



The Pony Express

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Back to School Night

Be sure to join us on Tuesday, September 1st for Back to School Night, with a PTA General Meeting at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium.

Hear from the PTA, then learn more from your children's teachers about what they will be doing all year!

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New Parent Breakfast

All new Prettyboy parents are invited to attend this interactive social on Wednesday, September 9th. This is a chance to meet with our administration and PTA members to ask questions, learn more about the school, and hear about volunteer opportunities.

This is especially insightful for new kindergarten parents. Plan to join us in the cafeteria from 9:00 – 9:40 am for lite fare and information.

From the President

The time has come to pack away swimsuits and flip-flops and start filling backpacks with new school supplies. The first day of school is less than a month away, so enjoy the last few days of sleeping in and spending lazy afternoons by the pool. As the newly elected PTA President for Prettyboy Elementary School, I would like to welcome you to the 2009-10 school year and share some information about the PTA.

Whether your child is an incoming kindergartener or seasoned fifth grader, the beginning of the school year is an exciting time full of novel experiences. It is a time of new teachers, different classrooms, and fresh faces. Soon your children will be coming home from school with animated tales of their daily experiences. As a PTA, it is our goal to enrich the academic curriculum with activities that will become fodder for dinner conversations throughout the school year.

The PTA complements the academic curriculum by providing volunteers and financial support for enrichment programs. PTA dues and fundraisers directly impact teacher supplies, resources, spirit activities and assemblies that are made available to your children. Last year, storytellers presented tales which stretched our children's imaginations, a deaf dance group amazed our children with their rhythm and movement and our children were intrigued by the creatures of Reptile World. The PTA will continue to present assemblies that afford students the chance to encounter arts and sciences in fresh and exciting ways. In addition, each grade level will participate in an assembly specifically designed to complement their classroom curriculum.

The PTA is eager to enhance communication between the parents, teachers, and the administration. It is paramount for the school community to work together as a team to achieve goals that maximize the scholastic opportunities of our children. Communication is the key to working together for the benefit of the PBE community. The monthly PTA newsletter will keep you abreast of all events and opportunities to become involved in your child's education on a personal level. The PTA meetings are open to all parents and we hope to see you there. The meetings are a great way to learn about the school and the myriad of activities that take place daily in your child's school life. The dates for all of the PTA meetings are listed in the body of this newsletter. Please come and share your ideas and suggestions.

I am eager to embark on the adventure of being your new PTA President. Thank you for the opportunity to be an advocate for your children. I hope to see you at Back to School Night on September 1st.

- Joyce Charles



Market Day

Welcome back to another year of Market Day with delicious food, new products and exciting promotions—all of which directly benefit our children in many different aspects. Pick up dates, which are Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm, are as follows for the 2009-10 year:

September 2	February 3
September 30	March 3
October 28	April 7
November 25	May 5
January 6	June 2

Please visit www.marketday.com to place your orders by August 27th for the September 2nd pick up date. For new customers, Prettyboy's account number is 9448.

The PTA will need volunteers immediately for the September 2nd pick up date. If you can volunteer an hour of your time to help with unloading boxes and sorting food from 5:30 until 6:30 pm, please contact Misty Hough, at 410-357-0619 or mistylough@aol.com.

Prettyboy Bull Roast & Auction Night

This annual event is slated for March 20, 2010. Everyone should mark their calendars now because this is our school's largest fundraiser! You'll want to be sure to join in the fun—and support our school while you're at it!

An event this size needs lots of volunteers to make it the success that it has been. The committee chair is asking for volunteers to contact her now so that planning can begin. Even if you just have a small amount of time to give, we can still use your help! Please contact Tracy McGuigan at 410-357-8273, 410-530-8234 or tracymcguigan@hughes.net. Thanks so much and have a wonderful 2009-2010 school year!

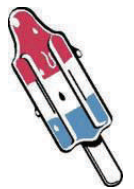
Innisbrook Fundraiser

Innisbrook Wrapping Paper and Gift Items will once again be available for purchase this year starting September 9th. Please remember the PTA receives 50% profit on all items.

Online ordering is available at www.innisbrook.com, making it easy for friends and family to place orders and support our sale! Their order will come directly to them, plus they can order year-round. The deadline for ordering is October 1st. Look for your catalog to come home with your student on September 9th. Contact Jean Barranco at 410-357-4148 with questions or concerns.

Popsicles on the Playground and Family Movie Night

Meet, greet and get to know each other and the PTA on Friday, September 11th, from 5:30-7:00 pm on the PBE playground. Bring your family — we'll bring the popsicles! Come celebrate the start of school! Immediately following, please join the Prettyboy Recreation Council for the first movie night of the school year showing Hotel for Dogs (PG). A separate flyer with more information will come home with your child.



We do ask that you please remember to leave Fido at home! Pets are not allowed on school property during PTA sponsored events due to health and safety concerns. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you!



PTA Meetings

All parents are welcome to join our 2009-2010 meetings which are held in the Prettyboy Library from 7-9 pm on the following dates:

9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, and 5/18.

We hope to see you there!