



WELCOME Parents, Teachers and Students

COMMUNICATION PACKET 2010-2011

For additional information please visit the website at trespta.org

September 2, 2010

Upcoming Events: Check the PTA website trespta.org for a complete list of all events for the 2010-2011 school year.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday	7	5 th Grade Activity Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Media Center
Wednesday	15	Volunteer Training - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday	16	Volunteer Training - 6:30 p.m.
Monday	12	Fall Fundraiser begins this week
Tuesday	21	TRES PTA General Membership Meeting and Dinner 6:00pm

OCTOBER

Monday	11	Mommy Muffin / Daddy Donuts
Tuesday	12	PTA Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Thursday	28	5th Grade Activity Committee - Joe Corbi Fundraiser Begins
Friday	29	Reflections Submissions Due

President's Message

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The TRES PTA would like to welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year! First join me in welcoming Kimberly Seiss, our new Principal, to TRES. We are looking forward to working with you and making TRES a better place for our students, parents, teachers, staff, and community.

The TRES PTA has been working hard establishing goals and plans to support our children and school. We accomplish this by:

- Our volunteer program/opportunities.
- Offering enrichment programs, special events and family activities.
- Advocacy-locally, county-wide and state wide.
- Effective communication between the school, the county, PTA and parents.
- Fundraising and funding programs, and providing resources.

Advocacy is an integral part of the PTA. Our goal is to work closely with our school, keep the communication door open and express concerns in a fair and professional manner. The TRES PTA would like to continue working together, toward common goals, with our school, to ensure our kids are getting the best experiences and best education.

Communication is probably one of the most important aspects of the PTA. It needs to be consistent in order to be effective. THE PTA will send home fliers, information in the Thursday folders, and also post events and information on our website www.trespta.org. A PTA newsletter will be sent out in the fall, winter and spring. We will continue to work on our environmentally friendly goal and determine ways to cut down on paper forms coming home and doing things electronically.

Fundraising is essential so we can provide the funding and support for our school. The PTA will have one FALL Fundraiser this year. The money raised from the fundraiser is put to good use as you can see. In addition we provide additional support and resources to our teachers and school when able, so thank you for your continued financial support.

I encourage you to join the PTA. We have four meetings a year. The meetings start at 6:00 pm, a light dinner is served and babysitting is provided. We often partner up with the school and offer activities, short musical performances or a special speaker on PTA meeting nights.

I am truly looking forward to a great year!

Bridget Perry



2009-2010 TRES PTA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided teachers, principal, vice-principal with money for school needs
- Contributed towards the new volunteer login system and accessories
- Provided food for the Mommy Muffin/Daddy Doughnut morning
- Provided dinner/babysitting at all PTA meetings
- Provided a sign language interpreter at all PTA meetings
- Organized and ran a Variety Show
- Paid for the Bridging the Gap summer books
- Organized and ran the Reflections program with prizes and snacks
- Organized and ran the Holiday Shop
- Provided teachers and staff with several meals/treats throughout the year
- Provided the School Tool Box Program
- Organized a mitten and coat drive for our Sister School
- Organized and ran 2 classroom parties
- Provided \$1000 for the replacement of out of date Media Center material
- Provided snacks during MSA testing
- Provided 4 Assemblies for the students
- Co-sponsored 26 FREE clubs for the students
- Provided assistance to families in times of need (TRES Cares)
- Provided panda bears and snacks at the Panda Cub Workshop (incoming kindergarten students)
- Provided the Under the Big Top family activity event
- Provided the Holiday Bingo event
- Contributed money towards the Parent Resource Center
- Contributed towards the 5th grade graduation ceremony

What have you done for your PTA?? We need volunteers to be able to provide all of these

things. Please consider giving a few hours of your time. 🐼

Fall Fundraiser

Martha Edminston and Jennifer Henley
fall.fundraiser@trespta.org

The Twin Ridge PTA Fall Fundraiser will be kicking off on September 12th.

Not interested in selling fundraiser items? The PTA always welcomes cash donations and children supporting the PTA in this manner will also receive prizes in recognition of their participation. 🐼

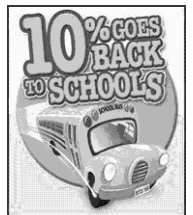
BOX TOPS/ESCRIP

Angie Moore and Mary Rajnik
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A lot of us enjoy shopping, so it's a great way to get the items you need and support the TRES PTA at the same time.

There are various ways to earn for our school throughout the year:

1. Shop at Safeway and purchase products marked with the yellow "Back to School" bus labels between Aug. 11th and Sept. 14th. Safeway will donate 10% of the purchase price to our school. Please visit escrip.com to verify your school designation or to register your card for the first time and for more details. You **MUST** have your actual club card number; phone numbers will not work! If you need to obtain your club card number, please call Safeway Customer Service at 1-877-723-3929. Starting Sept. 18th, redemption codes will print out on your Safeway receipts if your card is not designated for a particular school. Please send these codes in to the Box Tops committee by Oct. 9.



2. Shop at Safeway year-round to earn 1% of your entire purchase price each month. Again, your club card must be registered with eScrip. We also earn money through Food Lion for purchases made throughout the year through their Classroom Rewards program. Your club card can be registered at foodlion.com to be designated for TRES. A contest will be held in September to register Safeway and Food Lion cards.

3. Register your credit card with eScrip to earn money each time you make a purchase at participating merchants (lists available on escrip.com).

Online shopping through the eScrip link on their website will also earn TRES money, no matter what credit card you use.



4. Collect General Mills box tops to hand in during our October and February collection drives. Each box top earns our school 10 cents, and they add up quickly. Prizes will be awarded from the PTA to the top class in each grade, as well as a grand prize for the overall winner. Lots of products have bonus box tops on them right now, and stores are offering special promotions for large bonus coupons (Food Lion, Weis, etc.). Please visit boxtops4education.com for a list of products. This website also has contests throughout the year to win large amounts of bonus box tops for your school (500,000 box tops is the top prize!). Enter to win daily at boxtops4education.com.



Volunteers are needed to trim and count the box tops during the two contests. This is a great opportunity for parents who cannot get to the school to volunteer during regular hours. 🐼

Reflections

Bobbi Johnston

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An Arts Recognition & Achievement Program for Students

The 2010-2011 Theme is: **Together We Can . . .**

This program was established for students by the National PTA over 40 years ago. The Reflections Program gives students the opportunity to explore their creativity in the fine arts.



PTA REFLECTIONS

Students may submit an entry in any or all of the six areas, which include: Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition and Film/Video. The pieces are organized by grade and critiqued against others in the same division (PreK-2 and 3rd-5th). Works chosen will be submitted to the district level of judging. Works are chosen from

this level go to the state level for judging. This year, MD PTA is honoring its winners with monetary awards in the categories of: Outstanding Interpretation of Theme, \$150; Award of Excellence, \$75; and Award of Merit, \$50. Please refer to the website for additional information or contact us via email. 🐼

Sportswear

Dawn McDonough
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Check out the Sportswear table at BTS night or watch out for a flyer with ordering details in a Thursday folder. 🐼



Bake Sales

Michele Blue and Sarah Field
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We are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods for the 2010-2011 school year!



If you are interested, there are approximately 4 events throughout the year when baked goods will be needed.

The number of volunteers will determine how many times you will be called to bake. 🐼

Membership

Teresa Fiore and Kathy Daniels
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Our Hidden Treasure... YOU!

Our PTA sponsors many activities throughout the year. We encourage all parents/guardians to join each school year.

Last year, your membership helped us sponsor:

- The TRES Clubs Program
- Family Activity Events
- Summer Bridging the Gap Activity Books
- Reflections
- Thursday folders, Parent Handbook
- Holiday Shop
- Staff Appreciation, Variety Show
- Equipment in Volunteer Room
- Enrichment Programs-assemblies, and more!

Membership is \$5 per member. Please consider signing up multiple family members (moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles) to help support TRES PTA activities. Return the completed Membership Application along with cash or check (made payable to TRES PTA). 🐼

Staff Appreciation
 Mary Ellen Graziano and Kim Corbitt
staff.appreciation@trespta.org

We provide the teachers and staff with various treats and meals throughout the year. You will be contacted by email when we are in need of items. These may be salads, soups, appetizers, drinks or desserts, to name a few. We provided a back to school luncheon from Subway on Friday, August 19th for the entire TRES staff. Everyone was very appreciative.

Please consider joining the Staff Appreciation committee. Please sign up at back to school night or contact us if you can assist in any way. 🐼

5th Grade Activity
 Martha Edmiston & Laurie Verdin
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5th Grade Committee will be having there first meeting for parents on **Tues., September 7th** at 6:30 pm in the Media Center.

We will be having a McDonald's night **Wed., Sept. 22nd** from 5 - 8pm in Mt Airy to raise money for the 5th grade party and end of the year ceremony.

A Joe Corbi's fundraiser will begin **October 28th** and run for a few weeks. Please be on the look out for more information and details later in October in regards to the Joe Corbi's fundraiser.

If you'd like more information or like to help with the planning and presentation of the 5th Grade Activities contact the committee chairs via email. 🐼

Volunteers
 Kathy Beaulieu
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Volunteer Training will be offered 2 days Wednesday, September 15 at 2:30 and then again on Thursday the 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The Volunteer Room is now 101.

In addition to the list of opportunities on the cover of this packet you may consider being a Reading Buddy, Math Buddy, or assist at one of the Special classes i.e.

Art, Music, Library or PE. Please stop by at the Volunteer table at BTS night or email us for additional information. 🐼

Here are some Volunteer Opportunities at TRES

- **Volunteer in Classroom during teacher requested times.**
- Work in the volunteer room to complete work for the teachers
- **Stuff Thursday folders**
- Take work home (cut, paste, sorting, etc.)
- **Assist in the Media Center**
- Volunteer for the Specials teachers
- **Be a Room parent**
- Help at class parties
- **Become a Reading or Math Buddies Program**
- Help set up for the Evening of the Arts
- **Help with the Reflections Fine Art**
- Volunteer at Field Day
- **Lead or assist a club**
- Become a PTA Officer
- **Assist with the Book Fair**
- Assist with Math-a-thon

Volunteer on one of the following PTA committees

Staff appreciation	Enrichment
Hospitality	Box Tops
Ways and Means	Sportswear
Holiday Shop	5th Grade Activity
Membership	Fall Fundraiser
Fun Run	Family Activities
Baking for bake sale	School Tool Box Program
Sister School	Winter Event
Variety Show	