

CARDEROCKET



Carderock Springs Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

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Our Next PTA Meeting Is Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006

At 7:00 pm in the school's media center.

Every Carderock Parent is invited and encouraged to attend.

Refreshments will be provided.

We hope to see you there!

Letter from the PTA President

Kristy Keteltas

Dear Carderock Families:

We are now entering the part of the year- both here at school, and in every other facet of our lives- in which there are many projects of service and community-building. Our calendars are full and yet we get a new notice every day inviting us to do something **worthwhile and gratifying**. As you get invitations from your school community to participate in different efforts, please participate where you can and wish to- but we know that everybody cannot do everything. We have many wonderful opportunities throughout the Whitman Cluster in the coming months, and we hope that you can join us for some of what is to come.

We have already had wonderful work by many of our **volunteers** at school. Your kids are opening binders and sharpening pencils that were waiting at his/her desk thanks to the efforts of **Emily Giuffre**, who organized our **Back to School Supply Kits**. Thank you, Emily, for taking that shopping task off our hands at a busy start of school season! Many of you were also generous enough to give the teachers their own back to school supplies- thank you to those of you who picked an apple off the **Wishing Tree**, and thank you to **Carolyn LoBuglio**, who organized it with the help of **Debbie White**.

We enjoyed a beautiful and downright civilized **breakfast** with our children on **Visiting Day** thanks to **Ana Sanchez and Lorrie Wytkind**. Thank you to both of you, and your volunteers, for a wonderful spread, and a smooth operation that morning. We all appreciated the coffee and conversation! The parents are not the only lucky ones- our staff has been treated to a Back to School breakfast, and an Autumn Luncheon by our outstanding **Staff Appreciation Committee** and their volunteers. Thank you to committee chairs, **Ellen Chandler, Pilar Gottret, and Debbie White**.

We saw our usual large-capacity crowd of parents at the Halloween parade last week, and many volunteers stayed to help our **Room Parents** put on a group of wonderful parties. I saw a lot of happy kids marching onto buses after their parties. **Thank you to ALL the ROOM PARENTS-** and to the **Volunteer Committee- Jenn Fechter, Theresa Goldsholle and Ana Sanchez**, for organizing the Room Parents, and all the volunteer requests made by committees and teachers as the year progresses. This is an ongoing job, and we are fortunate to have such an efficient and well-run Volunteer Committee. **Thank you, Jenn, Theresa and Ana**, for all that you do to keep us running all year!

Many volunteers came out to support our kids in the Walk for the Homeless. I think more than ever this year, the kids came home with a raised awareness about homelessness that was presented in an age-appropriate manner by our excellent Community Service Committee. We all owe our thanks to **Community Service Chairs Holli Goral, Amy Bernhard, Diane Hemmersbaugh and Karen Schwartzman** for their thoughtful approach to service in this school community.

We are lucky to have so many talented parents give their time to Carderock. Our kids and staff are the beneficiaries- and the rest of us are grateful. Thank you to all for a busy and productive first few months of school.

Kristy Gertsen Keteltas

Book Fair

Caren Norris, Lisa Sobel & Kathy Staudaher

Come to the **Scholastic Book Fair, December 5-8**, and give the gifts that give twice! Everything you buy at the **book fair** supports programs that directly benefit your children. Our school will earn up to 25% of the total sales, so come get a head start on your holiday shopping.

The **Book Fair** begins with a Family Event, **Tuesday, December 5** from 6:30 to 8:30. Your children can watch live entertainment in the All Purpose Room while you shop and socialize with other Carderock parents down the hall. This year we present, Books: the Magic is Real by Joe Romano. This mesmerizing production illustrates the power of books and ignites a passion for reading. Popular books such as; “Harry Potter”, “How To Eat Fried Worms”, and “The Cat in The Hat” are literally brought to life through the art of magic and illusion. Rarely do children enjoy such a spectacular demonstration of magic combined with education. This show is very popular with the children; you will not want to miss it!

Books, games, CD-roms and small gifts will fill the tables in the media center; you’re sure to find something for everyone on your list. Teacher ‘wish lists’ will be on display if you want to purchase a book for your child’s classroom. Students will also have an opportunity to preview the book fair and bring a ‘wish list’ home, so you’ll know exactly what to buy.

We will need many volunteers to make this **Book Fair** a great success. Watch for our ad in the Volunteer Job Market and sign up now to help.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will run from **Tuesday, December 5** through **Friday, December 8**. Hours are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, daily.

Box Tops for Education

Karen Hutchinson

Way to go Carderock students and parents! We collected 1,288 box tops for our school, which translates to \$128.80! This is our largest collection to date! Thank you for all of your diligent cutting and saving. Keep up the good work throughout the holidays as you do your holiday baking and entertaining. Our next deadline is in February, and I would like our goal to be 1300 box tops or more. Remember to check the expiration dates and clip carefully, as to not cut off the expiration date. Also, ask other family members and neighbors to save their box top coupons for our school. Thanks again for your participation!



Directory Publishing

Judy McGowan & Gigi Meineke

Please take a moment to update the following information in your new CSES PTA directories:

Evan Beckley, Ms. Noonan

Correct spelling of Mother’s last name is MAHONEY; Her correct email address is pattymahoney@comcast.net

Correct email address for **Clayton VerPlanck** is Mary_C_VerPlanck@mcpsmd.org

Olivia Kuran, Ms. Zeitlin

Address should read Potomac 20854, not Bethesda

And an addition to the directory (new student):

Isaac Riddle, Ms. Zeitlin

Mark and Gretchen

8503 Fenway Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817

301-365-0142; gretchenriddle@hotmail.com

PS. It’s not too late to join the PTA and get a directory (If you haven’t already!). Contact Kristin Sorensen Tanenbaum at kristinsorensen@verizon.net for more information.

Grade Level Socials Begin with a Bang!

Second Grade Parents' Social – October 7

The second grade parents' social was held at the home of Lucy and Kevin Winkler. The Winklers' home was decked out in Mexican fiesta decorations, complete with outdoor tents lined with chili pepper lights. Despite the chilly, rainy weather, everyone stayed dry under the tents and warm by the outdoor fire pits. The food was fabulous, and a great time was had by all. A huge thanks to the Winklers for sharing their home with everyone, and many thanks to Jill McClelland and Lisa Williams for planning and coordinating such a wonderful evening!

Fourth Grade Parents' Social – October 27

The fourth grade parents' social was held at the home of Liz Levin. The "International Night" theme included a potluck dinner with lots to eat – everything from ravioli to satay. The decorations included flags from many countries, paper goods in the colors of the countries, and toothpicks with countries' flags on them. Partygoers ignored the rainy, windy night, and lingered long after the official end of the party. A great big thanks to Liz Levin for throwing such a fabulous party, and sincere thanks to Sonja White, Hailey Hanessian, Laurel Lagenaur, Kristen Sorenson, and Erica Eager for their invaluable help.

Parent Education

Christine Fruehwirth

Join us for Carderock Elementary's fall Parent Education workshop on November 14 at 7:30 p.m.:

“Preventing our Children from Judging People by what they Wear and Own”

Pam Mintz, Parent Education Coordinator for YMCA Youth and Family Services will facilitate this discussion with parents.

Please note: the workshop will take place immediately following the Carderock PTA Meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. on November 14. Please contact Christine Fruehwirth with questions at 301-983-3327 or thefrues@comcast.net.

Sally Foster Gift Wrap

Amy Darragh, Diane Hemmersbaugh & Sharon Keegan

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped make Sally Foster a great fundraiser! Remember, you can still shop! The online store at www.sallyfoster.com is open 24/7 till January 15, 2007 and Carderock Springs PTA still earns 50% on every order. Just enter our school number #501383 at checkout. Be sure to check out the fabulous gifts as well as much needed wrapping supplies. Have fun shopping!!

Variety Show

Nancy Holden, Karen Hutchinson & Lynda McIntyre

*What? Can it be? Are they looking for me?
Should I sing? Should I dance?
Will I take the chance?
March 2nd is the date for the Variety Show!
Start the choreography! Let it flow!
Warm up those instruments! Vocal chords, too.
Our show is the greatest-
Because the star is- YOU!*

Start thinking how you can be a part of our awesome Variety Show! More details to follow in next months Carderocknet.

Volunteer Reminders

From volunteering in the classroom, distributing Giant gift cards, and chaperoning field trips, to planning class parties, packing up Sally Foster orders, helping with recess and putting together materials for those Wednesday packets ... please keep a log of the hours you work both at school and at home. You deserve credit for your gift of time!

Yearbook

Holly Welch & Kristina Valencia

Photos, photos, photos....send in your photos, field trips, Halloween, walk-a-thon.....We need them all (hard copy **not on disk**)!

Note: The yearbook club sign-up has begun, 5th graders have your parents send me an email if you want to join. We have jobs enough for everyone who wants one - kristina_valencia@yahoo.com.

Family, friends, food and fun – that’s the hallmark of the annual **Carderock Springs Pre-Open House Breakfast!** And this year was no exception! An estimated 275 students and their parents enjoyed a delicious light breakfast and each other’s company before heading off to a great morning in the children’s classrooms. The Hospitality Committee would like to thank The Spring Mill Bread Company of Bethesda, Whole Foods of River Road-Bethesda, American Plant Food of Bethesda, and Vie de France of Potomac for their generous donations of pastries, breads, scones, muffins, fruit salad, mums and gourds. Their generous contributions were appreciated by all.

Our special thanks to our parent volunteers: Alison Ewing, Paul Sparrow, Lynn Gertzog, Jane Walter, Lisa Daniels Barber, Trudy Shahabi, Amy Kwak, Lois Kramer, Theresa Goldsholle, Patricia Eng and Janeen Stone Daly. They served breakfast and kept the tables stocked with a smile – and made sure that clean-up was a breeze so everyone could get to see our children and teachers in action when the school day began. Our volunteers also helped us pack up the leftovers which were delivered to the National Center for Children and Families and accepted as an in-kind donation to serve some of the most vulnerable children and families in the Washington, D.C. area.

And, an extra big thank you to Mrs. Dee for making sure that all the tables were set up when we got there in the morning so we were ready to roll. As always, she got the day off to a fabulous start!

The Hospitality Committee
Ana Sanchez and Lorrie Wytkind Co-Chairs

Just a Reminder...

Please do not move the parking sign on the west side of the school’s entrance. Thank you to all for abiding by the PTA request not to park on the sidewalk, for the safety of our students

4th & 5th Grade Book Club

The 4th and 5th Grade Book Clubs kicked off the year reading two terrific books and having lively discussions at their fun lunchtime meetings on October 19th!

The 4th graders read Lunch Money, by Andrew Clement, and the 5th graders read Flush, by Carl Hiaasen. We also selected upcoming discussion books - so fast readers can get reading sooner!!



The 4th graders will be discussing:

A Week In The Woods, by Andrew Clement, on November 16th.

Trading Places with Tank Talbott, by Dori Butler, in December.

The Good Dog, by Avi, in January.

The 5th graders will be reading:

The 7 Professors of the Far North, by John Fardell, on Nov 16th.

The Ravensmaster's Secret, by Elvira Woodruff, in December.

There are extra copies of each book in the media center (thanks PTA!).

Happy Reading - please encourage your child to come and share his/her thoughts on November 16th in the media center!!

Carderock Springs Pizza Night at Potomac Pizza








Monday, November 13 -- 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Please come out with your kids to see friends and eat pizza to benefit the Carderock Chronicle- our 4th and 5th grade literary magazine.

CSES gets 20% of the proceeds. Carry-out orders count too!

Potomac Pizza is located at 9812 Falls Road in Potomac Promenade.

November 2006

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- Nov. 1 No school for students, Professional Day for teachers
- Nov. 7 No school, General Election Day
- Nov. 9 Parent Conferences - Early Release Day at 12:35 p.m.
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- Nov. 11 Skate Night, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Cabin John Ice Rink
- Nov. 13 CSES Night at Potomac Pizza, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23 -24 No School, Thanksgiving Holiday