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Letter from the PTA President

Kristy Keteltas

Dear Carderock Parents:

Entering our second month of school (!), I am hopeful that families have settled into their new routines. Changes in the delivery of the math curriculum have prompted a lot of discussion, and while parents are still discussing this, the children seem to have adjusted- I hope this has been your experience. We plan to continue the dialogue, but we all want our kids to feel settled. Thanks to all who have participated in the discussions thus far as we resolve parent questions about implementation and assessment of the math.

Parent volunteers are out in force, supporting students and staff as they always do. It is great to see so many people working to make Carderock what it is. **Lora Bevirt** and **Peggy May** gave us a first-rate **Back to School Picnic**. The rain held off just long enough for the kids to run, dance and eat with their traditional glee, and we appreciate all the work that went into making that a great success.

Many of your children are beginning **After-School Activities**, thanks to the efforts of **Sara Bhatia**. Thank you, Sara, for arranging and coordinating so many wonderful programs. We encourage people to make use of this convenient service. **FLES** classes are about to get underway before school, and we can thank **Valerie Mercer-Blackman** for her efforts in getting those arranged. Not every school offers foreign language classes on site, and coordinating those is a great deal of work. Thank you, Valerie, for your work to provide those opportunities for Carderock students.

Many more of our volunteers have their committees and projects underway, but a special thank you is owed to **Judy McGowan** for putting together the **Student Directory**. We all rely on the Directory, and it is a big job to verify all the information and get permission to print from so many families. We are all looking forward to getting ours- and we thank Judy for her tireless work in getting that out so efficiently. Thanks to **Saima Siddiqui** who outdid herself again this year in getting the Directory paid for with wonderful ads from families, and from businesses in the community. Take a look in the **advertising** section when you are looking for a business that supports our school!

If you are looking for your new Directory, chances are that you sent in your **PTA Membership** form to Kristin Sorensen, who has headed up the Membership Drive this year. Thanks to Kristin, and to Scott Cameron for their efforts in getting all the parents connected to their PTA. The benefits are many- great programs for the kids, a voice in the school partnership, and County and State advocacy- and your Directory! We look forward to excellent participation again this year, thanks to Kristin and her committee.

We have a wonderful and involved community of talented people at Carderock. It is a pleasure to begin the year on such an outstanding team.

-Kristy Gertsen Keteltas

P.S. Thank you for abiding by the PTA-made "No Parking" sign near the sidewalk on the west side of school. Leaving this area free protects walking students from having to enter the street to walk around cars parked on the entrance to the sidewalk. We appreciate your cooperation!

Thank you to those of you who have given me your Giant and Safeway card numbers! If I do not have your grocery card numbers or if I need additional information from you, then you should be receiving a letter from me within the next few days. Your participation in Bonus Bucks is extremely easy and raises a lot of money for CSES. Happy shopping, and thanks for your support!

Book Fair

Caren Norris, Lisa Sobel & Kathy Staudaher

You spoke; we listened. After a couple years of disappointing book fair sales, many parents requested a return to hosting the book fair at school. So, from December 5th through the 8th, the Scholastic Book Fair will transform our Media Center into a bustling book store. The home location and convenient hours will make it easier than ever for you to support your PTA.

Do a little holiday shopping each time you stop by the school. Books, games, CD-roms and small gifts will fill the tables; 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.

In addition to regular school hours, the book fair will be open Tuesday night, December 5th for a special Family Event. Your children can watch live entertainment in the all purpose room while you shop and socialize with other Carderock parents down the hall.

Many volunteers are needed to staff a Scholastic book fair; we need lots of extra hands to make this a success. Please watch the 'volunteer job market' and sign up.

Now that the book fair has returned to the media center, we're counting on your support. Remember to "buy early and buy often". We look forward to seeing you there.

Box Tops for Education

Karen Hutchinson

No tricks, the only treats we want are Box Tops! It's time to cut like crazy for Box Tops for Education! October 31st is the deadline for coupon submission in order for our school to receive a check in December. I am happy to announce that Box Tops can now be found on Kleenex brand tissues. You can cut them out early without food falling from the box! Also, to my delight I found them on products from Cascadian Farms! Please place coupons in the container provided in the front office. Thank you for your time and effort! After all, free money is nothing to sneeze at! (Kleenex, get it?)



CSES Directory

Judy McGowan & Gigi Meineke

The Directories are Coming Soon!

The 2006-07 CSES PTA School Directories are being printed and will be distributed soon! Among the information included in this year's directory are class and alphabetical listings of the students, plus information about our school and PTA, including a calendar, teacher email listings, and PTA committee chairs. You will also find a directory of the local businesses which support our school and have sponsored the production of this year's book.

Remember, you must be a member of the Carderock Springs PTA to receive this invaluable resource! A complimentary copy of the directory is included in the yearly dues. If you have yet to join the PTA, it's not too late! Send an email to Kristin Sorensen Tanenbaum at kristinsorensen@verizon.net for more information on how to join.

Mark your calendar for the CSES Skate Night at Cabin John Ice Rink. This year's skate night will be held Saturday, November 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Look for registration flyer in Wednesday packets. Please call Theresa or Paul Barton 301-365-1491 with questions.

Volunteer Committee

Jenn Fechter, Theresa Goldsholle & Ana Sanchez

A special thank you to all the Room Parents who have volunteered their time and assistance for this coming school year. The teachers and students appreciate your effort and involvement. Good luck on a year filled with wonderful parties and lots of fun!

Join us for the PTA's Pre-Open House Parent-Child Breakfast

Start your Open House visit with a cup of coffee and a light breakfast.

This is a great opportunity to share with your child and get to know other families. After the breakfast, sneak a peek into your child's day at school by visiting their classroom.

DATE: Monday, October 9th
PLACE: All Purpose Room (APR)
TIME: 8:00 - 8:55 a.m.

Questions??

Contact Ana Sanchez, awraye@msn.com or Lorrie Wytkind, lorriew@att.net

Carderock's 2nd Annual Auction Requesting: Chair person(s) and committee

"New Beginnings" was the theme of our 1st auction – and what a fantastic event! Close to 140 Carderock family members, teachers and friends came together last March for a fun-filled evening of social reminiscing, and charity spending – all for a great cause. The auction proceeds and family donations contributed over \$50,000 to the CSES Educational Foundation fund.

We need to continue the tradition and are looking for one or two people to Chair this year's Auction and a few other people to serve on the Auction committee. If you are a creative and energetic person who wants to create an event that contributes to our school's future, please join the fun and volunteer. The money raised during the event will provide CSES with the necessary fund for capital improvements and special add on's that will help continue to make our school unique and a place that our children and community will be able to cherish for years to come.

Please contact Sarah Lynch, CSES Foundation President, if you would like to help or spearhead this effort: thelynchpack@comcast.net. Thank you.

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- Oct. 2 Yom Kippur (NO SCHOOL for students & teachers)
- Oct. 3 PTA Meeting
- Oct. 9 Parent Visiting Day and Open House Breakfast
- Oct. 10 Sally Foster items Delivered to School
- Oct. 20 MSTA Convention (NO SCHOOL for students & teachers)
- Oct. 31 Classroom Halloween Parties
- Oct. 31 First Marking Period Ends