



Upcoming Events

February 1st

- 5th Grade Activities - Coin Jar Kickoff
- Box Top Kickoff

February 11th

- 5th Grade Activities Committee - 7:00pm

February 15th

- Classroom Valentine's Day Parties - 1:50pm - 3:00pm
- Coin Jar Due

February 19th

- PTA Executive Board Meeting - 6:30pm

February 22nd

- Box Tops Due
- Winter Social/Silent Auction - 6:30pm

Position Open

The TRES PTA Vice President position is currently open. If you are interested in volunteering to fill the position for the remainder of the 2007/08 school year or if you have any questions about the Vice President position, please call or email Kelly Borowski by February 10th. The new Vice President will be confirmed at the February 19th PTA executive Board meeting. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in becoming involved in the PTA or for anyone who may be considering holding an officer position next school year.

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February School Calendar

- 12 - Election Day : School Closed
- 18 - Presidents Day : School Closed
- 22 - 2.5 Hour Early Dismissal

A Message from the President

I can hardly believe that it's January already. The holidays flew by, our children are back in the classroom, and the PTA is involved with several exciting projects. As the New Year begins, I'd like to extend to you an invitation to come join the fun. There are many opportunities for you to get involved with upcoming activities; including volunteering and participating in the Winter Social Event on February 22nd, supporting our student performers at the Variety Show on March 7th or submitting a recipe for the TRES Cookbook (due Jan 31st). Additionally, PTA committees always welcome additional volunteers; specifically, the 5th Grade Activity committee is looking for an increase of parental involvement as they work to plan and organize the promotion activity and celebration for our 5th grade students.

In the midst of all this activity, we bid farewell to **Ann Braccia** and her family as they move out of community the next month. Ann has served as the PTA Vice President for the past year and half, and has also co-chaired the Communications committee and the Family Activities committee for the PTA. She will be greatly missed, both as a PTA officer and as a community friend.

With Ann's departure, the PTA will work to fill the Vice President's position for the remainder of the school year. If you are interested in learning more about the office or are interested in volunteering for the Vice President position, please contact me before February 10th, as the Executive Board will vote to confirm the new Vice President at the February 19th meeting. Additionally, it's not too early to begin thinking about serving as an officer for the 2008-09 TRES PTA. All four officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be open for next school year, and the nominating committee will begin their search for the

new officers in late February.

As we move forward in 2008, I need to reflect back on the hard work of several of our PTA members and thank them for their dedication and commitment as they worked diligently with their committees to offer an array of activities and programs during the month of December 2007:

- **Jenn Stores & Diana Yurich** for providing delicious holiday treats for the TRES staff
- **Caren Butler, Kerry Mandrik, Sherri Henck, Georgina Engler, Marissa Johnson, & Patti Yammarino** for encouraging our children to demonstrate their spirit with the Holiday Giving Tree
- **Angie Cole, Sara Gertler & Kristin Sheehy** for coordinating the December Enrichment Assembly which encouraged the writing skills of our children and for assisting the TRES PTA in bring home our Panda Mascot
- **Kerry Mandrik & Martha Edmiston** for working like elves in planning and running the Secret Holiday Shop
- **Mary Nalepa and Barbara Silver** for setting up exciting winter offerings for the TRES Club Program
- **Dave Titus, Ginny Titus & Ann Braccia** for generating our Late December PTA Newsletter to keep everyone informed in the midst of their holiday bustle

Thank you for sharing your time and energy!

As PTA President, I greatly appreciate the fact that we have such caring and committed families and staff members in the TRES community. I am eagerly anticipating our winter and spring events - just waiting to see where our hearts, minds, and enthusiasm take us over the next couple of months.

Happy New Year!

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Room Parents

The room parents are busily preparing for our first class party of the year....Valentine's Day! Twin Ridge will hold its Valentine parties on Friday, February 15th from 1:50-3p.m. Last week a form came home regarding this and the opportunity to volunteer to help at the party. We hope you can join us!

Two Reminders: No siblings are allowed to attend and the children should send their Valentines in with just their signature on them and not addressed to specific children for easier distribution.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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Cookbook Committee

We have begun collecting recipes for our TRES Cookbook. Please send your favorite recipes to school by January 31st. Use the **Recipe Collection Form** that has been provided and follow the directions on the back. Call me if you need more forms. The categories for our cookbook will be *Appetizers & Beverages, Soup & Salads, Vegetables & Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Breads & Rolls, Desserts (including Cookies & Candy), This & That, and Just For Kids*. Cookbooks will be ready in time for Mother's Day. The price of our cookbook will depend upon how many recipes we collect. The more recipes we collect, the better our cookbook will be.

We are also collecting artwork from members of our TRES family: students, teachers, staff, family members, anyone. We are holding a contest for artwork to be used as the divider pages of our cookbook. Please submit drawings of your favorite thing about TRES. Be creative! It can be a picture of your favorite teacher, activity, field trip, party, friends, etc... Please use black ink on white paper. Don't forget to put your name and grade on the picture. Pictures will be chosen from each grade/age level. Send your picture into school no later than January 31st.

Send in your recipes and artwork by January 31st! Please call me with any questions.

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Winter Social - Silent Auction

We are rapidly approaching the TRES PTA Winter Social-Silent Auction. It will be held on **Friday, February 22, 2008** from 6:30-8:30 pm at TRES. Don't forget to buy your tickets. Dinner will be a delicious meal catered by **Concetta's** in downtown Mount Airy. I would like to thank our local businesses for sponsoring and donating items for the wonderful children's activity stations:

- **Mathnasium of Mount Airy** is hosting a **Math Triathlon**- testing math skills in imaginative ways and giving out prizes for each grade... I have heard one of the prizes may even be an Ipod Nano!
- **Ms. Dahlia from Knittin Chicks** is coming and sharing her passion for knitting in the **Knittin Corner**
- **Rent-A-Center in Frederick** is donating a big screen tv and **Boy Scout Pack 1191** is donating popcorn for the **Popcorn and a Movie Theater**
- **Hauptman Builders** is sponsoring our **Building Bonanza** where you can build to your hearts content with LEGOs, K'nex, Lincoln Logs and blocks.
- The **YMCA Afterschool Program at Twin Ridge** is sponsoring and working with our kids at the **Craft Corner** featuring wonderful winter related crafts.
- **Evergreen Creative Solutions** is sponsoring **Home Sweet Home** - an area designed for toddlers and preschoolers with a kitchen, table and fun toys.

You can expect to have a first class evening. The gym will be transformed into a winter wonderland of snowflakes and lights with beautiful centerpieces and round tables. We have had tremendous donations including Walt Disney World tickets, how to Ski or Snowboard packages, Signed sports memorabilia, Framed Thomas Kinkadee prints, Autographed picture from Natasha Bedingfield, local gift certificates for restaurants and activities as well as wonderful gift baskets. That is just a small sampling-there is something for everyone. Just like last year, we will be auctioning off "Experiences". Except this year in addition to school and teacher experiences, come and bid on being Mayor for the Day, Junior Grand Marshall of the Mount Airy Twinkling Christmas Parade plus other great community experiences. Auction proceeds will support a variety of student enrichment programs, clubs and family activities. New this year....preview items before the event. Check them out on the web at www.trespta.cmarket.com.

Please remember even if you can't make it for dinner..join us and bid on some terrific items!

Congratulations to **Jazlyn H.** for winning the limousine ride to the Winter Social-Silent auction! She will arrive with a very special guest, so keep your eyes open! Donations are still appreciated.We are also still looking for volunteers to help at the event...any amount of time is appreciated! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me.

Remember it's for a GREAT cause....our kids! We need your help make it a success.

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Secret Holiday Shop

We would like to extend our thanks to all of those who volunteered to help make this year's Holiday Shop a success! We appreciate all the friends and family who pitched in and want to say that we could not have done it without you. The surprise snowstorm really made it difficult on everyone's schedule, so thanks to all those who came forward at the last minute to fill in on the snow date. We especially want to thank Sherri Henck for designing the fantastic display case, and Dawn Pettaway and the the Girl Scouts of Cadet Troop 81370 and Junior Troop 81619 for their help and support both days. We wish everyone a Happy and Health New Year!

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Box Tops Committee

The last few months have flown by, and it's time for our winter box tops contest to begin soon. The collection period will be from February 1 through February 22. This is a shorter time-span than usual, but all box tops must be submitted to General Mills no later than February 28 in order for the school to receive our program money this spring. Start gathering up all the box tops you collected from your holiday cooking and eating, and send them in to your classroom next month. Look for a flyer explaining the details in the coming weeks.

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5th Grade Activities

Thank you to all who attended our meeting this month. We had a very productive meeting with some new faces and great ideas. Here's what we have going on in January and February:

On January 31st from 5-8 p.m., we will be hosting a **McDonald's Night** at the Mount Airy McDonald's. Keep a look out for flyers coming home in the Thursday folder announcing this event. We encourage all TRES students, family and friends to "take a break" and visit McDonald's on that day. Make sure to fill out the form that comes home and turn it in at McDonald's when you place your order. The class (PreK-5) with the highest participation in this fundraiser will receive a **McFlurry Party!!!** You can place your order through the drive-thru or inside the restaurant. 5th graders will be stationed inside to greet and thank you for your support and give away free tattoos.

February will kick off our Coin Jar program. February 1st -15th, all 5th graders are encouraged to bring in any spare change to fill up their homeroom Coin Jar. The coins will be counted weekly and incentives will be given to the classes with the most money raised. This is a great opportunity for the kids to start doing extra chores around the house to raise money for their activities. Start saving those pennies!!

The 5th Grade Activity Committee is always looking for additional help and feedback from all 5th grade parents. Please join us for our monthly meetings, which are held the 2nd Monday of each month from 7-8 pm at TRES. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11th from 7-8 pm in the cafeteria.

Once again, on behalf of our 5th graders, thank you for your continued support of our programs.

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5th Grade Activities

The 15th Annual TRES Variety Show is on it's way! The 15th Annual Variety Show will be on March 7, 2008. Sign ups were in the beginning of January and everyone should be getting their acts together. The show will once again be held at Linganore High School. This will be the last year it will be held in the present LHS as the school is closing for renovation at the end of this school year. Preview of all acts will be held on Tuesday, February 12th after school.

Hope to see everyone there to support all of our performers for another great Variety Show.

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Visit the PTA website for more information and current updates...

www.trespta.org

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