

Partners ~ the Kingsville PTA Newsletter

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PTA Theme: *every child. one voice.*®

Dates to Remember

Friday, September 4.....Fundraiser begins
Monday, September 7.....Labor Day, SCHOOLS CLOSED
Monday, September 14.....PTA Business Meeting, 7 P.M. in the school library
Thursday, September 24.....Fundraiser money & order forms due
Monday, September 28.....Yom Kippur, SCHOOLS CLOSED

President's Message

Welcome to Kingsville Elementary School! If you are a returning KES family, Welcome Back! I hope that everyone is ready to "hop" right in to the new school year! Thank you for taking time to read this monthly PTA newsletter. Inside you will find information about what is going on in KES PTA- we have many exciting activities planned for the school year. Also, please take time to regularly check out our PTA website, www.kingsvillepta.org, where you can find news and information about what is happening in our PTA.

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association, the largest non-profit child advocacy organization in the world. We are fortunate at Kingsville to have a very active PTA, but we need your support! Please consider becoming a member of PTA- this year we are offering two types of membership: an individual membership, which is only \$5 per adult; or a business membership, which is \$15. Either type of membership will help us to fund many programs for the students at Kingsville Elementary School. So please, "Leap into learning. Hop to it today. Support our children, Join KES PTA!!"

Finally, I want to extend an invitation to you to attend the PTA Business meetings, which are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm in the school library. Come to show your support for your children and our school. Please take the time to get involved as much as you are able.

I am looking forward to a successful year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about the PTA at KES. Together I know that we can help our children "Leap Into Learning!"

- Rachel Hills, KES PTA President, 2009-2010, president@kingsvillepta.org

Partners Editorial Notes

The KES PTA Newsletter, *Partners*, is normally published monthly, distributed in the Thursday envelopes the third week of the month, and posted at www.kingsvillepta.org. For comments, or to submit an article for consideration, please contact the editor, Beth Waibel, at editor@kingsvillepta.org.

This Year's KES PTA Board

Here are the KES board members for the 2009/2010 school year. **Please note that we still need a co-chairperson for Friends of the Kingsville Library and for the Health Fair.** For more information and to read about each position, visit www.kingsvillepta.org. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions/ideas/offers to help!

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If you'd like to help out with anything, please contact the committee chair. And, please watch this newsletter for calls for help throughout the year.

Study Finds Three Ways to Help Your Child Succeed in School

Parents want their children to do their best in school. But what works? A study by researchers at Indiana University found that children do better in the classroom when parents:

1. Are positive. You know that your child is sensitive to your emotions. Not surprisingly, the study found that to also be true for parents' attitudes about schoolwork. Parents who thought their child could do an assignment successfully had a child who believed that, too. In addition, the study found that encouragement from a parent led a child to be more motivated. Model positive attitudes, and your child will copy them.
2. Break it down. A long assignment can overwhelm your child. One of the easiest things you can do to help is to break that big task into smaller pieces. The study found that when children worked at a task they thought they could handle, they did better at it.
3. Teach the importance of a final check. One of the best habits to instill in your child is to look over his work before handing it in. Oops--he added when he should have subtracted. He wrote "their" instead of "there". Correcting these minor mistakes can lead to a much better overall grade. In addition, the study found that children who were in the habit of checking over their work were more likely to volunteer to answer questions in class.

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Return Your STEP Packets!

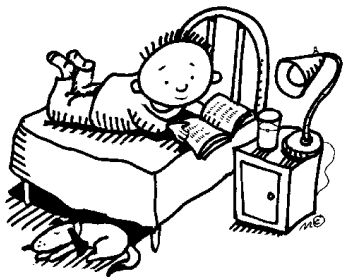
Just a reminder...Please return completed STEP packets to your teacher by Friday, September 11. If you have any questions, please call Rachel Hills at step@kingsvillepta.org.



Turn in Those Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Prizes!



Please turn in any Box Tops and Campbell's Labels you have collected over the summer by **Friday, 9/4**—in a bag labeled with your child's name. The person who turns in the most will get a Target Gift Card; everyone else will get a small prize. Any questions? Contact Jaime Arrick at incentives@kingsvillepta.org.



Refresh Critical Back-to-School Skills for a Successful School Year

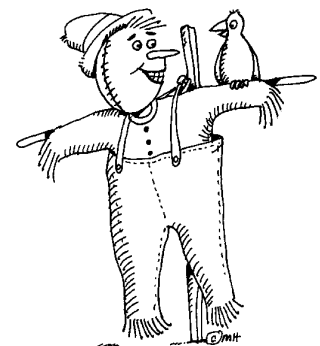
Back to school means more than buying supplies and going to class. It involves establishing routines that help students do their best. To help your child develop good habits and independence:

- Put an alarm clock in your child's room. Instead of you waking her up, see if the alarm can.
- Prepare at night. Have your child pack her backpack, pick out an outfit and put necessities by the front door. You can plan breakfast and make sure her lunch is ready to go.
- Create a homework schedule. Pick a consistent time for studying, such as after school or before dinner. When will your child have the most motivation and energy?
- Stick to a regular bedtime. Allow time for duties--bathing, brushing teeth, putting on pajamas, reading and saying goodnight.
- Post charts to help your child stay on track--a weekly schedule, a bedtime checklist and a reminder by the front door.

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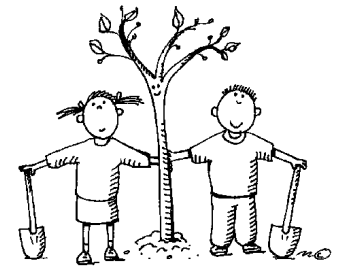
Save the Date! Fall Family Fun Day!

This year's Fall Family Fun Day will be October 10th from 2-5 p.m., so save the date. Watch your child's folder and the next Partners for details.



Beautification Committee...Keeping our School Beautiful

While the rest of us were enjoying our final days of summer, Beautification Committee Volunteers were hard at work cleaning up the gardens of the school. Apparently, the weeds did not rest during the summer vacation! Many thanks to the following volunteers: Cindy Baxter, Janet Dillon, Mary Finn, Tom Gettier, Karen Heier, Suzanne Krug, Melinda Laubach, Joanna Lawry, Fran Paradise, Michele Rossi, Cherie Whittaker, Alexa D., Miranda D., Katie G., Natalie G., Michael G., Olivia H., Eva H., Emma K., and Jack K.



Also, a huge thank you to **Wirtz & Daughters**, (410) 679-6700, for their continued support of Beautification Committee projects. Wirtz & Daughters not only donated mulch for the summer clean-up, but delivered it on the same day it was requested!



Special Education News

Join SECAC for Information and Support

SECAC is Baltimore County's Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee, a forum for issues pertaining to children with disabilities. The group has an email group and meets each month. If you have concerns about your special ed. child's education, please become involved. I can tell you from experience that by attending these meetings (generally the 2nd Monday of each month) and joining the email group (groups.yahoo.com/group/BaltoCo-SECAC/), you will be supported by people who can answer your questions and make things happen. Visit http://www.bcps.org/offices/special_ed/secac.html or call me (Beth, see below) for more information.

Upcoming parent workshops

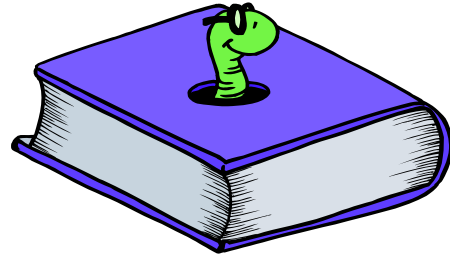
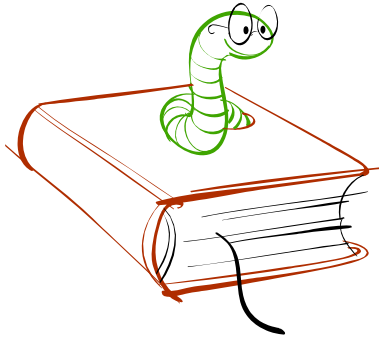
Sponsored by BCPS and held at the ESS Building at Greenwood, 6901 Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21204. Registration is required and limited! For more information or to register, please call (410) 887-5443.

- **Applying for SSI (Supplemental Security Income)**
Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7~9 pm, ESS Building, Room 114, Greenwood Campus
This workshop will answer questions about the SSI application process and eligibility for students with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities who are 17 or older.
- **What Will Happen to My Child When I am Gone?**
Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 7~9 p.m., ESS Building, Room 114, Greenwood Campus
This workshop focuses on planning for your special needs child's lifelong financial security.

A note from your PTA Special Education liaison:

Did you know KES has a special education PTA liaison? The liaison's goal is to support parents whose children are receiving or may need special education services. If you need help or resources, or if you have ideas for newsletter items or activities that would help Kingsville's special education community, please let me know! -Beth Waibel, specialed@kingsvillepta.org.

Friends of the Kingsville Library



Be a Bookworm!

Donate a book to the Kingsville Library September special 2 for \$20, 1 for \$12

A friend the Kingsville library sponsors a book that is picked out by the student, from a selection of books in our collection. The book is then sent home for the first time with the student. The book will get a special bookplate honoring, or in memory, of an individual of the sponsor's choice.

Student's name: _____

Parent's name & phone# or email address: _____

Student's homeroom teacher: _____

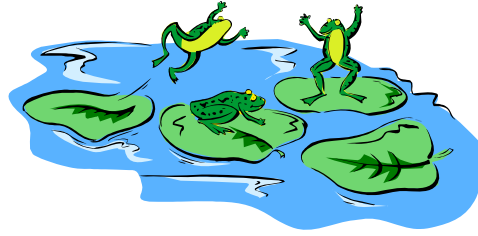
Honoree: _____

Or In Memory of: _____

Message: _____

Would you like a card? Yes____ **No**_____

***for donation of 2 books -add information to back of sheet
or attach a page to donation sheet**



Leap into learning. Hop to it today. Support our children, Join KES PTA !!

Kingsville Elementary School PTA's annual membership drive has begun.

You are invited to join, for only \$5 per Individual Membership.

This year, a new membership level, Business Membership, is available for \$15 per business.

Please help us reach our goal of 4% increase in members over last year.

What is PTA? Why join PTA? The number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help our school. But there are many more PTA advantages:

- Enjoy Substantial Benefits. Individuals and local units can take advantage of a host of benefits from PTA membership including discounts and offers from member benefits providers and sponsors, magazine subscriptions, leadership training, e-newsletters and much more. See www.pta.org
Support KES programs sponsored by KES PTA that all KES students enjoy. KES PTA sponsors the annual Fall Family Fun Fest, the Health Fair, two book fairs, ice cream social, Reflections, Patriotic Program, Time for Kids publication, the Kingsville Directory, and other activities. Check out our website at www.kingsvillepta.org.
KES PTA Business members, with permission, will be acknowledged for all KES families to know. Businesses will be listed on the KES PTA website as a supporter of children and KES PTA.
Be a Role Model. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

Be sure to join KES PTA today.

To encourage membership, the 1st three classes to reach 100% participation for PTA membership (defined as each student bringing in at least 1 PTA membership) will be awarded a class prize. The 1st place winning class will receive a PTA sponsored pizza party.

The 2nd and 3rd place winning classes will receive an ice cream/popsicle treat.

Return your form and money today. Please place in an envelope marked "PTA Membership."

Cash, or checks made payable to "KES PTA" are accepted. Remember, every adult in the household and family (grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, co-workers, etc.) are invited and welcome to join KES PTA.

Membership questions can be directed to Suzanne Krug or Karen Heier, membership@kingsvillepta.org.

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Thank you !!

***** tear here and return today *****

Student's name/Teacher's name _____

PTA Member's names and address (spouses, significant others, etc.) _____

Please use a separate paper if needed!!

Phone number _____ email address _____

Number of individual memberships (\$5 each) _____

For Business memberships (\$10 each):

Name and address of Business _____

Contact person _____ email address _____

Type of business _____ website address _____

I authorize publication of my business information on the KES PTA website _____ (sign here)



Kingsville Elementary School Students Leap into Learning!!

Support Our Fall Fundraiser with Chesapeake Fundraising

Ask your family and friends to support our Kingsville students by selling gifts, candy, magazines, and gift wrap from our **Don't Worry Be Happy Brochure**.

Kingsville earns 50% profit on all gifts, gift wraps, and candy, and 40% profit on magazine sales!!!

**This is our only fundraiser supporting PTA sponsored activities.
Every purchase, no matter the size, is important!**

******* IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER *******

Fundraiser Starts Friday, September 4, 2009
Money & order forms due Thursday, September 24, 2009
Delivery Date of products. Week of, October 26, 2009

Top Item Seller Prizes

- 1st Place - \$50 Target Gift Card**
- 2nd Place - \$25 Target Gift Card**
- 3rd Place - \$15 Target Gift Card**

Top Seller in each grade (not including the above) will be awarded a \$10 Target Gift Card

All Top Sellers will receive a Talking/Flying Animal

THE TOP TWO SELLING CLASSES WILL EACH BE AWARDED A 5LB HERSHEY BAR.

BONUS PRIZE: FOR EVERY SIX (6) ITEMS SOLD, YOU WILL RECEIVE A CHANCE TO WIN TWO (2) TICKETS TO A RAVENS GAME.

Thank you so much for your support. We look forward to another successful fundraiser!

**Questions: Debi Kakaris or
Amy Mitcherling, fundraiser@kingsvillepta.org**

Visit us on the web at www.kingsvillepta.org

**Kingsville Elementary School
Incentives Programs
2009-2010**

Welcome back everyone! The following is a list of the Incentives Programs that we will be participating in for the 2009-2010 school year.



- Clip Box Tops from participating products and send them into school, each one is worth 10 cents!
- Shop online at the Box Tops Marketplace and a percentage of each purchase goes directly to the school!
- www.boxtops4education.com



- This program is a great way to get FREE merchandise for our school. Participating in the program is easy – simply save proofs of purchase from participating Campbell products and sent them into school.
- www.labelsforeducation.com



- Register your Safeway club card and a percentage of each purchase goes to the school!
- To register go to www.escrip.com, click on “add cards”, designate Kingsville Elementary PTA, Inc. (6623011) to receive contributions. Then you can register your Safeway club card as well as debit/credit cards.



- Shop at Giant, use your Giant Bonus Card and Giant will donate money to Kingsville Elementary.
- Visit www.giantfood.com/aplus to designate KES. Our account number is 01092



- Sign up at www.mycokerewards.com/schools, enter codes from your favorite participating products, select Kingsville Elementary from the list of participating schools and donate your points to our school.
- We can earn playground equipment, art supplies, sports gear, etc.



- You can designate our school at www.Target.com/tcoe. Every time you use your Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card or Target Check Card at Target or Target.com, Target will donate 1% of your purchase to Kingsville Elementary. When you use your Target Visa Credit Card everywhere else Visa cards are accepted, our school will receive ½% of your purchases.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me
Jaime Arrick – incentives@kingsvillepta.org

Visit us on the web at www.kingsvillepta.org

Kingsville Elementary School PTA Directory

The Kingsville Elementary School PTA directory is created by the PTA for all current KES families. The sole purpose of the directory is to provide contact information for communication between KES students/families, PTA, and KES staff. **This information should not be shared with anyone outside of the Kingsville ES community and should only be used for its intended purpose.** To become part of the directory, please complete the 2009/2010 Authorization form (provided below) and return it to school by Wednesday, September 9th. **Please complete one form for each child and print neatly.** Additional forms may be found on the Kingsville ES PTA website at www.kingsvillepta.org.



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 We will be recruiting a volunteer to head this PTA committee for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in helping this year or would like to volunteer to take on this challenge next year, please contact Tammy Dawson at directory@kingsvillepta.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Dawson at directory@kingsvillepta.org.



Kingsville Elementary School PTA Directory
2009/2010 Authorization Form
(complete one form per student)

It is IMPORTANT that you complete one form for each KES student.

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Please check one and follow the directions for that choice:

My child was in the 2008/2009 directory and all information was correct. *Sign and date.*

My child was in the 2008/2009 directory and the corrected information is included below. *Enter the correct information, sign, and date.*

My child was not in the 2008/2009 directory and all the information is included below. *Enter the information, sign, and date.*

Based on your response to the question above, please print the requested information neatly.

Address: _____
 Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: (____)____ - _____
 Parents' Names: _____
 Family email address: _____



I hereby authorize the Kingsville ES PTA to include this information in the 2009/2010 KES PTA directory.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____