, and; (3) act as a PTA representative to communicate reminders or requests via e-mail or phone to other class parents on request from executive committee officers. Please contact Kellee Witherspoon at kellee@gentlelotus.com to volunteer as a room parent.



Upcoming Events: Please mark your calendars for the following events

To be held at PBES:

- Nov 20 8:45 am – 10:00 am Principal's Coffee
- Nov 20 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Bingo night

To be held at Grosvenor:

- Nov 11 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Parent-teacher conference
- Nov 11 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Staff appreciation

Note: November 11 and 12 are early release days to allow for the parent-teacher conference. Children will be released at 1:00 pm.



Update on H1N1 Vaccine:

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services has advised the school that the previously scheduled H1N1 (swine) flu vaccination clinics on November 11 and November 18 have been cancelled due to shortages of the H1N1 vaccine. For up-to-date information about vaccine availability, visit the county's website www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu or call the flu hotline at 240-777-4200. You can also get a list of areas providing the vaccination in the broader DC metropolitan area from the Washington Post at: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpsrv/metro/flu_shot_s.html



Principal's Coffee: The Principal's Coffee on November 20th will be held at PBES (the Music Room) instead of Grosvenor in lieu of the Coffee in October that was cancelled.

The topic will be the same "Homework and homework strategies". Ask questions, get feedback and eat a delicious breakfast! Please make sure you sign in at the office. Thanks.



Parent-teacher conference: The parent-teacher conference will be held at the Grosvenor facility on November 11

and 12. There will only be 20 minutes for each conference in an effort to accommodate each child in every class. To stay on schedule and make the most of the available time, it is important for parents/guardians to arrive about 10 minutes early. When you arrive, please wait outside the classroom till the teacher invites you in at your appointed time.