

# TIGER TALE



From the Tulip Grove Elementary School PTA

September 2007

## President's Notes

by Carmie Naleski, PTA President

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. I 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!

I 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 me with any questions or concerns at 301/464-2058.

## Success = Involvement

Do you want to help your child succeed this year? One proven way is to be actively involved in your child's school. The PTA offers lots of opportunities for parents to do just that.

Whether it's attending PTA meetings, participating in fundraisers, helping the Art Awareness program, handing out candy at the Fall Festival or simply paying your PTA dues, there's something every parent can find the time and interest to do. And each time you help out, you're making your child's school just a little bit better.

Please take the time to volunteer for at least one activity. Your child will be glad you did!

For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Karen Monks at 301/805-4458.

## 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.



The PTA's first family event for the year is the Ice Cream Social, to be held **Thursday, Sept. 20 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 or two, please contact Carmie Naleski at 301/464-2058.

## Get Ready for Claire's

Next month, you'll have the opportunity to buy some delicious cakes and other gourmet goodies and have them delivered just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The PTA's first fundraiser of the year is Claire's Gourmet and will include elegant desserts, cookie dough, pretzels, gourmet pizza, and more. Watch your child's backpack for all the details starting in October.

For more info, contact Carmie Naleski at 301/464-2058.

## Fall Festival Oct. 26!

You don't want to miss the PTA Fall Festival on **Friday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m.** This is a great family event with safe trick-or-treating around the classrooms and carnival-style games in the cafeteria.

TGE students are invited to attend with their siblings and parents only. Costumes are encouraged, and always add to the excitement of the evening.



To make the event a success, we ask that all parents donate one bag of wrapped candy per child

participating in the festival. Watch for more details in your child's backpack next month.

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

**Principal:** Mr. Brian Baudoin, 301/805-2680

**Tulip Grove Website:** [www.pgcps.org/~tgrove](http://www.pgcps.org/~tgrove)

**Next PTA Meeting**  
 Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m.  
 TGE Media Center

## 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. A box is located in the lobby to collect the labels.

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

## Mark Your Calendar!

- Sept. 20 .....PTA Ice Cream Social, 6:30 PM
- Sept. 21 .....School closed, professional development
- Oct. 17 .....Deadline for Claire's Gourmet
- Oct. 18 .....School closed for grading
- Oct. 19 .....School closed for MTSA Convention
- Oct. 26 .....PTA Fall Festival, 6:30 PM
- Nov. 12.....School closed for conferences
- Nov. 13.....PTA Meeting, 7 PM
- Nov. 16.....Claire's Gourmet delivery

## Help Keep TGE Beautiful

by Bob Evans, Beautification Chair

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help keep Tulip Grove Elementary beautiful!

We're asking all parents to commit to one hour during the school year to pick up trash around the school. If you volunteer, you will be assigned a specific month. Please let me know which month or season you prefer.

We're forming a list of big projects, such as landscaping the front of the school, painting the goal posts, and helping plant the 1,000 tulips that Patuxent Nursery has donated to the school. If you have a connection to a hardware or paint store, plant nursery, landscape designer, or other related business that could help us reduce the cost of getting a project done, please let me know.

Recently, I was talking to one of the neighbors behind the school. He told me that when he was a member of the Tulip Grove PTA in the 1960s, they planted the double row of trees behind the school. What lasting impact do we want to leave?

To get involved, please contact me at [bkrevans@yahoo.com](mailto:bkrevans@yahoo.com).



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## Have You Joined the PTA Yet?

If not, there's still time! We'd love to have every parent sign up!

Joining the PTA is easy. Simply fill out a membership form and send it and your dues into school with your child. Forms are available in the main office, as well as at all PTA meetings and events.

Please take the time to join. Membership is only \$7, and it goes to a great cause—our kids. If you've joined before, please remember you need to join



each year. Your spouse and other members of your family can join, too. Memberships are for individuals, not families.

For more information about PTA membership, contact Penny Wallace at 301/809-9102.