



Island Breeze



News from the Island Creek PTA

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The Inside Scoop is Dished at PTA Meetings Every Month

If you are eager to stay in touch with the variety of activities that occur at Island Creek Elementary School, please attend our monthly PTA meetings. PTA meetings give you an additional opportunity to stay engaged in your child's academic life. Principal Susan Owner and her senior staff attend every meeting, and they provide timely insights into the operations of our school. They are usually joined by teachers from one of the grade levels, who discuss their work with our children.



Our first PTA meeting of the new school year is next **Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM**, in the Island Creek library. Please join us as we welcome a special guest, Fairfax County Police Officer Alice Eggers, who will be discussing personal safety and home security.

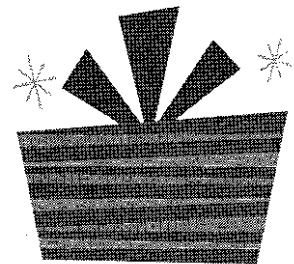
Island Creek PTA Joins Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

We are pleased to announce that the Island Creek PTA has been designated as a charitable organization by the 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 donations through the CFC will help fund the many programs sponsored by the PTA to support our Island Creek community. For example, the PTA recently paid half the cost of a mobile computer lab for the school. This included the purchase of eight notebook laptops and a mobile cart.



Wrap it Up: Sally Foster is Coming to Island Creek

The Island Creek PTA is pleased to announce that our fall fundraiser featuring high quality Sally Foster gift wrap and products will launch this month when order forms are sent home September 17. Along with its line of fine gift products, Sally Foster also offers the Magazine Discount Network, which allows you to order your favorite magazines. Fifty percent of every purchase order and 40 percent of every subscription go directly to the PTA. Jessica Tyeryar has volunteered to head this major fundraising project. You can contact her at (703) 339-8394 or JLTyeryar@cox.net if you have questions.



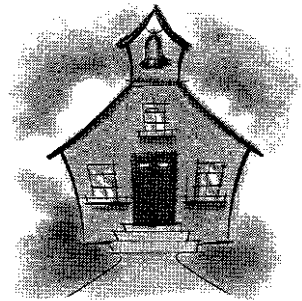
Fun-Filled Opportunities Await PTA Volunteers

Island Creek PTA Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Wade is trolling for volunteers willing to lend a hand on one of the many programs that the PTA will sponsor this school year. The PTA is an all-volunteer organization, so the success of all our social and fundraising efforts depends upon people offering their time and talents. An adage says, "Many hands lighten the load," so please fill out the PTA Volunteer Form that is in today's Thursday Folder and return it by September 23.



It's a Bargain: Join the PTA Today

If you have not already done so, please join the Island Creek PTA today. In addition to our devotion to building a sense of community, the Island Creek PTA is committed to providing our school with funding for technology. The PTA has just contributed half of the cost of a new mobile computer lab for the school. This included the purchase of eight notebook laptops and a mobile cart.



We are an all-volunteer organization, so membership is what fuels the PTA. Andrea Gurrola is this year's membership chairperson. Please make her job a little easier by joining today.

The Island Creek PTA holds many fundraisers during the year, so you might wonder where all of that money goes. The PTA pays for things you might not even be aware of, such as paying the transportation costs of all class field trips and Thursday folders. Here is a sampling of your PTA dollars at work during the past year:

- Paid for half of a mobile computer lab for the school – 8 laptops and a mobile cart
- 3 SMART Boards (1 large & 2 medium)
- Agenda/Assignments books for all 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Graders
- Thursday folders for all students
- Popsicles in the Park at the Kindergarten Open House
- Custodian Appreciation Luncheon
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Bus Transportation costs for all field trips
- Financial assistance to students for field trips
- Reimbursement stipends for 30 teachers to help offset classroom expenditures (up to \$75 per full-time teacher; \$35 per part-time teacher)
- Internet safety presentation in June
- Support for the Safety Patrol
- Financial Assistance for Student Luncheon



Harvest Family Festival: Coming to a Moose Lodge Near You on 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 on the pots this year, and the festival promises to offer even more fun for the whole family. It's a great way to celebrate autumn with friends and family.

