

# TIGER TALE



From the Tulip Grove Elementary School PTA

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## President's Notes

by Carmie Naleski, PTA President

As the old saying goes ... "time sure flies when you're having fun!" This could not be more true as we near the end of fall and move into the winter holiday season. I want to begin by thanking Helena Schmidt and the many other volunteers who organized such a frightfully fun Fall Festival. A good time was had by all!

We just completed our first PTA fundraiser of the year, and it was a big success! Thank you to all of the families who participated in the Claire's Gourmet food event—you helped us surpass our goal this year.

Thanks also to the many parents who attended our November PTA meeting and to Ms. McCalla for sharing valuable information about the individual learning plans. Our next meeting will be on Jan. 8 in the Media Center. Please plan now to attend—we would love for you to join us. For those of you still planning to get involved in the PTA—it's not too late! Send in those membership forms—we welcome all!

Finally, our Pizza Party/Silent Auction is coming up on Friday, Dec. 7. Several parent volunteers are working hard to make this a fun, family evening. If your family plans to attend, please send in your form as soon as possible. We want to accommodate everyone. We'll see you then!

The PTA board would like to wish you and your family a most special and safe holiday season.

*Happy Holidays*

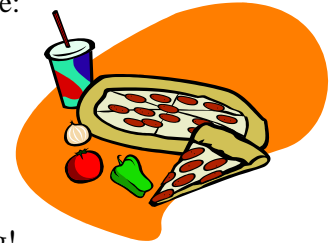
## Thank You Claire's Buyers!

We raised \$900 from the Claire's fundraiser—\$150 more than we expected! Thanks to everyone who purchased an item. We hope you enjoyed them!

## Dinner & Shopping at TGE on Friday, Dec. 7!

Skip the cooking on **Friday, Dec. 7**, and come to the school instead from 6-8:30 p.m. for a great evening for the whole family. Here's what's in store:

- **Pizza Party:** Enjoy a delicious dinner of pizza, veggies and dip, drinks, and homemade desserts for only \$4 per adult and \$3 per child aged 5-10 (4 and under are free!). Turn in your sign-up sheet today, so we know you're coming! We're getting pizzas donated from all your favorite places—Dominos, Cetrone's, and more!
- **Silent Basket Auction:** Ready to do some holiday shopping? You'll find a fantastic array of unique theme baskets to bid on at the silent auction. Some of the themes include pasta lovers, superheroes, arts and crafts, cat's meow, school supplies, and coffee and tea. You also can bid on some of the most popular items each year—Principal for the Day, Gym Teacher for the Day, and special events offered by our wonderful teachers.
- **Santa Secret Shop:** While you're bidding on the baskets, your children can do some shopping of their own. The Santa Secret Shop is a safe place where students can buy low-priced but high-quality gifts for all of the important people in their lives. Dec. 7 will be the last night of the shop, so students can make their final selections. Each item will be gift-wrapped for free. It's going to be a great night of family fun and—better yet, all money raised will go directly to our school. Don't miss it!



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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)

## Volunteer Call

Volunteers are needed to help with the Santa Secret Shop the week of Dec. 3-7. We need parents during school hours to help students make their purchases and to provide gift wrapping. If you can help, please contact Penny Wallace at 301/809-9102.

## Giant, Safeway Programs

Have you registered yet for the Giant and Safeway educational programs? It's quick and easy, and it helps raise needed money for our school. Remember—you must re-register every year!

All you have to do is designate Tulip Grove as your “school of choice.” Then, simply shop as usual.

Every time you do, our school will benefit.

- For **Giant**, go online to [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com) and designate TGE using our code number **00426**.
- For **Safeway**, visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), follow the steps to sign up and designate Tulip Grove using our code number **6579317**.



**Next PTA Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m.  
TGE Media Center

## Clip Those BoxTops

Please remember to keep clipping BoxTops on General Mills products and turn them into the school.

BoxTops are found on products you probably use every day, such as cereal, popcorn, snacks, yogurt and even bread. All you have to do is clip off the BoxTops, save them up and bring them to the mailbox located inside the school lobby. It's so simple, and Tulip Grove earns 10 cents for every BoxTop!

**Get the latest school and PTA news  
on the Tulip Grove Web site!**  
[www.pgcps.org/~tgrove](http://www.pgcps.org/~tgrove)

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Dec. 3-7** ..... Santa Secret Shop open during school  
**Dec. 6** ..... Santa Secret Shop open 5-8:30 PM  
**Dec. 7** ..... Pizza Party/Silent Auction and Santa Secret Shop, 6-8:30 PM  
**Dec. 21-31** ..... School Closed for Winter Break  
**Jan. 1** ..... School Closed for New Year's Day  
**Jan. 8** ..... PTA Meeting, 7 PM  
**Jan. 21** ..... School Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## At the Last PTA Meeting

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

- **Art Awareness:** Kim Allegrezza reported that Tulip Grove's month to display student artwork at City Hall has been changed from May to January. She said 16 pieces of student artwork will be chosen in December.
- **Budget:** Members voted to use \$275 in extra money left over from state and local dues to pay for magazine subscriptions that were promised to the library last year.
- **Membership:** Penny Wallace reported that we have 120 PTA members, representing about half of the students in the school. She announced that 100% of the Tulip Grove staff have joined the PTA! We're so proud! She said people can still join since the deadline is not until March ... so sign up today! Forms are available in the office.
- Mr. Baudoin said the Day of 1,000 Tulips was a great success in demonstrating to students how parents and the school can work together for success. He also reported that Tulip Grove is not slated to become a pre-K-8 school next year.

Make sure to mark your calendar for the next PTA meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m., so you can hear what's new and offer your ideas and suggestions!

## Winter Is Approaching ...

With winter's bad weather approaching, make sure you're signed up for the latest school alerts.

At **SchoolsOut.com**, you can sign up to receive e-mail alerts when the Prince George's County school system is closing or starting late due to weather or other emergencies.

Simply visit [www.schoolsout.com](http://www.schoolsout.com) and choose Maryland. Scroll down to select Prince George's County, then type in your e-mail address to sign up for alerts.

