



Island Breeze



News from the Island Creek PTA
Special Open House Edition

September 1, 2011

Welcome to Open House at Island Creek!

Terri Maben, Island Creek PTA President

On behalf of the Board of the Island Creek Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), it is a pleasure to welcome you to the home of the Crocodiles!

Next Tuesday, the hallways of Island Creek will spring to life with excitement that can only be generated by more than 800 students eager to start the new school year. This marks the beginning of the ninth year for our school, so whether you are a returning family, or you are new to the Island Creek community, we hope that you enjoy an enriching 2011-12 school year.

The PTA Board and a group of enthusiastic PTA volunteers have been busy making plans for an exciting year. A number of your favorite programs and events will be returning this year, including:

- *Croctoberfest* Fall Festival
- *Reflections* Program
- *Croc Gear* Spirit Wear
- **Box Tops for Education**
- **Basket Bingo**
- **Holiday Craft Fair**
- *Croc Spirit* Restaurant Nights
- **Gingerbread Contest**
- **Holiday Gift Shoppe**
- *5K Croc Trot*

These activities and programs cannot succeed without you, so please join the Island Creek PTA! The PTA is the nation's largest volunteer child advocacy association, and it provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing tools for parents to help their children to be successful students. Our Island Creek PTA works hard to ensure that teachers and staff have the tools they need to provide our children with the *best* educational experience possible, and to provide fun family activities.

Please join us for our first meeting on **Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM**, in the Island Creek library, and feel free to contact me at tmabe1001@aol.com with questions about the Island Creek PTA.

PTA Board 2011-2012 School Year

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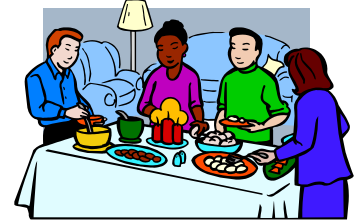
Island Creek PTA is Part of Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The Island Creek PTA continues to be recognized as a charitable organization by the CFC of the National Capital Area. If you are a federal employee who participates in the CFC, please consider selecting the Island Creek PTA as a recipient during the September 1-December 15 Open Season.

The Island Creek PTA CFC Charity ID is 27151.

PTA Hosts Back-to-School Lunch for Teachers and Staff

Students aren't the only ones facing the end of summer vacation shock. The Island Creek PTA hosted a back-to-school luncheon for teachers and staff on Tuesday, August 30, to help ease the transition from boogie boards to books. A generous group of PTA volunteers helped serve our assembly of hungry educators.



Please Join the Island Creek PTA Today

If you have not already done so, please join the Island Creek PTA today! Your support of the PTA helps to promote a variety of programs, activities and events for our students and staff. These include:



- **Programs – math, science and cultural arts**
- **Activities – field trips, health & fitness, safety patrol and student recognition**
- **Resources – professional development, teacher recognition and technology upgrades**

In addition to our devotion to building a sense of community, the Island Creek PTA is committed to providing our school with funding for technology infrastructure.

We are an all-volunteer organization, so membership is what fuels the PTA. Tammy Becker is this year's Crocodile PTA membership chairperson. Please make her job a little easier by joining today. Dues for the entire school year are \$10 for adults or \$15 for families.

PTA Serves Island Creek in Many Ways

In addition to providing financial support to the school, the PTA sponsors many events and programs that provide extra academic opportunities for students, as well as promoting school & community spirit. Here is a list of PTA sponsored activities held during the past school year:



- ***Croctoberfest*** Family Fun Festival
- Reflections Arts Recognition Program
- Craft Fair
- Holiday Gift Shop
- Family Photo Day
- Gingerbread Contest
- FLEX Foreign Language After School Classes
- Basket Bingo
- Peeps Contest
- Spirit Nights
- Spirit Wear
- Croc Trot & Croc Crawl
- Internet Safety Presentation
- Box Top Collection and Parties for Winning Classes
- Combined Federal Campaign
- Veterans' Day Appreciation Lunch
- School Supply Kits
- Mad Science After School Program

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