

Mark Your Calendar

3/3-18 MSA testing (3rd/5th)
3/22-26 Select Silent Auction
3/24 PTA Reading Logs Due
3/26 2 Hr Early Dismissal;
3/29-4/5 Spring Recess
4/8 Tysons Labels Deadline
4/9 Family Bingo Night
4/12 Report Cards
4/14 Square 1 Art Orders DUE
4/19 No School

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PTA GENERAL MEETING

When: Tuesday, March 9th at 7PM

Where: MES cafeteria

Why: To recognize Jan/Feb Mustang of the Month & discuss upcoming PTA/school events



Refreshments available!

READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Third Quarter logs are due March 24th!

Until then...
KEEP READING!

Reading log forms are available at www.mutualpta.com under the 'Parent Resources' link.

The Staff vs 5th graders Basketball Game has been postponed until Friday, May 14th.

Mutual Matters



Mutual PTA Newsletter

www.mutualpta.com

March 2010



It's already March! Many of us are starting our busy Spring sports schedules and hoping that warmer weather comes soon. So, in this write-up I just want to alert you of a few IMPORTANT reminders!!!

- * Check the lost-and found at school...you will be surprised to find out YOUR child has something there! I was! If not, the items will eventually be donated!
- * The PTA budgets \$150 every year for a "Cafeteria Contingency" to allow children to borrow money from the office to purchase lunch if they forget theirs. This money is almost gone! If your child borrowed money from the school, please return it ASAP! Notes and phone calls have been made from the office to those that have outstanding bills. If you are unsure if you owe money, please contact the office this week.
- * Our themed baskets for Basket Bingo are due this month! If you have not donated, please do so. If you have not received any information regarding your class's basket, please contact the room parent or teacher!
- * Because of the beautiful and incredible amounts of snow we received, many events have been rescheduled. Please be aware of new dates of activities your child is involved in.
- * As always, thanks so much for all of your support!!!

Have a great March!

FROM CCPS:

The Parent Involvement Resource Center of Maryland (MD PIRC) and the Calvert County Judy Center are sponsoring a conference, School Readiness: From the Cradle to College and Careers for parents and family members on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 8:00 until 3:00. The conference is free, but registration is required. Childcare is provided for children aged 2 and above. Infants and toddlers are welcome to accompany their parents to sessions. A continental breakfast and lunch are provided for all participants. Registration by going to the following link: <http://www.mdpirc.org/conference/March20.html>



Time for Elections!

This month, the nominating committee will begin their annual quest for new PTA Board Members and Committee Chairpersons. There are many exciting opportunities to get involved with the PTA at Mutual. If you've thought about being more active, but aren't quite sure where to start, we would be happy to answer your questions and point you in the right direction. Contact Tracy Fiore @ 410-495-8139 or tfiore1@verizon.net for more information on the right position for you!

Remember, most of our volunteers work part-time or full time!

Why PTA?

- PTAs get results. More than 85 rigorous research studies conducted over 30 years show that kids do better when parents are involved. Grades are higher. Test scores improve. Attendance increases.
- PTAs keep parents informed. Involved parents can understand the challenges schools face and become part of the solution. PTAs support education through active participation and advocacy.
- PTAs improve children's well-being. PTAs focus on what students need to be successful in their learning, including proper nutrition and safe, healthy environments.
- PTAs can help schools fulfill parent involvement requirements in the law known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Why? Because PTA's definition of parent involvement is the definition used in NCLB. Getting involved in PTA is the best way to organize parent involvement.

Winter Hands On Science

Due to the February snow days, Winter HOS is scheduled for Wednesdays until April 7th. Please remember that if school is closed early due to weather conditions, HOS will be cancelled for that day and made up the next available Wednesday.

If you have any questions please contact the HOS Coordinator, Tracey Williams (williams301@yahoo.com).

Bingo Night Classroom Baskets



Fundraisers

Square1 Art

We have updated our timeline below due to our snow days. Packets will be sent home for your review on March 25th and each child will receive a free sticker featuring their artwork to keep. The deadline for orders to be turned into school will be April 14th & your child's artistic designs will be here in approximately April 30th. Questions? Please contact Mary Miller at 410-586-9190.

If you would like to preview the catalog, please go to www.mutualpta.com/fundraiser.

We appreciate your participation & support!



Ways & Means

Tyson's Project A+ Contest

It's **TIME FOR TYSONS** so.....please send in labels from over 50 Tyson Frozen Chicken bags or boxed items in an envelope/baggie labeled with teacher/grade. The class that collects the most labels will get a special treat for our March contest!! Each label is worth 24 cents for Mutual!! And....for every 10 labels your child brings in their name will be added to a special raffle for a \$25 Gift Card to ToysRUs. Winner will be announced at our Family Bingo Night on April 9th!!



Box Tops Contest

Wow! We collected over 3,800 boxtops with our 'Build A Snowman' contest. Mrs. Howenstine's Pre-K class won a special treat by collecting the most boxtops—401!! Many thanks to all who participated! We're done collecting boxtops for this school year, but please start saving now for NEXT school year!



Labels For Education

Labels can be still be sent in through mid-May.



We appreciate your participation & support!

Old-Fashioned Family Basket Bingo Night

Save Friday, April 9th for a night of family FUN!!

6-9pm in the MES Gym

Doors Open ~ 5:30pm

Cost is \$20 for 20 games/\$5 each additional book



The Best Raffle Ever!

Winner Chooses (1) Prize:

- Wii FIT PLUS Bundle & \$100 Game Stop Card!
- DSI & \$50 Game Stop Gift Card!
- 8GB IPOD NANO & \$50 iTunes Gift Card!
- BEATLES ROCKBAND for system of your choice!
- NETBOOK Computer
- Flip Ultra Camcorder & rechargeable battery pack & \$50 Best Buy Gift Card
- Kindle E-book Reader



Great Prizes

50/50 Raffle & Pick A Gift Card Raffle
Tyson Label Raffle (ToysRUS Gift card)

Silent Auction Winners Announced
for Time with Teacher/Birthday Sign



OVER 20 THEMED BASKETS!!



Refreshments will be available for purchase.
We appreciate your participation & support!



A Volunteer/Donation Form has been sent home & should be turned in soon so we can organize our helpers! Please contact Shannon Kwiatkoski at 410-586-9445 if you have questions!