

# ELDERSBURG ELEMENTARY PTA NEWS

## May/June 2009

“Advocating for our children and promoting positive communication”  
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### Important Dates

#### MAY

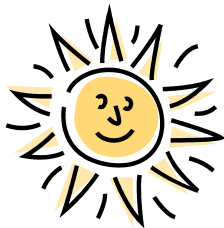
1<sup>st</sup> – Ice Cream Social 6-8pm  
5<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting 7pm

#### JUNE

2<sup>nd</sup> – PTA Meeting 7pm

### From the President's Corner...

Wow this year went by so fast. As the 2009 school year ends, so does my time as PTA President. I have enjoyed serving as your President during the past two years. During this time, I have had the honor of working with many of you to help make Eldersburg Elementary a positive, nurturing environment for all children. The parents and staff at EES have always been supportive and have helped to make my job easier. We are blessed to have such a committed staff of teachers and administrators, who are motivated to teach and challenge our children. Parents have also served an integral part in making EES a truly special place. You have supported the PTA, not only with your money, but also with your time and commitment. I appreciate that support so much because it allows us to work in partnership with the staff to provide the children with many opportunities. The mission of the PTA has always been to advocate on behalf of our children. I also believe that it is our responsibility to provide positive communication between our parents and staff. I am proud of the continued academic success of our school, and see that as an indicator that our commitment is being rewarded.



My daughter, Lauren will be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year, so I will still see and work with many of you for another year before moving on to middle school. I will continue to be involved with the PTA at Eldersburg, ORMS and at the County level. I urge you all to continue to support your PTA's in any way possible. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you. I hope you have a well deserved summer break. See you in the fall.

Erin Bishop  
PTA President  
[senbish@msn.com](mailto:senbish@msn.com)

### PTA Meeting Dates

The PTA *usually* meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00PM – 8:30 PM in the media center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please note the upcoming PTA meeting dates:

May 5<sup>th</sup>  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>



### !!!Help Wanted!!!

This “Help Wanted” section of the newsletter will contain details and contact information for programs that are in need of volunteers. Please check this section each month for ways you can volunteer some time and help Eldersburg Elementary continue to be a wonderful school! Help is needed for the following programs:

#### Teacher Appreciation

We need volunteers to serve on the teacher appreciation committee. This committee coordinates the events we hold for our wonderful teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me if you can help out!

Lori Kropfelder  
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410-549-5132



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## Ice Cream Social!!

Here's the Scoop: Don't forget this year's *Ice Cream Social* on *Friday, May 1st*, from *6:00 – 8:00 PM* in the cafeteria. Along with making your favorite ice cream sundaes, we'll have music and karaoke provided by I.M. Entertainment (our own music teacher, Mrs. Gist)! We are fortunate yet again to have Dreyer's/Edy's donating our ice cream this year. Please remember them when you shop! *We will also have dairy-free ice cream available.*

Please bring your family and friends to this fun-filled evening! For more information, contact Kami Behr, [jkctbehr@yahoo.com](mailto:jkctbehr@yahoo.com) or (410) 552-4848.

## Teacher Appreciation THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who have worked so hard to make this year's Teacher Appreciation Week such a success!!! Our teachers and staff members truly appreciate all of the donations sent on their behalf and the time that each of you have contributed. Special thanks to committee members Lisa Castaneda, Lisa Halstead, Cathy Noll, Kim Mulholland, Julie Amicone, Tammy Burrows, Jacki Hurst and Kim Squillaro. I also want to thank local businesses such as Safeway, Martins, Panera and Jilly's for their generous contributions.

Lori Kropfelder

Teacher Appreciation Chairman



## Join Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts is a year-round program designed for boys in grades 1 thru 5 to encourage character development, sportsmanship, respect and friendship. If your son enjoys outside activities, crafts, swimming and much more – then you need to explore Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts Pack 883 is hosting an Open House Baseball Pack meeting on Saturday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. with a surprise visit from a very special bird! So bring your son, bring your family and explore what Cub Scouts has to offer. If you would like to attend the Open House or for more information, please email

[joinPack883@yahoo.com](mailto:joinPack883@yahoo.com). A new Tiger Den (1<sup>st</sup>

graders in the fall) is now forming. All other Dens (grades 2-5) have many openings and would like to welcome your son to join the fun. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

## Easy Fundraisers for our School

Here are some ways to earn money for our school by just saving what we already have. Get the kids involved in finding these and bringing them to school!

Please cut & return to school:

### Campbell's Labels

Cece Revay 410-552-0782

Please Read if You Collect Campbells' Labels.

Thank you to everyone for your participation in the Campbell's Labels for Education collection last year. Please read the few important guidelines below so we can continue to build our points so that the school can benefit from all of your efforts. Campbell's no longer accepts only the front labels of the soup cans. Campbell's now requires the UPC codes for most participating products. For Prego and V8 Splash products, we need the lids. If you cut the UPC code yourself, please do so as follows.



The products that will add up fast, since they are worth 5 points are Goldfish crackers, Campbell's Microwavable Soups, Campbell's Super Bakes, V8 Splash (lids) and the condensed soups with the yellow 5 point label.

If you are busy and can't cut the UPC labels feel free to send in the whole labels and caps of V8 juice.

**May/June Update:** Please don't forget to collect labels and Pepridge Farm products over the summer so that we can reach our goal of obtaining 6 digital cameras for the school!



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## **Box Tops**

*Tammy Burrows 410-549-9144*

Thanks to our Eldersburg community for supporting the Box Tops program!

## **GoodSearch.com and Goodshop.com**

*Tammy Burrows 410-549-9144*

Thank you for using Goodsearch.com. Eldersburg Elementary receives nearly 1.3cents per search on the yahoo-powered engine.

You can also donate to Eldersburg Elementary by using [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com). 3% of purchases made through the 800+online retail partners from Amazon to Zappos can be donated. Retailers at goodsearch.com are also adding money saving coupons each day to the site! Thanks for your support.

## **Safeway Club Card**

*Amy Coleianne 410-549-0542*

## **Martin's Grocery Card**

*Amy Coleianne 410-549-0542*

Thanks to everyone who participated in the MARTIN'S A+ School Rewards Program. **We were the top earning school again this year with a total of \$4,468.89!!** Your support is greatly appreciated.

## **Target**

*Amy Coleianne 410-549-0542*

## **Market Day**

*Cindy Tetzloff 410.552.1620 or [emaet@msn.com](mailto:emaet@msn.com)*

## **UnitedScrip Gift Cert.**

*Julia Prokic*

*443-609-4210*

*[julia@prokic.org](mailto:julia@prokic.org)*

## **Restaurant nights**

*Meghan Lyons 410.552.3962*

## **Recycle printer cartridges and cell phones**

Send them into school and turn your trash into cash for EES.

## **Newsletter**

This is the last issue of the PTA newsletter for the 08-09 school year. It has been a pleasure working with all of the parents and administration of our wonderful school! I will be continuing on next year as the newsletter editor, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have new information or ideas for next school year's PTA newsletter! I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer!

Bridget Rusk

[bkrusk@comcast.net](mailto:bkrusk@comcast.net)

410-552-4357

## **Parent/Teacher Resource Room**

We are in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year. It is not too late to borrow material to reinforce your child's education. Please check the inventory in the student directory. If you send a note to the teacher with your request, I will send the material home with your child. Any questions, contact : Carolyn DiStefano 410-751-3520.

## **Volunteer Sign-in Reminder**

Please make sure when you are here to volunteer that you **sign in** on the computer in the front office and **wear a badge**. Before you leave please make sure you **sign out** on the computer and return the badge if it's reusable. This is an added measure of security. If you forget to log out you will be locked out of the computer system the next time you come in to volunteer. Your time spent volunteering is invaluable to the staff. *Thanks for all you do!*

## **eSchoolNewsletter.com**

This service is an email service of school notices and newsletters as well as county level notices. When you sign up for this service you can indicate up to three email addresses (i.e. home, mom's work, dad's work, grandparents) where you would like to receive such notices. Types of notices from the county level are inclement weather closings, school board meeting reminders, etc. Types of notices from the schools are monthly newsletters (including PTA), meeting reminders, etc. If you were previously signed up or signed up at the start of this school year you should already be receiving the email copies. Hopefully you



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have already updated your profile online (you need to update your child's grade, and school, if needed, each year). If not, just visit the website and click on update. For those of you who indicated that you wanted email only copies of the monthly PTA newsletter, we hope this month you got just what you requested. If not, please notify Bridget Rusk at 410-552-4357 or [bkrusk@comcast.net](mailto:bkrusk@comcast.net). If you would like to sign up to receive email only copies of the newsletter, it's never too late. Please visit [www.eschoolnewsletter.com](http://www.eschoolnewsletter.com) and follow the directions to sign up. You will also need to notify Bridget Rusk so that she will save time and trees by updating the lists of students who are to receive email only copies. If you would like to receive both email and hard copies just visit the website and register, you do not need to notify anyone. Then you should still receive your hard copy in your youngest/only child's backpack and the email copy. If you have any questions, just contact Bridget Rusk. Thanks for your patience.

## **ABC Care, Inc.**

Nonprofit organization, school age child care. 100 E Main St, Westminster, MD 21157 Fax 410-751-3702 This is a non-profit organization that offers a before and after school child care program located in the school's cafeteria area. ABC has several openings for the new school year.

They open at 6:45 AM, Monday through Friday. They reopen at dismissal time and provide daycare until 6 PM. They offer a breakfast bar each morning to help rushed families meet their morning schedules as well as an afternoon snack to help kids get through the afternoon munchies.

ABC offers several enrollment options: two, three, or five days a week, before, after, or both. Call the center if you have any questions. Their phone number is 410-795-6110 or stop by the center during our hours of operation. Please call the main office at 410-751-3700 to request information or registration forms.

## **Eldersburg Elementary PTA Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Call to Order:** 6:35pm

**In Attendance:** Mr. Eisenklam, Mrs. Laffer, Erin Bishop, Lani Hrones, Karen Creutzer, Dave Burrows and Lori Kropfelder

**Note Taker:** Karen Creutzer

### **Items Discussed:**

- Mr. Eisenklam is coming up with a wish list of items for next school year. Things such as supplies and educational enrichment resource items.
- Teacher Appreciation is May 7<sup>th</sup>. We need more breakfast items. They need to arrive between 7:30 and 7:45. If you donate for the breakfast, please do not donate for the lunch as well.
- We need to allocate more in the budget for Junior Achievement for the 09-10 school year. Most of this is due to the fact that our Martin's funds were not as high as they have been in the past.
- Our school has submitted the application for Green School Status. We don't know how long it will be before we hear if we've made it.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:55pm

## **Eldersburg Elementary General PTA Meeting Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Call to Order:** 7:05pm

**In Attendance:** Mr. Eisenklam, Mrs. Laffer, Mrs. Hoffman, Erin Bishop, Lani Hrones, Dave Burrows, Karen Creutzer, Kelli Nelson, Scott Creutzer, Hope Bird, Erin Maurantonio and Tammy Burrows

**Note Taker:** Karen Creutzer

**General Meeting:** Erin Bishop

- Welcome and thank you all for coming out tonight.
- Motion made to pass the prior minutes



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- Scot Creutzer made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion and Lori Kropfelder made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All approved and motion passed.
- Mr. Eisenklam had a brief presentation about our new interactive white board that's been installed in the Media Center. For more information about it, please visit <http://www.prometheanworld.com/server.php?sow=nav.16005>
- This year the Ice Cream social will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> with Mrs. Gist providing DJ and Karaoke services.
- A new freezer will be bought tomorrow for the staff to use for things such as their Market Day purchases.
- Picture Day is April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Report Cards will be distributed April 21<sup>st</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking Science MSA's on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Our proposed budget will be presented in May and be voted on at our July meeting.
- At the most recent Carroll County Council of PTA's they looked into how the PTA at the County level can better support the local PTA's. They are also looking for a web site designer. The council will also be taking nominations for new officers.
- Lori Kropfelder presented the slate of offices that are running for next year. They are:
  - President Lani Hrones
  - Vice President Kelly Gage
  - Treasurer Dave Burrows
  - Recording Sec. Karen Creutzer
  - Corresponding Sec. Hope Bird

## Teacher Appreciation Week: Lori Kropfelder

- We're looking for breakfast items to be donated on May 7<sup>th</sup>. They will need to be dropped off between 7:30-7:45.
- We will be having luncheon all day long on May 4<sup>th</sup> this year.

## Treasurer: Dave Burrows

- Current balance is \$32,428.67
- Basket Bingo made \$5496.05. \$2,500.00 was budgeted.

## Principal: Mr. Eisenklam

- We had several teachers receive recognition from the SECAC awards.

- We submitted our application to be recognized as an official Green School. We hope to hear something back.
- Our Fun Run is coming up soon. Please be aware that all donations are going towards the funding of updating and maintaining our school technology.
- Smencils are being sold for \$1.00/each. We sold 400 on the 1<sup>st</sup> day and the other 100 of the initial quantity on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.
- For more information please visit <http://www.smencils.com/>
- Kindergarten registration is still open and ongoing. If you know of anyone that still needs to register please let them know.
- Volunteer training is still mandatory and must be completed at least 7 school days prior to you being able to help us.

## Special Guest Speaker: Ed Malinoski

- Mr. Malinoski is from Project Debt Rescue. It's a financial counseling service that teaches people how to manage and eliminate debt and achieve financial peace.
- For more information, please visit <http://www.projectdebtrescue.com/>

Meeting Adjourned: 8:27 p.m.

Have A GREAT



See You Next  
Fall!!



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