

# TIGER TALE



From the Tulip Grove Elementary School PTA

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## President's Notes

by Carmie Naleski & Karen Evans, PTA Co-Presidents

School is in full swing, the children are learning and smiling, and the PTA is gearing up for a terrific year at Tulip Grove! We are grateful for the many memberships and volunteer forms we have received so far. Keep them coming ... we simply cannot do it without you!

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us at the first PTA meeting on Back-to-School Night. It was a delight to see so many people come support our children and school. We strongly encourage those of you who have not signed up yet to send in your PTA membership forms. We are aiming for full participation this year.

Special thanks go out to all of the volunteers who have participated in our beautification days. The front of the school, the playground areas, and the courtyard really look fantastic. Your hard work is much appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Ice Cream Social. Watch for details in your child's backpack.

Again, thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at 240-274-5102 (Carmie) or 301-262-3879 (Karen).

## Help Keep TGE Beautiful



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help keep Tulip Grove Elementary beautiful! We take pride in having such beautiful school grounds and hope that you do too.

We are currently looking for volunteers for **Gorgeous Prince George's Day on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. The county is donating trees and plants for the schoolyard, but we will need lots of volunteers to assist in planting them and perform our general fall clean-up. To get involved, contact Danielle or Greg Kuni at 301-860-1486.

## Dip Into the Ice Cream Social

You're invited to join the Tulip Grove PTA for an evening of free, refreshing ice cream sundaes as you meet new friends and catch up with old ones.



This year's first family PTA event is the Ice Cream Social, to be held **Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. All students and their families are invited to attend.

We also need volunteers to help at this fun event. If you're available for just an hour, please contact Carmie Naleski at 240-274-5102.

## Success = Involvement!

One proven way to ensure a child's success in school is for parents to stay involved. The Tulip Grove PTA offers plenty of opportunities for parents to do just that.

Whether it's attending meetings, supporting financially with dues and fundraisers, teaching Art Awareness or volunteering at social events, there is something every parent can find the time and interest to do. Each time you help out, you're making your child's school just a little bit better.

Joining the PTA is easy. Simply fill out the attached membership form and send it along with dues in your child's backpack.

Annual membership is only \$10, and it goes to a great cause—our kids. If you've joined before, please remember that you need to renew your membership every year by filling out a new form. Your spouse and other members of your family can join, too. It is never too late to join PTA! We'd love to have every parent sign up!

For more information about PTA membership and volunteering, contact Caryn Morrissey at 301-464-0271.

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**PTA Mission:** To advocate for our children by improving public education through parent participation and public awareness.

## Shop & Eat Fundraising

Here's a totally painless way you can help the school—register for the Giant and Safeway educational programs and collect BoxTops and Campbell's labels. This is "easy money" that takes very little effort and can have huge rewards for our students.



For the grocery store programs, all you have to do is designate Tulip Grove as your "school of choice" using your store rewards card. Then, simply shop as usual. Every time you do, our school will benefit.

- For **Giant**, go online to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) and designate TGE using our code number **00426**.
- For **Safeway**, visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), click on "1-Sign Up," and follow the simple steps to sign up and designate TGE using our code number **6579317**. While online, you'll see that eScrip also works with several other merchants, such as Macy's and OfficeMax.

Even if you've signed up for these programs in the past, remember that **you must re-register every year**. Also, be sure to encourage your family and friends to sign up, too. Extra forms are available on the PTA bulletin board.

For BoxTops, simply clip these coupons off of products you use every day, such as cereal, popcorn, snacks, yogurt, and even bread. Once you have some saved up, bring them to the mailbox located inside the school lobby. It's so simple, and TGE earns 10 cents for every BoxTop!

Campbell's Labels for Education works the same way, with Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, and V8 products. Again, as you save the labels, bring them to the mailbox inside the school lobby.

For more information on these fundraising programs, contact Karen Evans at 301-262-3879.

## No Art Experience Needed!

Want a chance to get involved in the classroom? The Art Awareness program is always looking for a few extra volunteers. Lesson plans and guidance are provided for the four projects we will do this year. All you need is a willingness to get a little paint on your hands.

For more information, contact Kim Allegrezza at 301-464-6456.



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## Mark Your Calendar!

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| Sep 24..... | PTA Ice Cream Social, 6:30 PM  |
| Sep 25..... | School closed for students     |
| Sep 28..... | School closed for Yom Kippur   |
| Oct 16..... | School closed                  |
| Oct 17..... | Georgeous Prince George's Day  |
| Oct 29..... | PTA Fall Festival, 6:30 PM     |
| Oct 30..... | School closed for students     |
| Nov 3.....  | PTA Meeting, 7 PM              |
| Nov 11..... | School closed for Veterans Day |

## Volunteer Requirements

If you would like to volunteer in a classroom or chaperone a field trip, background check or fingerprinting at the Board of Education is required.

There are two options: You can get a commercial background check for \$7.00 which is good for one year and allows you to volunteer at school and on field trips. If you plan to volunteer in PG schools for quite a few years, you can also opt to get a full fingerprint background check for \$64 which will last multiple years as long as you volunteer at least once a year.

Either background check can be accomplished at the PG County Board of Education office at 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro. Once completed, turn in your signed form to the TGE front office. For more information, call the Fingerprint Office at 301-952-6775.



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