



# PTA TIMES Takoma Park Elementary School

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## Message from PTA President Shruti Bhatnagar

Please find attached the supplement of the PTA newsletter with changes and corrections submitted by the parents.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered their time in November. Please remember to send in your volunteer hours to the PTA on the volunteer sheet available in the white binder in the mail office.

The PTA membership Challenge ends on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Please send in your membership dues of \$10 if you have not already done so.

One month left for anyone who wants to make charitable donations and benefit from a 2009 tax deduction. Please consider making a donation to the PTA through our direct appeal campaign "Dolphin Appeal". Thanks.



## Acknowledgements for events and activities held in November

In the last newsletter of each month, we try to acknowledge all of the many volunteers who make our PTA and school so strong. If we have left anyone out, please know that your hard work makes a huge difference for the students, parents, and staff at TPES.

**Staff and teacher dinner on Parent-Teacher Conference night:** The PTA Staff Appreciation Committee provided the staff and teachers with dinner on Parent-Teacher Conference night. A huge "thank you" to Denise Thompson for organizing the event and making fresh hot cocoa with whipped cream for the teachers. Many thanks also to those who provided food for the event, including: Jenny Ash-Maher, Samantha Shofar, Nancy Graham, Diane Bartz, Kamal Nagaich, Jackie Kuchta, Laney Park, Ruth Polk, Anne Fothergill, Natacha Blain, Cathy Futrowsky, Sally Kern, Shruti Bhatnagar, and Lydia Oberholtzer. A special thanks to Cathy Futrowsky, Tom Tucker, Chris Tucker, and Jayne Holt, who helped with set-up and clean-up. Olazzo's catered the lasagna, and, with all the amazing salads, side dishes, desserts and beverages, it was a terrific event for teachers at the end of a long day. They appreciated the effort tremendously!

**Room parent volunteers:** Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to be room parents. The only classrooms with no room parents are 1<sup>st</sup> grade - Ms. Albers and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Mr. Parr, Ms. Scott Clayton & Ms. Smith. Parents from these classes interested in being room parents, please contact Kellee Witherspoon at [kellee@gentlelotus.com](mailto:kellee@gentlelotus.com).

## Cookie dough Order Pick up:

Cookie Dough orders were delivered on Friday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. To pick up your order, please contact Pam Loprest at [ploprest@yahoo.com](mailto:ploprest@yahoo.com) or 301-587-0722

## Upcoming events, school closings, and early release days in the next 2 weeks



Dec 1	7:00 – 8:30 pm	PTA meeting (PBES: All-purpose room)
Dec 4	All Day event	Book exchange (Grosvenor facility)

## School closings and early release days

Nov 25	1:00 pm	Early release: Thanksgiving
Nov 26 & 27		No school: Thanksgiving

## Book Exchange: December 4th



The book exchange event is scheduled for, December 4, and is fast-approaching. Thanks to those families who have already donated books. We still need many more books, and call on you to continue donations to ensure a successful event. The donation deadline is Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. For questions, please contact committee chairs, Sharon Grey Coker or Emily Schabacker. More details on contact information and where to drop off book donations are on the back of this newsletter.

## Agenda for December 1<sup>st</sup> PTA meeting:

1. Vote on this school year's budget
2. Teacher Breakout session for all grades and Mr. Nguyen from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will talk about "Transition to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade".