



# Island Breeze



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## School Days

By Lisa Jacobs, PTA President

September marks the beginning of the fall renewal as our children head back to school and our schedules become filled with youth sports and civic, social and church commitments. Last week the hallways at Island Creek sprang to life with the excitement created by 750 students starting the new school year.

### PTA Board 2008-09

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The Island Creek PTA held its first meeting of the school year this week and laid out an exciting program for the 2008-09 school year. A number of your favorite programs and events will be returning this year, including:

- FLEX (Foreign Language Experience)
- Reflections
- Basket Bingo
- Lavender Gift Wrap Sale
- Craft Fair
- Box Tops for Education Collection
- Grants
- Restaurant Nights
- *Croc Gear* Spirit Wear

We are also planning a number of new activities such as a "Hidden Treasures" sale with photographers available to take family portraits, a *Girls on the Run* program, a Harvest Family Festival and a 5K Community Croc Run.

Of course, none of these events and programs can succeed without you, so please join the Island Creek PTA! More than 200 people have already joined the PTA for the 2008-09 school year, but we are eager to expand our membership to capture the rich diversity that makes the Island Creek Elementary School community such a special place.

The PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

Please contact me at [icptapres@cox.net](mailto:icptapres@cox.net) if you have questions or concerns about the Island Creek PTA.

### Lavender Gift Wrap Orders are Due Monday, September 29

The Lavender Gift wrap order packets were sent home last week. This is our largest fundraising effort, so please support the Island Creek PTA by placing an order by Monday, September 29.

## **Wow! PTA Reflections Program for 2008-09 Unveiled**

Island Creek students are invited to participate in the national PTA Reflections Program for 2008-2009. The Reflections Program is a national arts recognition program, and in its nearly 40-year history, the annual program has encouraged millions of students across the nation to explore and display their artistic talents

Reflections offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students from preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are encouraged to submit original works of art in six areas:

- Literature
- Dance choreography
- Film/video production
- Musical composition
- Photography
- Visual arts (drawing, painting, print making, and collage)

The theme for the 2008-2009 Reflections Program is **WOW!**

The Island Creek PTA will be accepting entries October 16 and 17 in the school lobby. The deadline for submitting an entry is October 17.

Entries from Island Creek students will be judged by an Island Creek PTA selection panel, with the top entry from each of the six arts areas moving on to further competition at the Council, District, State levels and finally to the National PTA level.

For more information on the Reflections program, please contact Denise Bolton, Island Creek Reflections Program chair, at [fairfaxartsined@gmail.com](mailto:fairfaxartsined@gmail.com).

## **We've Got Spirit Wear, Yes We Do**

Fashionable reptiles everywhere will soon be sporting the fall collection of *Croc Gear*, the cool new line of spirit wear from the Island Creek PTA. With a great selection of T-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, girls' cap sleeve shirts and coach's jackets, you can be true to your school in true style.

In addition to the clothes, the *Croc Gear* collection includes Croc magnets, Croc key chains and Croc charms for your Croc shoes.

*Croc Gear* is the perfect gift for the person who thought they had everything, and it's guaranteed to produce a crocodile smile.

You must act fast to show your style because the deadline for submitting orders is Wednesday, September 24.

If you have misplaced the *Croc Gear* order form that came home in last week's Thursday folder, please contact Croc Gear coordinator Coleen Murray [cmurray341@aol.com](mailto:cmurray341@aol.com) to place your order.

## **Popsicles on the Playground – A Sweet Success**

To help introduce them to the flavor of Island Creek, the PTA hosted rising kindergarteners and their parents for *Popsicles on the Playground* during the August 26 Kindergarten Open House. More than 50 kids and parents came by to sample a Croc Pop and get acquainted with their new classmates.