



# Island Breeze



News from the Island Creek PTA

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## December 5: Children's Holiday Gift Shoppe Opens in Two Days

The doors open to the 2009 Children's Holiday Gift Shoppe on Saturday, December 5, with shopping hours from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The Gift Shoppe is designed to be a safe, child-centered environment where children can learn how to budget and spend wisely, and to experience the thrill of picking out their own gifts for family and friends. The Gift Shoppe will provide a range of items priced to fit even the smallest budget. We will need lots of parent volunteers to make this a memorable event, so please consider helping. We are also in need of volunteers to help our young shoppers. This would be a wonderful opportunity for any sixth graders who would like to help, or secondary school student in need of volunteer hours. If you or someone you know would like to help with this event, please contact Andrea Gurrola at [mngurrola@cox.net](mailto:mngurrola@cox.net).



## December 5: Limited Slots Still Remain for Family Photo Day

As part of the Children's Holiday Gift Shoppe, the PTA is offering family photos by professional photographer, Brian Knapp. For a flat-rate sitting fee of \$25, Brian will take a series of photos of your family. About a week after the event, B Street Studios will email you a link to your private photo gallery. You can download your photos and make your own prints or use them for holiday cards or gifts. You may also order prints from B Street Studios at very reasonable prices. Most of the appointment times have been claimed, but a few afternoon slots are still open, so register today. Please visit the PTA website <http://www.islandcreekpta.org> for easy instructions on how to secure an appointment.



## December 5: Come See 50 Cent Wrappers at Fifth Grade Bake Sale

You will not see 50 Cent, the rapper, at the Children's Holiday Gift Shoppe, but you will see wrapped baked goods for only 50 cents. Island Creek's Fifth Graders will be hosting a bake sale during the Holiday Gift Shoppe on Saturday, December 5. Proceeds from the sale of delicious brownies, cookies, cakes and fudge will be used to defray costs of the spring Medieval Day. Please do not let a loved one shop on an empty stomach.



## December 9: No Need to Sing the [Blues](#) at Croc Spirit Night

The next Crocodile PTA Spirit Night is set for Wednesday, December 9 at the King Street Blues Restaurant in Kingstowne. Please join us as we "chase away the Blues" with Southern roadhouse cooking. The manager has informed us that the restaurant no longer cooks items in peanut oil. King Street Blues is located in the Kingstowne Center, across the street from Kohl's and Wal-mart. King Street Blues will donate 15 percent of the day's sales to the Island Creek PTA. Please be sure to note on your bill that you are with the Crocodile PTA – this is how they will tally our sales.



## **'Tis the Season to Share – Crocodile PTA to Sponsor Local Families**

The Island Creek PTA has offered to sponsor local families who are in need of assistance during this holiday season. Please consider making a donation to help make a wish come true. Donated items can be dropped off at the school during the upcoming Holiday Gift Shoppe on December 5. Thereafter, donated items can be dropped off at the school's main office. For additional information, please contact Cherie Rogers [mazyckd14@aol.com](mailto:mazyckd14@aol.com) or Lorie Kappeler [lorie.kappeler@inova.com](mailto:lorie.kappeler@inova.com). Thank you for your support!

### **Wish List Ideas**

Boy or Girl Pants & Tops  
Coats  
Hats, Gloves, Scarves  
Girl Toys  
Boy Toys  
Arts and Crafts

Books  
Toiletry Items  
Gift Cards  
Grocery Cards  
Gas Cards



## **Island Creek PTA: #27151 on Your CFC Contribution Form**

With just a few weeks left to register, we want to provide one last reminder that the Island Creek PTA has been designated as a charitable organization by the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of the National Capital Area. If you are a federal employee and you plan to participate in the CFC, we would be honored if you would consider selecting the Island Creek PTA as recipient. Our number is **27151**. Your donation through the CFC will help fund the many programs sponsored by the PTA to support our Island Creek community.

## **Crocodile PTA Memberships Make Great Holiday Gifts**

There are only 21 holiday shopping days left, but there is no need to panic. Give the gift of a PTA membership this year – it always fits, and it never goes out of style. More than 325 of your friends and neighbors have already joined the Island Creek PTA this school year, and your support would help to promote a variety of programs, activities and events for our students and staff.



In addition to our interest in building a sense of community through a variety of social activities, the Island Creek PTA is committed to providing our school with funding for technological enhancements.

Your \$8.00 membership fee will be well spent in supporting your child's education. Checks can be made out to "*Island Creek PTA*" and sent to your child's classroom. Please include your name, address, phone number, email and your child's teacher. Please contact Andrea Gurrola at [mnagurrola@cox.net](mailto:mnagurrola@cox.net) if you have questions.

