



# Island Breeze



News from the Island Creek PTA

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## **Saturday, December 13: Island Creek to Host Huge Holiday Craft and Gift Fair**

Island Creek Elementary School will be the place to be on Saturday, December 13, when more than 70 artisans will be on hand from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the Island Creek PTA Holiday Craft and Gift Fair. The largest craft fair in school history will offer displays in the lobby, gymnasium and cafeteria featuring scores of skilled crafters, the heavenly music and angelic voices of Island Creek's musical Crocs, a silent auction featuring artisan-donated products and tasty treats from our delectable bake sale.



Two certified massage therapists will be on hand to help calm any shoppers who might become too excited by the vast array of goods and products. Crafters have been carefully screened to enhance your shopping experience, and they include the following offerings: American Doll accessories; Christmas wreaths; hand crafted stationery; painted wooden ornaments; wooden puzzles; pearl, bead, fiber, ceramic, glass and silver jewelry; knit and crochet scarves; cosmetics; picture frames; quilling; quilting; sparkling cider and butters; food and cookie mixes; hand woven baskets; rag dolls; dog accessories; dog and cat treats; stained glass; fabric gifts; hand thrown pottery; Japanese thread balls; original water colors; prints; photography; candles; toys; children's clothes, books; children's hair bows and accessories; caricatures; pens and painted thrones; container gardens; and purses.

This promises to be one of the top craft shows of the Holiday season, so please make plans to attend this festive event.

With an undertaking of this size, we are looking for volunteers to help make it a success. Many hands lifting will help lighten the load, so if you can spare an hour, we could use volunteers to help with the setup on Friday, December 12 and for a variety of tasks during the fair. If you have children looking for some community service time, this would be a great opportunity to complete some hours. Please contact Jeanne Igo [glasscutter99@yahoo.com](mailto:glasscutter99@yahoo.com) for additional information.

## **Tuesday, December 9: Find Good Fortune at Lucky's Restaurant Night**

Lucky's Sports Theater and Grill, at the Festival at Manchester Lakes, will be the place to meet for hungry Crocs on Tuesday, December 9, for an Island Creek PTA Spirit Night. This will be a great opportunity to visit a neighborhood restaurant and support the Island Creek PTA – 10 percent of ALL sales from ANY customer during the day will be donated to the Island Creek PTA.

Special thanks go to Brian Talbot for organizing this event, which will feature a raffle at 7:00 PM, with several prizes, including a *Kung Fu Panda* DVD.

## **Look Out Grandma – Reindeer Romp Draws Crocs Girls on the Run Team**



The tune “*Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*” might be apt warning to curious bystanders on Saturday, December 6, when the Island Creek *Girls on the Run* team joins a shivering throng of 5,000 runners at the Reston Town Center for the Reindeer Romp 5K race. The race is the crowning event for *Girls on the Run*, a 10-12 week program that combines training for the 3.1-mile race with self-esteem enhancing workouts. The goal of the program is to encourage positive, emotional, social, mental, and physical development, culminating with the race in which every runner goes the distance. This is the first year that the Island Creek PTA has sponsored the program, and 16 girls participated in the program. The Island Creek PTA appreciates the efforts of teacher volunteer coaches Heather Beaman and Amy Garrett, and PTA volunteer, Alicia Chan, for bringing this program to Island Creek.

Half of the runners on Saturday will be from *Girls on the Run* programs across Northern Virginia, including Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William and Loudoun Counties. The Reston Reindeer Romp is the largest *Girls on the Run* event in the nation. Good luck to all of the Reindeer Rompers!

## **Keep Collecting Box Tops for Fun and Profit**

Our next Box Top submission will occur in February, so please continue saving these gems. Each box top is worth 10 cents, even if you don’t trim them along the dotted lines. For additional information on the Box Top program, please contact Toni Shipe, Box Top Coordinator [Tonishipe@msn.com](mailto:Tonishipe@msn.com).

## **Wednesdays are Dough-Raising Nights at Domino’s Pizza**

There are plenty of eating choices out there, but please remember that every Wednesday night through the end of the school year is Domino’s Pizza “*Dough-Raising*” night for Island Creek. You can help our school by using the special proof of purchase coupons found on the new and improved Island Creek Web site <http://www.islandcreekpta.org/>. Island Creek PTA receives 20 percent of every sale when accompanied by the proof-of-purchase form.

## **Island Creek: Points of Pride**

Dr. Susan Owner attends every PTA meeting and provides interesting insights into the climate of the Island Creek community. During the December 2 meeting, Dr. Owner recounted a list of “Points of Pride” that she recently submitted to the superintendent of schools. In highlighting just a few of the things that make Island Creek special, Dr. Owner listed the following:

- Writers’ Block program that brings young writers together
- *Girls on the Run* program that helps girls develop self-esteem
- Dignity of the Veterans Day observance
- Beat Masters – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders who bring oomph to Orff
- Gems program that points girls toward careers in math and science
- Trusting students by allowing unlimited book checkouts from the library
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade book club that inspires young readers
- SCA food drive that brought relief to those in need

The Island Creek community can take pride in these and many other things that make our school such a special place.

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