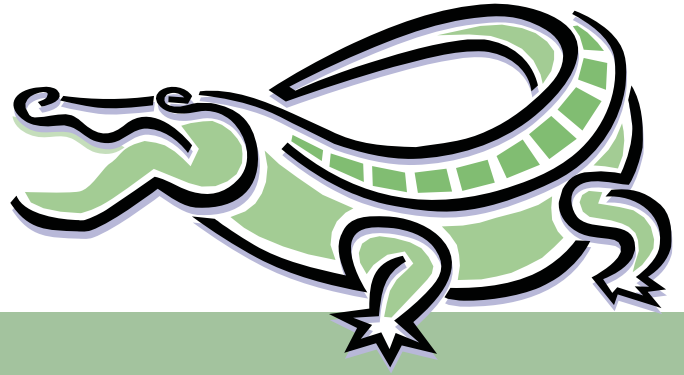


Youth Benefit Elementary School PTA

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Mark Your Calendar

October

- 20 **Coffee with the Principal**
@ 9:15am
- 22 **Bus Driver Appreciation Day**
- 23 **Reflection Projects Due**

November

- 5 **Teacher Conferences**
- 13 **Spirit Day** *Wear your Gator Gear or Green to school*
- 16-20 **American Education Week**

December

- 4 **Spirit Day** *Wear your Gator Gear or Green to school*
- 10 **Barnes and Noble Night**

A Message from the PTA President...

Welcome Gator Parents, Teachers and Friends! Now that the school year is underway I'd like to introduce you to our new Newsletter. Our hope is to increase our communication between teachers, parents and the PTA. The beginning of each month we will have a new newsletter posted on our website to help you keep track of everything going on at Y.B.E.S. Here you will find important dates for PTA sponsored events as well as updates on other things PTA-related happening at Y.B.E.S.

I would like to personally invite every parent, faculty and staff member to join the YBES PTA. Through everyone's hard work, over the summer we were able to present Mrs. Morton with a \$10,000 contribution in order to purchase technology for our school. We also sponsor fun family events and enrichment activities during the school year. It is through our membership drive, fundraisers and

your continued support that we are able to make significant donation to enhance our children's education. We encourage every family to join the PTA this year and every year. Remember by joining the PTA you are showing support and pride for our school.

Thank you to those that have already signed up to be volunteers for certain events throughout the year. You will be contacted by a committee chairperson as those dates get closer. If you have not yet volunteered but want to please contact me.

I look forward to working with all of you this year. Please feel free to contact me anytime with input or suggestions at fallston5@comcast.net. Thank you for all you do for the children. We are all looking forward to an exciting school year!

Michelle McCullough
Y.B.E.S. PTA President

HAVE YOU JOINED THE PTAYET?

Encourage your neighbors and teachers to join

Did you know?

Membership gives you a discount on selected events. Just check out www.pta.org to see a list of the special benefits being a member gives you.

How?

You can go to www.hcps.org/YBES/PTA and print out a form or contact Beth Solak at 410-692-5532 or esolak@yahoo.com

Contact the PTA

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EventUPDATES

Scholastic Book Fair

To everyone who came to our Book Fair, teachers & students who participated and all those who volunteered their time and helped make it a success! THANK YOU! Keep on reading.

Bingo

Tickets sold out at the Fall Bingo on October 9th. Thanks for coming out and showing your support. It was a huge success thanks to you.

Bus Driver Appreciation Day

October 22nd is Bus Driver Appreciation Day. The PTA will provide a small token of thanks to all our hardworking bus drivers. Please let them know how much you appreciate all they do!

Teacher Conferences are Thursday, November 5th

PTA will also be providing boxed lunches to all our hardworking teachers during school conferences in November.

PTA REFLECTIONS 2009

Each year the National PTA sponsors Reflections, a cultural arts competition which encourages creative expression by students. There are six artistic categories: Literature, Photography, Visual Arts, Musical Composition, Choreography/Dance and Video/film Production. The YBES PTA will permit one submission per category or genre per child.

The theme for this year is "Beauty is...". Students may interpret the theme in any way they feel is appropriate and is in accordance with the YBES PTA Reflections guidelines. Although our PTA encourages student participation, the program is completely optional and is not a required school project. Students may work under parental supervision, but all work must be the student's individual and original production.

Awards will be given at the school and possibly county, state and national levels. In each of the six categories the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention YBES winners for Primary (Kindergarten – 2nd grade) and Intermediate (3rd – 5th grade) divisions will be submitted for county competition. County winners will then be judged at the state level, and state winners go on to the national competition. All entries are due by Friday, October 23rd, 2009 at 3:25 p.m. All participants and winners will be announced in the Gator Aid. All participants will also be invited to and recognized at an awards ceremony.

You can download the rules and entry form from the Youth Benefit's home page <http://www.hcps.org/ybes/>, click on Reflections.

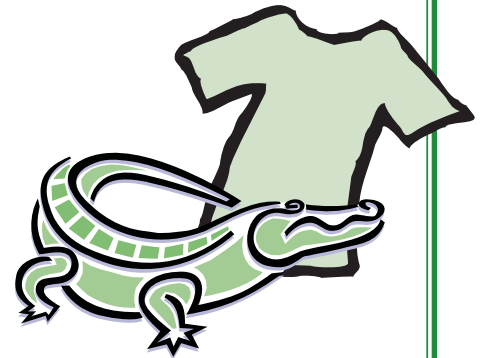
Please do not label the student's work with their name; this will ensure that the judging is completely unbiased. Attaching the completed entry form to the work as described in the rules will be sufficient. If you have any questions about this program or how to prepare and submit entries, please email Lynn Faulkner at solyto@comcast.net or 410-877-9068.

Beauty is...

Good luck to all Youth's Benefit Reflections participants!

DO YOU HAVE YOUR GATOR GEAR?

Order forms can be found on the school website or contact Sandy Boyd (410.557-7877) sandyboyd@comcast.net or Heidi Buckler (410.692-9672) dvdbacklr@comcast.net.



BOX TOPS

Thanks to all who clipped those Box Tops over the summer. We raised \$1,900 in our summer campaign. New contest runs through Friday, October 23rd. Bring in your box tops!



Thank You

A huge Thank you to Mrs. Morton and Beth Scheir for making themselves available to speak with us at our 1st General Membership Meeting. Next Membership meeting will be January 13th preceding our Reflections Ceremony.

Congratulations

Congratulations and thanks to Kim Miller for her election as PTA Vice President.

We need your help!

The PTA is looking for volunteers for the following areas:

- Secretary Shadow
- Book Fair Chair and Committee (*for Fall 2010 event*)
- Summer Challenge
- Spring Bazaar Games
- New Dad Committee
- Anyone interested in donating their time and skills to provide PTA tax return or audit?

If you think you can help please contact a PTA board member for more information.

Membership

Our membership drive is ongoing and currently sits at over 640. At our last general meeting our teacher membership raffle occurred. Congratulations to Donna DeVivo for winning a gift certificate to the Open Door Café. Thanks to all the teachers who have joined and attended our meeting.

Which classes will win ice cream???

A reminder that our PTA membership class contest is ongoing. Any class that reaches 100% parent membership by Oct. 30, 2009 will receive an ice cream treat. If you haven't joined the PTA yet, there's still time! You can go to: www.hcps.org/YBES/ to print out a membership form or pick one up from the envelopes outside the office of the primary or intermediate building.

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE to those teachers and faculty that have already become members of the PTA this year. Thank you for your support.



Anderson	Lewis
Armiger	Lylo
Bailey	MacDonald
Baxivanos	Mace
Chandler	Meehling
Charitonuk	Michel
Cohen	Miller
Crockett	Monk
Davie	Morton
Davis	Olin
DeVan	Parks
DeVivo	Paradis
Donnelly	Privett
Flanagan	Ritzel
Gentile	Roberts
Harant	Saponaro
Harris	Schueler
Hemmerich	Silagyi
Hertzog	Steeg
Heubeck	Taylor
Houck	Tognocchi
Jarrett	Truzzolino
Kauffer	Warner
Lane	Wurster
Lattanzi	
Lathroum	

Legislative Report

Thomas P. Evans was sworn in as Fallston Representative to Board of Education replacing Patrick Hess.

Board of Education Meeting dates:

10/12 7:00 PM

10/19 7:00 PM

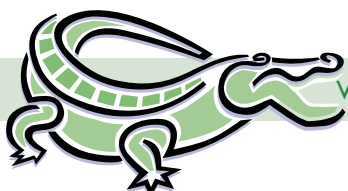
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Meetings held in A.A. Roberty Building, Bel Air

Please go to www.hcps.org to find out the latest Elementary School Redistricting Information. The construction of the new Elementary Red Pump school will change Youth's Benefit's current enrollment boundaries. Let the board know what you think!

It's not too late to join!!

You can pick up a membership form in the lobby of either school building or just click on the PTA link of the school website @ www.hcps.org/YBES. Please join us!! **Any class that gets 100% participation by October 30th will win an ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**



Visit our website often for updated information www.hcps.org/ybes and click on the PTA link