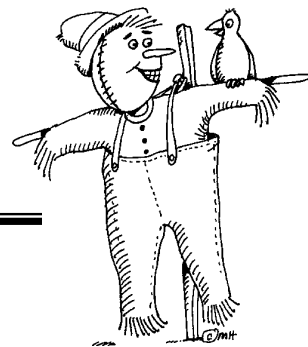


# Partners ~ the Kingsville PTA Newsletter

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PTA Theme: *every child. one voice.*®

## Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 24.....	Fundraiser money & order forms due
Friday, September 25.....	Crazy Friday—Clash Day
Monday, September 28.....	Yom Kippur, SCHOOLS CLOSED
Tuesday, September 29.....	Interim reports distributed
Monday-Saturday, October 5-11.....	Scholastic book fair
Friday, October 9.....	Crazy Friday—Twin Day
Saturday, October 10.....	Fall Family Fun Day, 2-5 p.m.
Monday, October 12.....	PTA Business Meeting, school library, 7 p.m.
Friday, October 16.....	Professional Development Day, SCHOOLS CLOSED

## President's Message



In my family's home, back to school time is exciting and stressful. It is exciting to begin a new grade, meet new teachers, and make new friends. The stressful part is getting back into the "swing of things" — setting up routines for school success and balancing school work and free time. As I was reading through the various publications that come through the PTA mailbox, I found two articles, which are included in this issue of *Partners*, that I thought were helpful for parents during this back to school time. While you are busy establishing school routines for your child, why not take some time to establish a routine for yourself? I would like to encourage you to become as involved as you are able in the activities going on at Kingsville Elementary. Recently a volunteer request form came

home. Please take some time to see how you could best volunteer your time to support your child and their school. Remember — any amount of time and help you can give is appreciated!

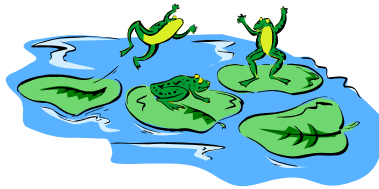
Just a few reminders... If you have not already done so, please consider becoming a member of our PTA. Individual memberships are just \$5. Remember — grandparents, neighbors, and other family members are welcome to join the PTA as well. Finally, the PTA business meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month — please join us to see how you can become involved in upcoming programs at school.

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](mailto: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](http://www.kingsvillepta.org). For comments, or to submit an article for consideration, please contact the editor, Beth Waibel, at [editor@kingsvillepta.org](mailto:editor@kingsvillepta.org).



**Leap into Learning,  
Hop to it today, Support our children,  
Join KES PTA!!**

We are "hoppy" to report a great start for our 2009–2010 KES PTA Membership drive.  
Membership cards are being processed and will be sent home soon.  
Here are the numbers, so far, for participation results:

Mrs. Sokolis – 35%   Mrs. Barnes – 29%   Mrs. Mattio – 42%   **Mrs. Price – 45%**   Mrs. Frisone – 40%  
Mrs. Goral – 22%   Mrs. Frieman – 39%   Mrs. Ford – 13%   Miss Roche – 29%   Miss Pinnell – 21%  
Miss DeNike – 34%   Mrs. Hyde – 14%   Ms. Pasquale – 36%   Mrs. Belcastro – 19%   Mrs. Bise – 39%  
Mrs. Glennon – 19%   Teachers and staff – 16%

Remember, the 1<sup>st</sup> class to reach 100% participation in this year's membership drive (defined as each student bringing in at least 1 PTA membership) will win a pizza party. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes to reach 100% participation will win an ice cream/popsicle treat. Help your class achieve the goal. Our school goal is to increase membership by 4% over last year. We can do it – with your help.

Individual memberships cost \$5 each. Parents, significant others, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, co-workers, etc. are all invited and welcome to join KES PTA.

Business memberships (a new opportunity this year) cost \$15 each. Your business will be listed on the KES PTA website as a supporter of KES PTA.

It's not too late to join! If you have already submitted your paperwork and money – THANK YOU.  
Your support really makes a difference.

\*\*\*\*\* tear here and return today \*\*\*\*\*  
with your check made payable to KES PTA in an envelope marked "PTA Membership"

Student's name/Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_

PTA Members' 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 (\$15 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)

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## Book Fair—Help Wanted !

The Fall Scholastic book fair will be held Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Students will visit during their regular library time, and the fair will be open in the school library during the Fall Fun Fest (Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2-5 p.m.).

We need volunteers for all times, especially the Fall Fun Fest hours. If you can help, please contact Chris Miller at [bookfair@kingsvillepta.org](mailto:bookfair@kingsvillepta.org). More information, including class fair times, is also available at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kingsvilleelem>.

## Scholarship Committee Now Forming

The purpose of this new PTA Committee is to evaluate the way in which monies designated in the PTA budget for scholarships are currently being handled and to determine whether a new procedure should be developed. The committee will meet in September/October and give a recommendation to the Board at the November PTA meeting. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tammy Dawson at [webmaster@kingsvillepta.org](mailto:webmaster@kingsvillepta.org).



## Sign up for our Email Newsletter



We are launching a new system at KES that is designed to keep you better informed! Subscribe to the mailing list and you will receive weekly informative emails letting you know what is happening at KES. To subscribe, go to the PTA website at [www.kingsvillepta.org](http://www.kingsvillepta.org) and enter your email address in the Join Our Mailing List box. Once completed, an email will be sent to you for verification. **You must respond to that email to actually join.**

Please contact Tammy Dawson at [webmaster@kingsvillepta.org](mailto:webmaster@kingsvillepta.org) if you have any questions.



## Incentives News

- Congratulations to Nicholas D. in Mrs. Mattio's class for being the top collector for Box Tops and Campbell's Labels. Nicholas brought in 186 Box Tops and 162 Campbell's Points for a total of 348!! Way to go!
- Honorable Mention goes to Hannah S. in Mrs. Frieman's class who brought in 180 Box Tops and 120 Campbell's Points for a total of 300 and Jack K. in Mrs. Hyde's class who brought in 168 Box Tops and 151 Campbell's Points for a total of 319. Keep up the good work!!
- The class collection contest is underway — bring in your Box Tops and Campbell's Labels and help your class win the "Traveling Trophy."
- If you have not already registered or renewed your Safeway Club Card with the eScrip program please do so now. The deadline is November 2, 2009.
- If you have received a Safeway receipt with a 10% Back to Schools Redemption Code on it, please send it in to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



Any questions? Contact Jaime Arrick at [incentives@kingsvillepta.org](mailto:incentives@kingsvillepta.org).

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## Keep Your Child's Schedule in Balance for School Success

Some kids rush from school to soccer practice to karate. Sure, each of these activities can be a good thing on its own. But together, they may be too much of a good thing.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says that kids need "down time." They suggest that play should remain a central part of childhood.

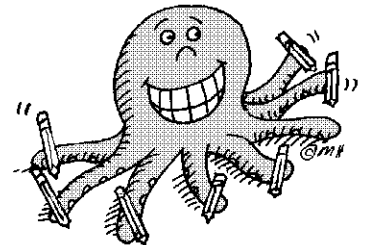
There's no question that kids benefit from organized activities. But it is just as important for kids to have time to organize themselves.

Does your family's schedule strike the right balance? Here are some things to think about:

- Recognize how important free play is to children. Build in time for your child to hang out with her friends, develop hobbies, read or just daydream. This unstructured time is when she exercises her body and her imagination.
- Take cues from your child. Does she love soccer? Or is she only on the team because the sport is important to you? Many families allow each child to choose one activity per season.
- Make family time a priority. If you feel like you only see your child while you're in the car, rethink your schedule. The most important parenting jobs — listening, caring, guiding — need time to develop.
- Remember that school comes first. If your child never starts homework until after practice at 8:00, she is overscheduled.

## Does Multitasking Help You, Your Child Accomplish Tasks?

Look around your home at homework time. Is your child studying while singing to music? Are you answering his questions while checking email?



Multitasking has become a way of life, but that isn't necessarily good. In fact, while multitasking, the brain doesn't really concentrate on several tasks at once. It moves quickly from one to another, not giving anything its full attention.

To avoid multitasking mistakes:

- Prevent distractions. Choose a quiet place for your child to study — free of TV, phones, and loud music. Some kids, however, may do well with background music (such as classical).
- Set a good example. It's natural to want to accomplish as much as possible as quickly as possible. But do what really works. When you give your child undivided attention (instead of answering emails while you talk), you show him how to focus — and how important he is to you.
- Do an experiment. If you and your child doubt that multitasking makes you less effective, test it out. Choose a task that requires concentration. Then do it with and then without distractions.
- Schedule tasks. Instead of planning multiple things at once, schedule tasks consecutively. Your child can do homework at 4:00, call friends at 5:00 and clean his room at 5:30.
- Multitask mindlessly. Multitasking is okay when the activities don't require much thinking. For example, your child can eat a snack while talking on the phone with friends.

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## Special Education News

### Great Expectations: Helping Your Child with Special Needs Succeed! A Free Conference for Parents

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2009

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: New Town High School, 4931 New Town Blvd, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Highlights include: Tips for finding resources and money to pay for the things your child needs, health care transition & self-advocacy, How to locate and hire college students studying in health related fields to work as caregivers, understanding high school assessments and graduation requirements for students with IEPs, parent's basic rights in the special education process, learning to write social stories, dealing with behavioral challenges, and more. Free continental breakfast & lunch. Registration is required and limited; please call by October 1. To register, or for more details, please contact the Resource Center at 410-887-5443 or e-mail Cheryl Bishop at [cbishop2@bcps.org](mailto:cbishop2@bcps.org).



### 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](mailto:specialed@kingsvillepta.org).

## Don't Miss Fall Family Fun Day!

**Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2-5 p.m.**



Bring a lawn blanket and your family and join us on the Kingsville lawn for a day of family fun.

Refreshments will be available but feel free to pack a picnic.

We're planning on lots of fun things like lawn games (including the cake walk — back by popular demand), arts & crafts, music, and others.

### Show off your Hot Rod!

Again this year, we'll have special parking for muscle cars and street rods.

### But Wait! We need your help!

We will need volunteers to help run games and craft stations, and for set-up and clean-up. Please send in the form below or contact Wendy Zemanski (contact info below).

### Help Needed: D.J. or D.J. Equipment

We need a D.J. or the loan of sound system equipment. Contact Wendy Zemanski (contact info below) if you can help.



**Cut and return to your child's teacher:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I would like to volunteer to help with Fall Family Fun Day (arts & crafts, games stations, set-up, or clean-up).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number &/or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Please contact Wendy Zemanski at [familyinvolvement@kingsvillepta.org](mailto:familyinvolvement@kingsvillepta.org).