



### Upcoming Events

#### January 7th

- 5th Grade Activities Committee Meeting 7:00-8:00pm

#### January 8th

- Winter Clubs Begin

## Directories Are Out

The directories are out to everyone who ordered one. We do have a few extras, but will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Caren Butler at 301-829-3887 if you would like one.

## Twin Ridge Cookbook

Be on the lookout for information about our Twin Ridge Cookbook. Recipe collection forms will be sent home early January. The more recipes we collect, the better our cookbook will be. Start collecting your favorites to send in next month. We will have a special section for kids recipes also.

### January School Calendar

- 1 - School Closed
- 21 - School Closed : State Mandated Holiday
- 22 - School Closed : Professional Development
- 23 - School Closed : Teacher Work Day
- 24 - Third Term Begins



## A Message from the President

On behalf of the PTA, I would like to wish all of the TRES students, families, faculty, and staff a very happy and healthy holiday season!

At this time of celebration, reflection, and fellowship, I'd like to also celebrate the energy and creativity of the following **PTA members** and their **committee volunteers** who provided following activities or services during the month of **November**:

- **Caren Butler** for providing the TRES community with our invaluable Student Directory
- **Kim Young & Lori Domroe** for coordinating the "yummy" and very successful Fall fundraiser
- **Kelly Skipper** for orchestrating the 2007 TRES Reflections Program, with its record breaking participation
- **Tracy Flower** for providing warm hospitality at the November PTA General meeting

- **Jenn Stores & Diana Yurich** for serving a delicious breakfast to the staff before the Thanksgiving holiday
- **Angie Cole & Sara Gertler** for sponsoring the Family Literacy Challenge, reminding us that reading is a family affair
- **Jessica Gearhart** for conducting our fabulous 2nd grade performers

### Thank you for all of your hard work!

I believe that we are exceedingly fortunate at TRES to have such an amazing staff, extraordinary volunteers, and families who are caring and committed. Thank you - your involvement in our children's lives is truly appreciated!!

Have a wonderful holiday-

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## Winter Social-Silent Auction

We are excited to announce the day has been set for the TRES PTA Winter Social-Silent Auction. It will be held on Friday, February 22, 2008 from 6:30-8:30 pm at TRES. Dinner will be a delicious meal catered by Concetta's in downtown Mount Airy. We will have wonderful activities (more to come on that later) and door prize baskets for the kids. You can expect to have a first class evening.

The gym will be transformed into a winter wonderland of snowflakes and lights

with beautiful tables and of course GREAT auction items. 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](http://www.trespta.cmarket.com).

Winner of the limousine ride to the event and back to be announced January 4th, 2008.

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## Winter Social (Contd.)

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the event...any amount of time is appreciated! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me. We will be having our first meeting in the next couple of weeks.

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

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## Clubs Program

The deadline for registrations for the Winter Club Session was 4pm Tuesday December 19th. We continue to have a terrific response to clubs; the response for many clubs exceeds the amount of students that can be enrolled in the club. Club rosters for the Winter Session will be completed and notifications sent home in the JANUARY 3rd Thursday folder. Winter Clubs begin the week of January 7th.

The TRES Club Program is dependent on it's wonderful staff, parent, & community volunteers who donate their time and talent to the club program. THANK YOU CLUB VOLUNTEERS!!

Did you know that a parent who leads, co-leads or assists with a club can automatically enroll their child in that club?? Please consider leading, co-leading or assisting with a SPRING Club. Spring clubs will begin in April. It's not to early to start planning! Contact Mary Nalepa for additional information.

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## 5th Grade Activities Committee News

A BIG thank you to all the 5th grade families that participated in the Pizza Hut fundraiser and to all Twin Ridge families that helped support this effort. Overall, we had 56% participation and the children did a great job and worked hard on raising money for their end of year celebration. Congratulations to Ms. McAllister's class for bringing in the most money per class and winning the ice cream party. A special thank you also goes to the Beckwith family whose generous uncle provided the ice cream!

Due to the holidays, we did not have a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 7th from 7-8pm in TRES cafeteria.** We really need more parents at these meetings. It is important for the success of this committee and what we must accomplish that more parents become involved. This is a fun committee and everyone is welcome and very much appreciated.

It is especially important to attend the next meeting as we will be discussing whether we want to do another fundraiser or whether we will make due with the money we have raised and where we will have to make cutbacks. Important decisions will be made and it will effect the type of party and gifts the 5th graders will be getting, so we would like as much input as possible. We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions about this committee and/or would like to be included in the committee's updates, please contact PTA 5th Grade Activities Coordinators.

**We look forward to seeing you!**

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## Enrichment Programming

Thank you to all of the families that participated in the Family Literacy Challenge. Emily Sedgwick in Ms. Bellanca's 1st grade class won the tickets to Way Off Broadway Children's Theater. Cara McLaurin in Ms. James' 1st grade class was also a winner. Cara was a Junior Grand Marshall in the Santa Parade in downtown Mount Airy on Saturday, December 1st.

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# JANUARY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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27	28	29	30	31		