

TIGER TALE



From the Tulip Grove Elementary School PTA

March 2009

President's Notes

by Carmie Naleski, PTA President

Time truly flies when you're having fun! The third quarter has arrived, nomination forms for PTA positions for the 2009-10 school year are out, and spring is around the corner!

It's time to begin thinking about taking on a PTA position for next year. Please take a moment to fill out your nomination form on behalf of yourself or a friend you think may be a perfect fit for the PTA board. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I will be happy to discuss position details. Believe me when I say, it **IS** fun to be a part of the PTA!



Some upcoming events to keep in mind are Career Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, the annual Art Awareness Show, our final PTA meeting, and the end-of-the-year picnic (see the calendar on the back for dates). These are all opportunities to get involved—be it donating a food item, casting your vote for next year's PTA board members, volunteering your time to organize a game at the picnic, or simply admiring the students' artwork. We appreciate your continued support and generosity!

Remember to take time to smell the flowers as they bloom!

**Our Next PTA Meeting:
Vote on How to Spend Our Money!
Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in
conjunction with the Art Awareness Show
TGE Media Center**

If you're a current PTA member, please plan to attend this important meeting. We must have a quorum of members to vote in a new PTA Board and to decide how to spend the money we raised this year. Ballot boxes will be available, so you can place your votes quickly and easily. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

The PTA Needs You!

We all lead very busy lives, but some things are worth everyone's time and effort.

The PTA is a perfect example. By being involved in school activities, you can help improve your child's education ... what's more important than that?

We need your help to compile a PTA board for next school year. Four board positions are open. Each will serve a one-year term. Positions include:

President—Presides over all general membership and board meetings, coordinates the work of PTA officers and committees, and is a member of all committees except the nominating committee. The president oversees all fundraisers and PTA events, but delegates the work to board and committee members and volunteers.

Vice President—Acts as an aide to the president and performs all of the president's duties if he or she is unable to serve. The vice president also assists with fundraisers.

Secretary—Records the minutes of all PTA meetings and maintains a record of them and all related files, including the bylaws and membership list.

Treasurer—Maintains custody of all funds and keeps a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures. Makes disbursements and presents a written financial statement at every meeting.

If you're not sure if you want to get involved, please feel free to talk to any of the current board members about what it's like. You may be surprised to learn that it's not nearly as time-consuming or difficult as you might expect. And it's a great way to help direct parent involvement in the school and make a real difference for our students and staff.

Attached is a nomination form with complete details. Simply complete the form and return it to your child's teacher. The PTA board election will be held at the May 21 meeting.

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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

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Spell-a-Bration Success!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Spell-a-Bration! Can you guess how much we raised? Nearly \$4,700! That's about a thousand dollars more than we raised last year! Way to go students and parents!

The following students earned \$10 Target gift cards for bringing in the most money in their class:

- *Mrs. Kress:* Christopher Harmon
- *Mrs. Nay:* Emma Kornmeyer
- *Mrs. Tull:* Nate Olsen
- *Mrs. Lipford:* Cyrus Mooney
- *Mrs. Holt:* Mackenzie Craig
- *Mrs. Gilbert:* Jacob Podsiadlo
- *Mrs. Lopez:* Eddie Cully
- *Mrs. Roth:* Robert Evans
- *Ms. Landefeld:* Bobby Vanfield
- *Mrs. Parr:* Natalie Leinbach
- *Mrs. Holmes:* Amber Wright

Mrs. Holmes' fifth grade class also earned an ice cream party for having the most students participating—24.

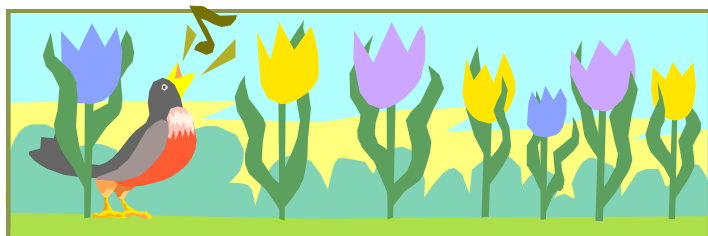
This was our most successful fundraiser of the year. Thanks again to everyone!

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Congratulations to all of the students who had their art awareness projects chosen to be highlighted at the City Hall in February.

The City of Bowie Teacher nomination forms can be picked up at the front lobby of the school.



Mark Your Calendar!

March 27 Career Day

May 21 PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM

May 21 Art Awareness Art Show, 6:30-8 PM

May 4-8..... Teacher Appreciation Week

May 25 School Closed, Memorial Day

May/June..... End-of-Year Picnic

At the Last PTA Meeting

Did you miss the last PTA meeting? Here are some of the things we discussed:

- **Budget:** No budget change for this meeting.
- **Fundraiser Ideas:** Spell-a-Bration had 129 kids participate this year. The fundraiser was a huge success. Thank You to all that were involved.
- **Boy Scout Project:** One of the Boy Scout Troops are trying to earn their eagle badge and have volunteered to do some cleanup around the school.
- **Principal's Report:** Mr. Baudoin said it has been a very successful year for the school by every measure. He thanked everyone for their hard work. He said it is looking better for Tulip Grove to receive money for school renovations. He also mentioned that there will be no boundary changes for Tulip Grove next year.
- Make sure to mark your calendar for the next PTA meeting on Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m., so you can cast your vote for our new PTA board and on how to spend the money we raised this year!