

TIGER TALE



From the Tulip Grove Elementary School PTA

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President's Notes

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WOW... our annual Ice Cream Social was a HUGE success this year! We truly had a terrific turn-out and loads of fun! A very warm THANK YOU goes out to all the parent volunteers and middle/high schoolers that donated their time with set-up, scooping ice cream, dishing out toppings, clean-up, and administrative tasks. The evening simply could not have run so smoothly without a team effort! Believe it or not... the planning has already begun for next year's Ice Cream Social!

Our next PTA event is a family-friendly Fall Festival! Keep an eye out for information on this upcoming fun, free celebration!

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 the many volunteers who have signed up to participate in **Gorgeous Prince George's Day on Saturday, October 17th**. We are looking forward to a productive day of planting and cleaning up the yards. If you have any questions, or are interested in joining us, contact Danielle or Greg Kuni at 301-860-1486.



Fall Festival Time!

The Tulip Grove PTA invites students and their families to join us for a fun evening out! Wear your costume to trick-or-treat through the school halls, play carnival games, get your face painted or try to win a cake at the Cake Walk for \$1 per chance. **The Festival will take place on Thursday, October 29th from 6:30-8:30 PM.** That night will also be the final night of the Fall Book Fair in the Media Center.



While most of the activities are free, we ask that families donate one bag of candy per trick-or-treating child by October 23rd. Between decorating, games, and handing out candy, we also need plenty of volunteers to make the night run smoothly. If you are interested in helping, or know a teenager who would like to help, contact Lori Morrow at 301-262-7480. For those of you who have already volunteered, we will be calling you soon!

Next PTA Meeting: Tues, Nov 3rd at 7 PM

Ms. Lopez will also be holding an informational meeting on the MSAs at 6:30 PM in Room 207

The Holidays Are Coming...

Room parents, have you talked to your teachers lately? The busy holiday season is approaching so now is a great time to find out what the teachers are planning and recruit a group of parents who are able to help with food and activities. If you don't know your room parent but want to get involved, contact your child's teacher to find out how you can help!

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

Yearbook Pre-Order

The years go by so fast! A yearbook from Tulip Grove is a great way to remember teachers and friends from elementary school. Through November 1st, you can pre-order your yearbook for \$20, payable to the Tulip Grove PTA. After that date, the price will increase.

Are you one of those parents that are always taking pictures at school activities? We would love to see them! Contact Stacy Kornmeyer at 301-860-0546 for more information.



Shop & Eat Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has already registered their grocery store cards. This is “easy money” that takes very little effort and can have huge rewards for our students.

If you haven’t completed it yet, please take a few moments to add Tulip Grove as your school of choice:

- For **Giant**, go online to www.giantfood.com/aplus and designate TGE using our code number **00426**.
- For **Safeway**, visit 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.



Keep collecting those Boxtops and Campbell’s labels too! Both can be deposited in the blue mailbox inside the front hall. For more information on these fundraising programs, contact Karen Evans at 301-262-3879.

Get the latest school and PTA news on the Tulip Grove Web site!

<http://www.pgcps.org/~tgrove/>

Mark Your Calendar!

- Oct 12**..... “Men Make a Difference” Day, 7:45 AM
- Oct 16**..... School closed
- Oct 17**..... Gorgeous Prince George’s Day
- Oct 21**..... School Picture Day
- Oct 23-29** Fall Book Fair
- Oct 29**..... PTA Fall Festival, 6:30 PM
- Oct 30**..... School closed for students
- Nov 3**..... MSA Info Meeting, 6:30 PM
PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Nov 11** School closed for Veterans Day
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov 19** Science Fair
- Nov 25-27**..... School closed for Thanksgiving

Never Too Late To Join

Still haven’t joined PTA this year? It’s never too late to become a member. 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. We’d love to have every parent sign up! For more information about PTA membership and volunteering, contact Caryn Morrissey at 301-464-0271.

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.

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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