

HOMESTEAD-WAKEFIELD PTA NEWSLETTER



Every child. One voice.



September, 2009

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back parent's, faculty and staff! We are excited for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year! We have many exciting things planned. Our monthly PTA meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Homestead Media Center. Children

are welcomed and refreshments are served. Many meetings have guest speakers from the Board of Education, County officials and faculty alike. We know how busy schedules are. Please put the dates of these meetings on your calendars

and try to attend at least three meetings this year! We would love to see you there! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to notify one of the Board members listed on page 2 of this Newsletter.

PTA is a Parent-Teacher Association...we need you!!

Important September Dates



Monday, September 7—Schools Closed—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 15—PTA Meeting—Homestead Media Center 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16—Kindergarten Back to School Night

Thursday, September 17—Chuck E. Cheese Night 3:00-9:00

Thursday, September 24—School Pictures

Friday, September 25—Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m. & Walk-A-Thon Money Due

Monday, September 28—Schools Closed—Yom Kippur



Committee Information and Updates

Kindergarten Play Date—a new event held this year in place of our Kindergarten Pizza Night held in previous years. This event gave incoming Kindergarten students a chance to play and meet new friends prior to their first day in big boy/big girl school. Student's were give colored stickers to identify which other friends were in their class. Parent's appreciated it and the children loved it!

Beautification—thank you to all those who helped make the buildings look so nice for the return of our students by

weeding, mulching, planting, etc. Beautification is an ongoing committee. Working with the committee or individual efforts are greatly appreciated!

Membership—everyone should be an advocate for membership. Pass along the word while out on your bus stops, talking amongst other parents, etc. Be proactive!

Family Food Night—as mentioned above, Chuck E. Cheese Night will be held on Thursday, September 17 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. Be sure to tell the cashier you are with HWES!! 15% of all sales goes back to our school.

Walk-A-Thon—has been scheduled for 10/14. To ensure your child receives a prize, start getting pledges now! Money is due by Friday, September 25. Contact Michelle Hybdzinski 443-928-9586 with any questions or if you would like to help out! Thank you for continually making this one of the most successful events of the year!

Website—check it out and keep up-to-date on events. There is a great deal of information on our website. If anyone needs information

added to the calendar, please e-mail Mary Harris.

Reflections—participation and appreciation for the arts is the goal of this committee. This programs is a great way for students to explore and learn various art forms. This year's theme is "Beauty Is...". See the website for more information or contact Kathy Baker-Brosh at kbaker-brosh@hotmail.com.

Box Tops/Soup Labels—be sure to turn in the Box Tops and/or Soup Labels you have to your child's teacher.

TEACHER IN THE SPOTLIGHT!!



Ms. Megan Lurz (Pre-K)

- **Favorite season:** Summer because I love hot sunny days and trips to the beach with my family!!
- **Favorite subject when you were in elementary school:** I loved art and math.
- **Most adventurous thing you have ever done:** white water tubing
- **What you wanted to be when you grew up:** I wanted to be a marine biologist so I could play with dolphins all day.

Something you would like us to know about you: I love having new experiences and learning along the way.



PTA and Membership

PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation. We are committed to providing a powerful voice on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

Our goal is to have as many people as possible join the PTA this year! We have a goal of 100% participation from our teachers! Also, we would like to see more dad's become involved. The cost is as follows: \$8 for one parent, \$14 for both parent's (strongly encouraged), \$6 for teachers and staff and \$25 for small businesses.

Each month, we meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Homestead Media Center. Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

Nurses Corner



The FluMist vaccine will be administered again this year at no cost. The first dose will be given on either October 6th or 8th and the second dose will be given on December 8th. Please return FluMist consent forms by Friday, September 18th.

For up-to-date information regarding the N1H1 virus, please check the Harford County Health Department website at:

www.harfordcountyhealth.com

Barbara Pace (Wakefield)

Barrie Somerfield (Homestead)

Wakefield Cafeteria

Cafeteria volunteers are needed. This is a great way for you to spend time with your child and get to know their friends. Contact Kim Bednarski at jkbednarski@hotmail.com.

Links of Interest

School Site www.homesteadwakefield.com

National PTA www.pta.org

Harford Co PTA www.hccpta.org

Harford Co Public Schools www.hcps.org



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Market Day



Market Day is a monthly fund raiser to assist in your grocery shopping needs. This month, Market Day is giving away a free lb of ground beef with every \$40 purchase and a free lb of jumbo shrimp with every \$90 purchase. Also, if you spend \$40 or more twice between Sept. and Nov., then buy one more time in December (\$40 or more) you will receive an insulated lunch tote FREE as a thank-you for being a Frequent Buyer. Go to www.marketday.com to order. For questions, contact Lisa at lis424@msn.com.

Internet cut off date is Wed, 9/30 at 11 pm and the pick up date is Monday, 10/6 from 6:15-7:15 pm in the Homestead cafeteria.

See you at the market!

GoogleGroups

Keeping communication open is something that the PTA strives for each year. The PTA created a "Google" group. You can sign-up for membership by visiting the school's website:

www.homesteadwakefield.com.

By doing something as simple as joining the GoogleGroups, you will receive important e-mails about school events, school news, updates, etc. This list is not distributed anywhere outside of the HWES PTA. This is a really easy way to stay in the loop!

Thanks to all that have already joined!