



# Island Breeze

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## We Will Croc You in February

The Island Creek PTA has a busy month of activities planned for February. We have a special PTA meeting scheduled on Wednesday, February 10 to discuss the Fairfax County school district's budget crisis. On Friday, February 19, we will be holding our 2010 *Box Tops for Education* collection day, and that evening we will play host to a fun-filled evening of Basket BINGO in the Island Creek Cafeteria. Please join us for these events as we make the turn and head toward the home stretch of the 2009-2010 school year.



## February 10: Special PTA Meeting to Discuss Fairfax Schools Budget Crisis

The Fairfax County school system faces a \$176 million deficit for the 2010-11 school year. This has led to a budget proposal that could be devastating for students at Island Creek and around the county.

Several PTAs around the county have adopted resolutions calling for a slight increase in the property tax rate to avert these disastrous program cuts. The "Ten Cents Makes Sense" resolution calls on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to increase the tax rate by ten cents per \$100 assessed property value. Boosters say that because the average house assessment will decrease in FY 2011, a ten-cent tax rate increase might not increase the average tax bill.



The Island Creek PTA has been asked to endorse this resolution. We will hold a special PTA meeting on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 PM in the Island Creek library to discuss the school budget crisis, and vote on whether the Island Creek PTA should endorse the "Ten Cents Makes Sense" resolution. Please attend this important meeting to cast your vote. More information about the proposal is posted on the PTA website at [www.islandcreekpta.org](http://www.islandcreekpta.org).

## February 15: Presidents' Day Will Be a School Day

In case you missed it, the Fairfax County schools have announced that classes will be held on Monday, February 15. It was scheduled to be a school holiday to commemorate Presidents' Day, but will now be used to make up a snow day.

## Reflections Award Winners to be Honored at March 2 PTA Meeting

This week's scheduled PTA meeting was cancelled because of inclement weather, so Island Creek's *Reflections* winners will be honored at the March 2 PTA meeting.

## **February 19: Croc BINGO Night Takes a Bite Out of Winter Blues**

Is the cold and snow getting you down? We have good news for you – Basket Bingo Night is coming back to Island Creek Elementary School like a warm spring breeze. The Island Creek PTA is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the popular mid-winter Bingo Bash on Friday, February 19, at 6:00 PM. Vera Bradley bags and Longaberger baskets chocked full of goodies will be the prizes for many lucky (and skilled) Bingo winners. Please join us as we put a Croc chomp on the winter doldrums. Please mark your calendars and get ready to mark your cards.



## **Think Pink: February 19 Is Croc Top Day at Island Creek**

Island Creek's *Baroness of Boxtops*, Toni Shipe, is eager to start counting **Box Tops for Education**. Let's help her out – Friday, February 19, is **Croc Top Day** at Island Creek. Each box top is worth 10 cents, and every dime goes to support educational activities for our students. The October collection brought in 9,134 box tops, and raised \$913.40 for our school. This will be the last collection of the school year, so please mark your calendars and clip those Croc Tops.



## **Croc Trot 5K Road Race: Looking for a Few Good Sponsors**

The Island Creek PTA is planning to host its second community-wide **Croc Trot** 5K race on Saturday, May 1. Last year's event attracted a field of nearly 150 runners, and we expect the race to grow even larger this year. An event this big requires resources beyond the means of the Crocodile PTA, so we are looking for community-spirited companies or individuals to help sponsor this great civic event. Four sponsorship levels are listed below. If you are interested, or if you know someone who might be interested in becoming a **Croc Trot** sponsor, please contact PTA President Lisa Jacobs at [icptapres@cox.net](mailto:icptapres@cox.net), or PTA Vice President Nancy Hervey at [herveypta@cox.net](mailto:herveypta@cox.net) for additional information.



### **PLATINUM SPONSOR**

**Sponsor Commitment**  
**\$1,000**

- Benefits of Gold sponsorship, plus
- Logo exposure at start/finish line
- Link to your website from the PTA website
- Two additional complimentary race registrations

### **GOLD SPONSOR**

**Sponsor Commitment**  
**\$500**

- Benefits of Silver sponsorship, plus
- Logo exposure on T-shirts
- Mention in all media releases
- An additional complimentary race registration

### **SILVER SPONSOR**

**Sponsor Commitment**  
**\$250 in-kind products or services**

- Sponsorship recognition on the PTA website in newspaper and radio announcements
- Opportunity to place insert or goodies in all race packets
- One complimentary race registration

### **BRONZE SPONSOR**

**Sponsor Commitment**  
**\$150 or in-kind products or services**

- Name on race T-shirts

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