

Deer Tracks PTA Newsletter

September 3, 2009

Message from the PTA President: (Susie Yost)

- Welcome! I am very excited to begin this school year and I think that we are off to a great start! Our Garden Club weeded and mulched our campus and has it looking lovely! Our Hospitality Committee provided a wonderful back to school breakfast for all of our teachers and staff, we presented our 2nd - 5th grade students with their planners, and we hosted the Back to School Picnic, which I know many of you attended.

We have lots more in store for this year and plenty of opportunities to get involved. We need volunteers for all of our committees. Please check off all that you are interested in on our Membership Form and we will contact you. We also have two chair positions open that need to be filled if we are going to go forward with the committee. Those positions are: Talent Show and Family Fun Nights. If you are interested in either of these positions please contact me at: syost.dcespta@yahoo.com. I look forward to a very fun filled, exciting school year.

- **Market Day**

We are participating with Market Day again this year. Market Day is a fundraiser offering restaurant quality, competitively priced foods. Our school PTA will earn a profit of at least 10% on your purchases. Order forms will be coming home once a month and food pick-up will be the last Thursday of the month. We encourage you to try the excellent food they offer. You can find out more about Market Day, set up your account, place orders at your convenience as well as find nutrition information by visiting www.marketday.com. The deadline for this months order is 11pm on Sept. 18th for INTERNET orders. You also have the option of returning the order form to the school along with your payment by the morning of Sept. 17th. The pick-up date is Thursday September 24th from 5-6pm in the Cafeteria.

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September specials:

*Receive a free car organizer with a purchase of 3 qualifying items. Learn more online!

*Receive free turkey tournedos with purchase of \$90 or more. Get coupon code online!

*FREQUENT BUYER SPECIAL-2 purchases of \$40 or more between September and November along with a third purchase of \$40 or more in December, receive FREE insulated lunch tote at December pick-up.

For help setting up an internet account or general questions call Amy McChesney at 301-865-5079.

Thanks for giving Market Day a try!

- **Student Directory Deadline**

Student Directory forms are available on the DCES website under the PTA link, or outside the school office.

The deadline to submit your information for inclusion in this year's directory is Friday, September 18.

The Directory comes in handy when checking on homework assignments, setting up play dates, or for

contacting the school. The directory is free for members of the PTA, but is available to non-members for a fee.

If you have any questions contact Susan Roach-susan@mhktech.com, or 301-865-7164.

- **Membership Drive!**

Have you joined the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), yet? PTA can be joined in two simple steps and it offers many worthwhile benefits!

Step 1 - download the form from the school's website or pick up a form in the school lobby

Step 2 - Send in completed form with \$8.00 for a single membership or \$15 for a 2 parent membership with your child to school

PTA funds support the educational activities of your child in school, gives you a "voice" at meetings on how the funding should be spent, provides you with a free student directory and waives your participation fee in many of the programs offered throughout the school year.

We hope to have 100% participation and show the local and state PTA what we already know about Deer Crossing Elementary parents - that we are the best!

If you have any questions/concerns regarding membership, please contact Rachel Sorenson at 301 865-0279 or at RSED100@aol.com

- ***Show off your creativity***

Enter the "Take 15 for Physical Activity" poster contest. Open to all 3rd-5th grade Maryland public school students. Design a 16'x20" poster showing the "importance of daily physical activity." Poster must be postmarked by November 13th. Prizes include a Wii console (1 per grade) and forty \$50 gift cards to Prime Outlets. See more info online at www.marylandpublicschools.org by clicking on the "Take 15 for Physical Activity" link under "Programs." More info will also be posted in the front entry area of the school. Contact Rebecca Dean at dcespta.rebecca@gmail.com for questions.

- ***2009-2010 Reflections Program Theme "Beauty Is..!"***

The Reflections program is designed to enhance our quality arts education and it gives students the opportunity to express themselves, as well as receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Students in Pre-K through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

DCES PTA is encouraging all students from Pre-K to 5th Grade to start thinking about the theme for this year "[Beauty is...!!](#)" It's not too early to begin working on your project! Stay tuned to future Deer Tracks Newsletters for more details as to when to submit your artwork for this year's Reflections Program.

- ***General Mills Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Label UPCs***

This year we are again collecting General Mills box tops and Campbell's soup label UPCs. Last year we received 43,660 box tops, which, at 10 cents a piece, meant that Deer Crossing received \$4,366 from General Mills! We also received nearly 20,000 soup label UPCs. The PTA cashed in some of the points from these UPCs for new recess equipment. Thank you so much Deer Crossing families!

As you collect box tops and soup label UPCs, please send them in to school with your child. Each classroom teacher will have a collection envelope. Our first collection and counting date will be Thursday, September 24th. Classrooms that collect a total of 1,800 box tops and soup label UPCs will be eligible for an ice cream reward at the end of the year.

When you clip box tops, please be sure that the expiration date is still visible on the box top- we are not allowed to send in box tops that are missing the expiration date. When you clip soup labels, we do not need the entire label, but we do need the entire UPC code. In addition to soup, there are other products eligible for the Campbell's program including: Pepperidge Farm, V8, Swanson, and Spaghetti O's.

Thank you to parents who have already volunteered to help count box tops and soup label UPCs this year! If you are interested in helping count this year (It usually takes 2-3 hours per month on your own time.) please let me know, we can always use the help!

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Thank you again for your collection efforts- they do add up.

- ***Thanks to the Garden Club***

Thanks to the DCES Garden Club for their time weeding and mulching around the school: Melissa Desmond, Karen Updike, Linda Butler, Jennifer Gorham, Kristen Canning, Jessica Fachler, Lisa Rubin, Kendra Kullgren, Susie Yost, John Yost, Jennifer Harris, Linda Raines, Keenan Evans, and Marty Higgins.

- ***Thanks Hospitality Committee***

Thanks to our Hospitality Committee for providing breakfast to the teachers and staff on their first day back to school- Laurie Higgins, Kelly Flynn, Rose Bartz, Tricia Holmes, Carol DeBord, Cheryl Wilkie, Dacia Sciarrone, Karen McGaha, Janine Smith, Kristen Stone, Kristen Kullgren, Robin Tormo, Susie Yost, Linda Butler, Misty Meyer, Monica Burroughs, Danielle Stoffer, Anne Gill, Jennifer Harris, Deedee Repass, Chandra Cramer, Tricia Holmes and the Ely Family.

- **New US Playground Map**

Finally, an extra special thank you to Linda Taylor for giving her time and talents to provide our students with a hand painted US map on the 4th and 5th grade playground. Thank you also to the Duron paint store in Frederick for donating the paint.

- **Join Boy Scouting Night** Do you like to have fun? Do you like to go camping? Do you have friends who are Cub Scouts? Then come to Pack 628's "Join Scouting Night" on Wednesday, September 16th between 7:30 and 8:30 pm and you can become a Cub Scout too. Cub Scout Pack 628 is based in Lake Linganore and meets monthly in the DCES cafeteria. To learn more about Pack 628 go to <http://ncacpack628.org>.

- **Join Girl Scout** Any girl 5-17 years of age can join the world largest organization for girls! Girls make new friends; participate in arts and crafts; learn high adventure activities like rock climbing, mountain biking and windsurfing; and learn about the world. Registration takes only a few minutes and is being held at the Monocacy Valley Church (across from Oakdale Middle School) September 16th from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity, troops are organizing now.