



PTA TIMES Takoma Park Elementary School

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School Hours: 8:45 am - 3:30 pm
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PTA website: <http://www.tpespta.org>
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Message from PTA President Shruti Bhatnagar

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break.

An update from MCPS transportation department is that Mr Todd Watkins, Director of Transportation, has said that the county will provide transportation home from the school in the mornings and to the school from a central location in the afternoons for parents who would like to volunteer to ride the buses. All parents willing to ride the bus, please let me know.

In an effort to build parent-teacher trust and a stronger relationship with the teaching staff, I request all parent volunteers interested in volunteering in classrooms to schedule their visit in advance with their child's teacher. Please follow volunteering guidelines set by the teacher to avoid any interference in classroom activity. If you observe anything that is of concern or raises questions in your mind, please request a meeting with the teacher at another time to get a better understanding and clarifications of your questions. The school is very appreciative of all parents who have shown support and have been volunteering their time and efforts to school activities. Thanks.



Upcoming Event at Piney Branch E.S
Location. Please mark your calendars:

Dec. 15 8:45-10 am Principal's Coffee



Cultural Assembly: December 11

Kids on the Block – an assembly sponsored by Montgomery County Mental Health. Big puppets teach kids how to handle stress.



TPES Toy Drive

Every year Mrs. Egan and Mrs. Paz coordinate a TPES toy drive to collect new toys for TPES families. The toy drive will run from December 7th through

December 21st. Please send new, unwrapped toys for all ages from newborn up to 12 years old to the school office, or you can drop them off on the weekend at Mrs. Egan's house at 7506 Holly Avenue, right across from our home school building. If you are interested in being a recipient of the drive please contact Mrs. Paz at 301 571-6920.

No winter outer wear will be accepted this year.

Requests from Lunch and Recess staff:

Please remember to pack a spoon / fork in your child's lunch box if you are sending any food item like yogurt, applesauce, pasta etc in your child's lunch that requires the use of spoon / fork. The school does not have a supply of spoons and forks and whatever was in stock has been used by the children. Only children who buy lunch from the school cafeteria get plastic forks with their lunch.

Recess staff has requested donations of sidewalk chalk. You may send them in a bag marked for recess staff in your child's backpack with a note for the teacher to deliver it to the office. Thanks.



Fundraising Corner

Sally Foster is offering some extra savings in these tough economic times. Use offer code: SF09HOL2 for your free gift with purchase. Receive free shipping on orders over \$70. Offer is valid while supplies last. **Offer expires December 31st, 2009.**

You can find the **Web link for Sally Foster on our PTA web site** under the fundraising tab. You can also use this link in an email. Our custom link is:

<http://www.fundraising.entertainment.com/esale2.cfm?CI=501413&SI=680498&LI=1>

TPES T-shirts can be bought by placing orders through a note for the PTA in your child's Dolphin folder. We have child sizes starting at X-Small till Large. For more information please contact Sue Anderson at sueganderson@yahoo.com

Thanks.