

# THE PTO RAILROADER

## BRUNSWICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU

**A** Heartfelt Thank You to our volunteers. It's been a busy month and we could not have done it without you! You've provided 3 meals to our teachers and staff\*, sold Thanksgiving meal tickets, weeded the flower beds, begun plans for the BES yearbook, chaperoned a field trip to the Baltimore Aquarium, distributed Market Day orders, participated in Red Ribbon Week, organized a sign language class, threw 23 Halloween parties, opened the school store 12 times and wrote and designed this newsletter. Special thanks to Beans in the Belfry for the sandwiches provided for our teachers and staff; to our Hospitality Chairperson, Tracy Hatch, for coordinating the menus; Casi Shelp for designing our volunteer name badges and donating the clips; Damien Edwards, Noble House for donating additional name badge holders; and to Keven Waters for designing our new newsletter.

\* The teachers and staff greatly appreciated the tasty meals. Don't take my word for it, see the PTO bulletin board to read the lovely notes we received.

### Reminders

Your PTO Parent Welcome Booklet and the BES website/PTO is a great resource for numbers, dates, volunteer opportunities and ways to earn money for BES.

Be sure to collect Box Tops, Campbell's labels, Coke Reward caps, Nestle pure life water bottle labels and send them to school.

Register Your Grocery Cards and Earn Money for BES Each Time You Shop. Please register your Giant, Giant Eagle, Martins and Safeway grocery cards to reflect Brunswick Elementary School as the recipient of your education bonuses. When you shop at these grocery stores and swipe your card you'll be earning money for BES. It's a simple way to contribute that can add up to big dollars. Imagine the possibilities if every Brunswick Elementary family supported this program! Don't forget to tell your friends and relatives too!!

Registering is simple and only takes a few minutes.

Safeway Club Card [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) BES Group ID # 500016577

Giant Club Card [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com) BES Group ID # 01720  
Giant Eagle Club Card [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com) or 1-800-474-4777 Enter our School ID# 5280

Martins Club Card [www.martinsaplus.com](http://www.martinsaplus.com) BES Group ID # 02569

If you have any questions or need help registering your card, please contact Gina Stepoulos at 301-834-4346 or email [ginaandernie@aol.com](mailto:ginaandernie@aol.com) for details.

### Top 10 Reasons Why Fundraising and Volunteerism Matter to BES

Thanks to you, we've

#10 provided money to our classroom, specials, and intervention teachers to be used to enhance their ability to teach our children.

#9 provided money for BES programs such as Sunshine Readers, Reading Express, PBIS and Reading Rocks Programs.

#8 supported the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip by paying a portion of the transportation costs.

#7 supported the Red Ribbon Week Program promoting the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse.

#6 fed our hungry, hardworking teachers and staff when they returned to school in August and during teacher conferences.

#5 raised enough money with our first fundraiser to supply the PE Department with a Dance Revolution Mat for all BES children to enjoy!!

#4 provided 12 pies to the Brunswick Food Bank through Market Day.

#3 celebrated Halloween with spooktacular classroom parties.

#2 purchased pumpkin cookies for Halloween parties.

And the #1 reason your support matters, because all of us care about our children and their school!

Congratulations to Stacy Parks for winning the \$50.00 gas gift card during our PTO Membership Drive.

### Special Notes

For your convenience, Science Fair poster boards are available at the school store for \$4.50.

The Yearbook committee wants your pictures of school events. If you have pictures capturing life at BES, please contact Ellen Renfro at 240-238-1922. ■

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

### Thanksgiving lunch Lunch Lady (or Man)

November 12 & 13

Help our wonderful cafeteria staff serve the throngs of families enjoying the BES Thanksgiving lunch. Work one 40-minute shift or many. The children get so excited to see □so-and-so's mom□ behind the counter. Call Allison at 301-834-7349.

### PTO Membership Drive Ice Cream Social

November 20

Help set-up, serve and clean-up at our whole family event welcoming all new and old PTO members. Call Ellen Renfro at 240-238-1922.

### Market Day pick up

November 25

Call Allison Walser at 301-834-7349 to help unload the truck and organize the orders from 4:30-5:30, and then help our customers from 5:30-6:30. It's not hard work and you're sure to enjoy the company!

### Holiday Shop

December 5

Get in the spirit of Christmas by helping our children shop for their loved ones at BES's annual Holiday Shop. Help is needed for set up and tear-down during the event. Call Elizabeth Riitano at 301-834-7640.

Kindergarten needs help Monday-Thursday 9:30-11:00 working with the children on their literacy jobs. Call Allison Walser at 301-834-7349, or drop by a K classroom and offer your help. You'll be greeted with open arms, lots of them.

On Wednesdays there are many folders to be stuffed or papers to be sorted. Check with your child's teacher to see if your help is needed. If your help isn't needed in that classroom, check with Allison, she'll find a stack of folders for you.

The landscaping committee needs help preparing the flowerbeds for winter. If you like to get your hands dirty, contact Allison Walser at 301-834-7349 or by email at [allison.walser@comcast.net](mailto:allison.walser@comcast.net). A date will be scheduled soon. □

## Mark Your Calendar

Cherrydale Fundraiser Pick-up.....Wednesday, November 5, 3:30-5:30 pm

The day after you vote, come to BES to pick-up your Cherrydale order! Thanks to you, our first fundraiser was tremendously successful!

Roy Rogers Night.....Wednesday, November 5, 5-8 pm

After you've picked up your Cherrydale order, go to Roy Rogers and order dinner. Be sure to say you're there to benefit BES. We'll earn 25% of all purchases.

PTO Meeting.....Tuesday, November 11

Your Parent-Teacher Organization meeting will be held in the BES media center. Please join us to voice your opinion or offer your support to make BES even better.

Annual BES Thanksgiving Lunch.....November 12 & 13

Thanksgiving meals served to ticket holders. If you forgot to purchase a ticket, you're always welcome to bring your lunch and join your child.

Market Day.....November 19 & 25

Orders due by noon on November 19th.

Pick up orders on November 25, 5:30-6:30 at BES.

Membership Drive Ice Cream Social.....November 20, 5:30-6:30 pm

This is a family event to welcome all old and new PTO members. If you haven't joined the PTO yet, it's not too late. Find a PTO membership form in your PTO Parent Welcome Booklet, on the BES website, or call Ellen Renfro at 240-238-922.

Holiday Shop.....December 5, 4-7 pm

You are invited to try our NEW Holiday Store featuring items such as Fitz and Floyd ceramics, wreath hangers, holiday welcome rugs, candles, jewelry, and more! The products are better and still reasonably priced. Inventory is limited so plan accordingly! See our display case for gift ideas. Questions? Call Elizabeth at 301-834-7640.

Trek-for-Tech Walk.....Saturday, April 18th, 2009

Get your walking shoes ready to raise funds to upgrade technology at BES. With your support, this school-wide Trek-for-Tech Walk will enable us to bring portable interactive white boards into the classroom, giving our teachers a high-tech way to engage our children. Whether it's through donations, volunteering or simply walking, the success of this endeavor is dependent on your support. We'll be looking for sponsors, so if you have your own business, or if the company you work for will support BES through you, consider this event. Let's Walk! Contact Lori at 301-834-4252. ■

