



PTA TIMES Takoma Park Elementary School

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Message from PTA President Shruti Bhatnagar:

In response to continuing parent concerns about the safety and quality of the long bus rides to and from Grosvenor, the PTA has formed a Bus Safety Committee.

This committee will be chaired by Gabe Hutter who will be working with the PTA V.P Scott Ward. The committee chair will report to the PTA President and Grosvenor Committee chair, Lisa Moran. Beth Hisle Gorman, transportation sub committee chair will also be a committee member. We are looking for more parents to be on this committee and help in planning and implementation of an action plan.

The committee's immediate focus will be on recruiting and organizing parents willing to ride the buses in order to provide additional adult supervision.

The goal of this new effort is to achieve significantly greater coverage for all of the non-magnet bus routes and to provide support for parents who wish to participate.

We urge you to consider becoming a bus volunteer. If this is something you think you'd like to on a regular or even occasional basis, please email the committee chair, [Gabe Hutter at jenny.gabe@rcn.com](mailto:jenny.gabe@rcn.com). We hope to **establish a roster of volunteers for the month of January by Dec 20th, 2009.**

In the meantime, if you wish to ride your child's bus, please contact Ms. Sherr, TPES Assistant Principal, at [Tamera A Sherr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tamera_A_Sherr@mcpsmd.org) at least one day in advance.

Transportation for volunteers: Piney Branch Elementary School will be the pick up and drop off point for parent volunteers.

Red bus - 2 (Route 6361) will be available at 9:15 am at the school for volunteers who need a ride back to

Takoma Park from Grosvenor. The name of the bus driver is Santiago.

An announcement will be made by the office staff at 9:10 am asking parent volunteers at school who want a ride back to TP to board the bus.

In the afternoon, the Teal bus (Route 6353) will pick parents up at Piney Branch Elementary School between 1:30 pm to 1:45 pm and take them to Grosvenor if they wish to volunteer during the afternoon ride. The name of the bus driver is Al.

If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this committee or be a bus volunteer, please contact the committee chair, Gabe Hutter (jenny.gabe@rcn.com).



Upcoming Events: Please mark your calendars for the following events

To be held at PBES:

Dec 15 8:45 am – 10:00 am Principal's Coffee

Winter break: December 24, 2009 – January 4, 2010



Principal's Coffee: Have you ever sat down with your child and wondered why there is so much homework or wished for more homework? Come join us for an invigorating discussion about homework.

Ask questions, get feedback and eat a delicious breakfast. This month the Principal's Coffee will be held at Piney Branch Elementary in the Music Teacher's room from 8:45am-10am on TUESDAY December 15. All parents must sign in at the office.

Attachments to this newsletter:

1. TPES T-Shirt Order form
2. Room Parents List
3. PTA Members 09-10 List
4. Montgomery College – Piano Lessons for K-6 Info
5. Summer Enrichment & Job Opportunities Info