



PTA TIMES Takoma Park Elementary School

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Message from PTA President Shruti Bhatnagar

I am pleased to announce that we now have a bus aide provided by the transportation department who will be riding different buses on a rotating basis. We also have a few parents who have signed up to ride different buses on a regular basis. We hope that this arrangement of adult supervision on buses will help bring significant improvement in the behavior of children in buses.

TPES PTA will be celebrating PTA membership month from November 16 to December 16, 2009. We encourage parents to sign up for PTA membership. A membership form is attached for your convenience. Just send it back to us with your payment in your child's dolphin folder, drop it off in the main office, or mail it to us at the school address. If you are not sure whether you have paid your dues yet, please contact Pam Loprest at ploprest@yahoo.com to verify.

Membership challenge for Current PTA members! Bring in up to 5 new PTA members by talking to other parents from your bus stop / child's classroom etc. Thanks to parents who have already joined, our PTA membership has gone up by 25% since last year. Our goal is 100% participation. When we reach 50% above last year's number our PTA gets recognized by the MCCPTA at the MCPS School Fair in August. So help us reach our goal.

Your membership dues help us pay for things like field trip support to all grades and other activities that help support the educational activities in the classroom. Your contribution helps the staff, children and PTA!



Upcoming Events & Early Release or School Closures in the Next 2 Weeks

Please mark your calendar for the following and note that the **November 20 Principal's Coffee has been cancelled.**

Events at Piney Branch Elementary School

Nov. 20 7-8:30 pm Bingo Night

Early Release Days and School Closures

Nov. 25 1:00 pm Early Release

Nov. 26 No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Nov. 27 No School (Thanksgiving Break)



Next Principal's Coffee: December 15

Due to Mrs. Gadsden's unavailability on Nov 20th we are canceling the Principal's coffee scheduled for that day. We apologize for the inconvenience. This event has been rescheduled for Dec 15th. It will be held at Piney Branch Elementary in the Music Teacher's room from 8:45am-10am. The topic of discussion will be homework strategies. Join with fellow parents and hear from the principal about some of the best ways to complete homework.



Bingo Night – November 20

This event will be the first **joint event** for both Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary School communities. It is being hosted by PBES PTA.

Join in the fun. Please come to the Bingo Night on Nov 20th at Piney Branch Elementary school, All Purpose Room from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.



Donation Requested: School Health Room Needs a Small Chest of Drawers

If you have a small two to four drawer chest you don't need, please consider donating it to the school health room. It has to be less than 3 feet wide with at least two to four drawers. Please drop it off at the school or write to shruti_bhatnagar@yahoo.com to request pick up help.



Fundraising Corner

Sally Foster orders were delivered by the Sally Foster Company on Friday, Nov 6. This year, due to lack of space at the school facility, the orders were delivered to the house of A.J Campbell, Sally Foster committee chair. If you have not yet collected your order, please contact A.J and schedule a time to collect your order or let her know if you would like it to be sent home with your child from school. Contact A.J at 202-595-4250 or aj@cosynergy.com