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PTA Newsletter

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Our Next PTA Meeting Is Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006

At 7:30 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:

Welcome back to another year at Carderock- I am sure it will be a good one! We have some great programs planned for the kids this year, although we still need some help with some annual favorites- like International Night. Please check flyers to see where you can help if you have some time. Thank you to all the parents who have come forward to help with what promises to be a great year for the whole community.

We look forward to another year of excellent communication between parents and our exceptional staff at Carderock. We plan to have fewer PTA meetings this year, but remember them as an opportunity for parents and faculty to come together to keep the lines of communication open.

We are fortunate at Carderock- almost everybody joins the PTA, and as a result, it really does represent the community. Please keep in touch with your PTA Board with your thoughts about school—and welcome back!

Kristy Gertsen Keteltas

Book Fair

Caren Norris, Lisa Sobel & Kathy Staudaher

It's never too early to start thinking about holiday shopping, so put the Scholastic Book Fair on your calendars now: Monday, December 4 through Friday, December 8. The Book Fair will be open during school hours each day that week, with special evening hours on Family Night, Wednesday, December 6. Children will enjoy live entertainment while parents shop the Book Fair down the hall.

All of the action takes place in the Media Center this year, so your Book Fair Committee will need lots and lots of cheerful volunteers to set up, supervise and ring up sales, and break down the fair. Anyone interested in chairing this committee in the future should definitely volunteer because the entire committee 'graduates' this year. We would love to teach someone else the ropes. As usual, look for our volunteer ads in the Wednesday Job Market.

Proceeds from the Scholastic Book Fair benefit each child at Carderock - we look forward to seeing you there.

Box Tops for Education

Karen Hutchinson

Welcome back, students and parents! The Box Tops for Education program is alive and well at CSES! Last year we earned almost \$90 for our school simply by clipping coupons on products that display the Box Tops for Education logo. Please continue to clip, save and send the coupons to school. There will be a labeled container near the front office for collection. A new item that has recently joined the Box Tops program is Ziploc brand storage bags. Please check the boxes for the logo coupons. Also, please be careful not to snip off the expiration dates when cutting. We are not able to use any coupons that are not complete. Thank you for taking those few extra minutes to check products before disposing of the box or carton. We are turning trash into cash for our kids!



Buildings & Grounds

Anne Carlson & Alison Leopard

Welcome Back! The Garden is in full bloom. It has filled out and burst into color over the summer. Fourth graders who measured the garden last year should be sure to come see how big that Joe Pye Weed has grown. Rising 1st graders – come by and have a look at the beautiful red flowers that have grown from the tiny seeds you planted last spring.

THANK YOU – to all who volunteered to help keep the garden beautiful this summer. We could not have survived the summer without you! Thank you to Valerie Blackman, Margaret Powell, Kathy Yu, Lauren Randel, Sara Bhatia, Ana Sanchez and Deb Lang! You are all wonderful!

GARDEN WORK DAY – The Garden Needs You!

Sunday September 10th at 1pm we will have a Garden Work Day to whip things into shape for fall. We'll do a bit of weeding, possibly some planting, and lots of general sprucing up. I hope to have a large load of mulch to spread – a great job for people of all ages! This also a great opportunity for Pyle and Whitman students to get started on this year's COMMUNITY SERVICE hours.

Directory Advertising

Saima Siddiqui

Do you have a business that you want the Carderock community to know about? Then you should be advertising in the Carderock Springs Elementary 2006-2007 PTA School Directory! Look for Advertising Order Forms coming home via backpack mail, or e-mail Saima at saima.siddiqui@comcast.net with any questions.

It's time to place your Kids Classified Ads in the 2006-2007 PTA School Directory. Kids Classifieds appear in the advertising section of the Directory, and are a great way to acknowledge and encourage students and staff members with a personal message. So don't miss out - look for the order forms coming home via backpack mail soon!

Once again this year, the Carderock Springs PTA will be sponsoring the sale of Sally Foster Giftwrap. This is 1 of only 2 PTA fundraisers this year. Fifty percent of all sales will go to our PTA to be used for cultural arts assemblies, International Night, Spring Fling, and other PTA-sponsored events. Each student will receive a detailed sales packet. By selling Sally Foster items, each child can earn exciting prizes in the incentive program. In addition, each child who returns their packet on time will be entered into a special prize raffle. Out-of-town friends and family will be able to order at www.SallyFoster.com and can give 50% of their Sally Foster sales to our school.

Sally Foster packets will be distributed September 30. If you would like to assist with Sally Foster sales this year, contact Sharon Keegan at 301-299-4041 or vjkee@aol.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

We look forward to another great year filled with volunteer opportunities for our families! Each Wednesday, your child will be bringing home a **Volunteer Job Market**, advertising many ways to help our school. There are opportunities to fit every schedule and talent, so please consider joining in! Parent volunteers have always been an important part of Carderock, both in the vital role they give to the PTA, teachers and staff, and in the community spirit they help create. The children benefit greatly when we give our time.

Mark your calendar now for the Room Parent & Volunteer Coffee scheduled for Thursday, September 21st from 10:00 to 11:30. We are combining what have in recent years been two separate coffees to avoid repetition and save some time! We especially urge new parents and room parents to attend. It is an opportunity to learn about important volunteer and room parent procedures and to hear from PTA committee chairs about their upcoming events and volunteer needs. We hope to see you there!

Below is a partial listing of the PTA and Teacher/Staff submitted volunteer activities that might be advertised in the Volunteer Job Market during the school year. Room Parents, PTA Membership, Giant Certificates, Parent’s Socials Hosting and Assisting the Hosts, Sally Foster Gift Wrap Helpers, Getting to Know Us Bulletin Board about Carderock teachers, Back to School Picnic, Classroom Volunteers, Writer’s Workshop, Computer Lab, Habitat Garden, Kindergarten Volunteers, 2nd Grade Reading Incentive Program, Homeless Walk-A-Thon, Variety Show, Lower Parking Lot Driver Duty, Cookie Bakers, Assistance for the Hearing and Vision Test, Bingo Night, Health Room Assistance, Book Fair, Post Office, Arts and Literacy Night. See the PTA General information handout or the upcoming PTA Directory for more information and contacts on these volunteer activities.

A Special Note to Prospective Room Parents:

Please respond to the first Volunteer Job Market to express your interest in serving as a Room Parent for your child’s classroom. As a Room Parent, in the event of a Carderock-only emergency, you will be responsible for activating the class Emergency Contact List that is maintained and provided by the Volunteer Coordinators. You will also work with your teacher and the other Room Parents assigned to your child’s classroom to organize the class Halloween, Valentine, and End of Year parties, and assist with the Spring Fling Fair. Being a Room Parent is a great way to create fun social activities for the children, meet other parents, and provide a terrific service to your child’s teacher.

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September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 	29	30	31	1	2
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- Aug. 28 First Day of School
- Sept. 4 Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Sept. 5 Back to School Night (K-2) 7:00pm
- Sept. 6 Back to School Night (3-5) 7:00pm
- Sept. 8 New Parent Coffee 10:00am
- Sept. 8 Back to School Picnic 5:30pm (Rain Date: Sept. 15)
- Sept. 10 Garden Clean-Up
- Sept. 12 Primary Election (NO SCHOOL)
- Sept. 21 Room Parent/Volunteer Coffee 10:00am
- Sept. 27 Early Dismissal