



Island Breeze

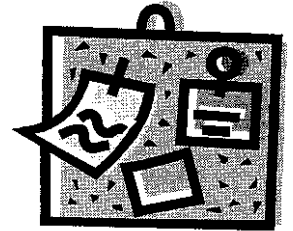


News from the Island Creek PTA
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Busy Fall Calendar for The Island

We said goodbye to summer earlier this week, and now a full slate of PTA-sponsored activities are in store for the Island Creek Croc Community. Activities to fit the interests of our diverse community are coming your way – including food, fun, fitness, culture and science. You will find a full array of programs highlighted in this edition of the *Island Breeze*, but the easiest way to keep up with Croc activities is to visit the Island Creek PTA website www.islandcreekpta.org.



Island Creek PTA: # 1 in Your Heart and #27151 in Your CFC Contribution

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 participate in the CFC, please select 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.



Join the Island Creek PTA: It is a Good Fit

Please join the growing ranks of the Island Creek PTA this year, and together we can make a difference in the education and quality of life of our children. Our membership drive is in full swing, as we strive to reach our goal of 350 members. We currently have 257 members, with 137 new members and 120 members returning from last year. We are 73 percent of the way to reaching our goal. Please help us achieve this goal and join today!

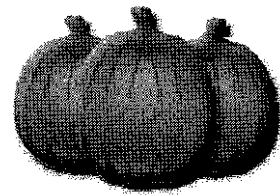


Membership is only \$8 per person. Checks can be made out to "Island Creek PTA," and can be returned to your child's classroom. If you have questions, please contact our membership chair, Andrea Gurrola mngurrola@cox.net. Here's a list of your PTA dollars at work:

- State-of-the-Art Classroom Technology Enhancements
- Cultural Arts Program
- Transportation for Field Trips
- After School Foreign Language and Science Programs
- Internet Safety Speaker
- Health Fair & "Croc Trot" 5K Run
- Fall Harvest Festival
- Girls on the Run Program
- Bingo Night
- Teacher Breakfasts/Lunches
- Holiday Children's Shoppe - NEW THIS YEAR!
- Playground Canopy - NEW THIS YEAR!

Harvest Family Festival: Fall Fun Coming October 23

Mark your calendars – Friday, October 23 is the date of the second Island Creek PTA Harvest Family Festival at the Alexandria Moose Family Center, 7701 Beulah Street (located just behind ICES). Last year's festival was so popular that we ran out of food. We will have more spaghetti in the pots this year, and the festival promises to offer even more fun for the whole family. It's is a great way to celebrate autumn with friends and family.



Skip the lines waiting to purchase tickets at the Festival – use the registration form in the Thursday folder to purchase your tickets in advance. If you order your tickets by October 12, you will receive a free raffle ticket!

Girls on the Run Program is Set to Take Off

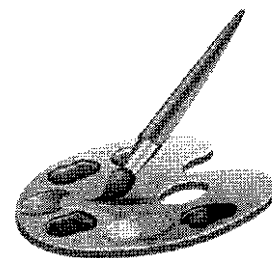
The PTA is proud to sponsor the Girls on the Run program again this year. A flyer with registration details went out in last Thursday's folder. The fitness and esteem-building program starts September 29 and runs until December 5, when the girls compete in a 5K race. The girls will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:30 PM. The registration fee is \$163, and the program is limited to 20 girls. Ms. Beaman is a returning coach and she is joined this year by Ms. Putnam as the second coach.



Behold! Beauty is in the Eye of the PTA Reflections Program for 2009-2010

Island Creek students are invited to participate in the national PTA Reflections Program for 2009-2010. The Reflections Program is a national arts recognition program, and in its 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 6th 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)

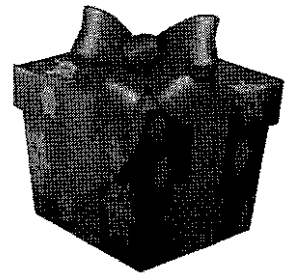
The theme for the 2009-2010 Reflections Program is "Beauty is..." Entry forms are available in the school lobby. The Island Creek PTA will be accepting entries October 22 and 23 in the school lobby. The deadline for submitting an entry is Friday, October 23.

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, or (703) 339-0371.

Here's the Wrap: Sally Foster Orders are Due October 8

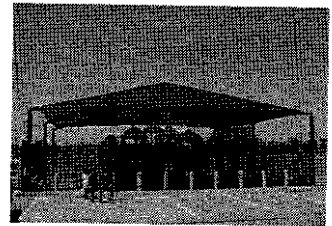
Get an early start on the holiday gift giving season by ordering high quality Sally Foster gift wrap paper and products from the catalog that was sent home September 17. The deadline for placing your order is October 8, and orders will be available for pickup on November 2 and 3. You can also order online by following the directions on the flyer attached to your Sally Foster packet.



This is our biggest fundraising event, with 50 percent of every purchase order and 40 percent of every subscription going directly to the PTA. Along with its line of fine gift products, Sally Foster also offers the Magazine Discount Network, which allows you to order your favorite magazines. Jessica Tyeryar has volunteered to serve as the chairperson of this major fundraising project. You can contact her at (703) 339-8394 or JLTyeryar@cox.net if you have questions.

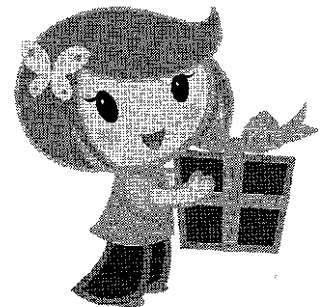
Details of Cover-Up Released: PTA Takes on Playground Canopy Project

One of the goals for the Island Creek PTA is to raise money to help fund the construction of a canopy over the playground equipment. The canopy will help prevent our children from dealing with the "hot seat" during recess. This is an example of the type project that the PTA takes on to improve our school.



Shoppe 'Til You Droppe: Coming December 5

The Island Creek PTA Children's Holiday Gift Shoppe will give children the thrill of picking out their own gifts for family and friends. The event will be held on Saturday, December 5 in the ICES cafeteria. We will need lots of parent volunteers to make this a memorable event, so please consider helping. Volunteers will be needed to make decorations, set up in the morning, assist children while they shop, wrap gifts, operate the cash register, and of course clean up.



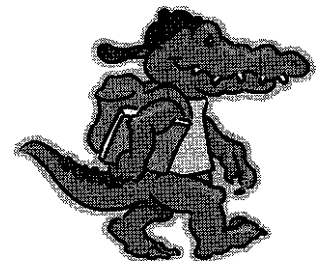
Interested in helping? Please contact Andrea Gurrola at mnagurrola@cox.net or 703-550-0589.

Croc Gear: 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 and baseball caps, you can be true to your school in true style. Croc Gear samples are on display near the cafeteria.

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.



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 to place your order.

Pink Brings Green for PTA

Details regarding our General Mills Box Tops program will be announced shortly, but in the meantime, please take a moment to clip the Box Tops for Education coupons from the following products:



- General Mills
- Pillsbury
- Yoplait
- Old El Paso
- Betty Crocker
- Hamburger Helper
- Nature Valley
- Pop Secret
- Bisquick
- Kleenex
- Cottonelle
- Hefty
- Scott

This is one of the easiest fundraising programs around. Each box top is worth 10 cents to Island Creek, so other than a moment of your time to clip the coupon and stash it in a baggie – it won't cost you a dime to help support our school.

Girls Scouts Help to Spruce Up Island Creek

Girl Scouts from the Island Creek community undertook a project to make the entrance of Island Creek even more beautiful! The scouts performed landscaping work around the Island Creek sign and planted beautiful flowers. Please take note of their hard work the next time you drive by the school.



Help Keep The Island Clean

We can thank the Girl Scouts for helping to keep our school grounds clean, but it is a task where we can all help. Many Island Creek families use the grounds for sports and play, so please use the trash cans to get rid of waste. You can also help by picking up litter and disposing of it in the trashcans.

PTA Website: Keep up on Breaking News

The Island Creek PTA website www.islandcreekpta.org is humming with activity, as Webmaster Terri Maben posts all of the news on PTA activities. Visit the website whenever you need to find out something about one of our activities.

Next PTA Meeting Set for October 6

Keep up on all of the activities of the Island Creek PTA by attending a meeting. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00 PM, in the Island Creek Library.



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