



Island Breeze



News from the Island Creek PTA

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Friday, October 23: A Busy Day at *The Island*

Friday, October 23 promises to be a busy day for the Island Creek community with *Reflections* projects due, Box Tops for Education being collected and Entertainment coupon book payments or returns due. Once we finish those chores, we will party into the night at the festive Croctoberfest. You will find these and other programs highlighted in this edition of the *Island Breeze*, but you can also keep up with all Croc activities by visiting the Island Creek PTA website www.islandcreekpta.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Deadline Day

- *Box Tops* for Education
- *Reflections* Program
- *Entertainment Books*

October 23: The Wait Is Over for Croctoberfest 2009

A group of crocodiles in the water is called a float, while a group of crocodiles on land is called a bask, so float or bask (rain or shine) – reptilian fun is in store for the entire family on Friday, October 23, as *Croctoberfest* takes over the Alexandria Moose Lodge, 7701 Beulah Street (located just behind ICES). The fun starts at 5:00 PM and runs through 8:00 PM. Dinner will be served inside, while games and huge portions of conviviality will be served outside under the covered pavilion.

Enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner (\$7.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child 12 and under, and then take in raffles, music, a moon bounce and 25 cent games. Delicious homemade baked goods and hot chocolate will be on sale. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at the door – if you purchased advance tickets after October 15, your name will be on the “already paid” list at the door.

Not hungry? No problem! There is no charge to attend *Croctoberfest*. Please join our flock of crocs in celebrating autumn with friends and family.

Snap Up Your Croc PTA Membership Today

Take advantage of *Croctoberfest* to snap up your membership in the PTA! We currently have 309 members, with 158 new members! Our goal for the year is 350 members, so please help us reach it. Your \$8.00 membership fee will be well spent in supporting your child's education.

If you can't attend Croctoberfest -- 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 if you have questions.

Croctoberfest 2009

Franconia Moose Lodge
7701 Beulah Street

- Spaghetti Dinner – 5:00 – 8:00 PM
 - Adults – \$7.00 Kids – \$4.00
- Moonbounce
- Door Prizes
- Kids Games – 25 cents
- Raffles
- Music
- Family Fun

October 23 Items of Interest...



Reflections Projects Are Due October 23

The deadline for submitting an entry to the Reflections program is Friday, October 23. The theme for the 2009-2010 National PTA Reflections Program is "Beauty is..." Flyers on the Reflections program are available in the school lobby.



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.

October 23: Top Crocs Chomp Box Tops

Island Creek's Baroness of Boxtops, Toni Shipe, and her crew of box top counters are eager to begin the task of counting piles of *Box Tops for Education*. To make Toni happy, all you need to do is send your box tops to school on Friday, October 23.



Every box top is worth a dime, and proceeds from the box top program are used to support our school. This is the only collection day this fall, so please send in your *Box Tops* on October 23.

Toni has proven that she can turn pink into green -- last fall's **Box Top Day**, netted more than 11,000 pink *Box Tops for Education* to support educational activities at Island Creek. If that isn't incentive enough for you to pull that baggie of *Box Tops* out of the kitchen drawer, here is one more reason to act: the class collecting the most *Box Tops* will be honored with a party of reptilian proportions.

Now That's Entertainment: Coupon Book Orders Are Due October 23

Friday, October 23 is collection day for the 2010 Entertainment Books that were sent home last week with your child. The books sell for \$30, but they nearly pay for themselves immediately – each book contains coupons for \$20 off the purchase of groceries at Safeway. The books are filled with hundreds of 50 percent off and 2-for-1 coupons for dining, shopping, movie tickets, groceries, services, travel, attractions, car care and home furnishings.



Other exciting discounts in the coupon books include bowling, paintball, laser tag, roller skating, the Spirit of Washington, the National Symphony Orchestra, Georgetown Basketball, Bull Run Festival of Lights, Try It Racing at Old Dominion Speedway, DC United, George Mason Basketball, Top Golf, Hilltop Golf, Six Flags Frightfest, Gymboree, Friday's, Baja Fresh, Chevys, Regal Cinemas, Boston Market, Dominos, Pizza Hut, Burger King and Roy Rogers.



Naturally, sales of the Entertainment books support the work of the Island Creek PTA. We are accountable for all the Books that were distributed last week, so please send your payment and order forms to school on Friday, October 23, or simply return the book.

November 7: Get a Jump on Holiday Shopping at the Island Creek Craft and Gift Fair

With only 63 shopping days left, the Island Creek PTA wants to help take the stress out of your holiday shopping experience. That is why we have moved this year's Holiday Craft and Gift Fair to Saturday, November 7. Now, you can wrap up your holiday shopping needs before Thanksgiving.



More than 60 artisans will be on hand from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 7, for the **Island Creek PTA Holiday Craft and Gift Fair**. One of the largest craft fairs in school history will offer displays featuring a bevy of skilled crafters, the heavenly music and angelic voices of Island Creek's own musical Crocs, a silent auction featuring artisan-donated products and tasty treats from our delectable bake sale.

The craft fair provides a perfect opportunity to purchase teacher gifts, or to find unique presents for those hard to shop for friends and relatives. Come for the shopping and stay for the fun.

We are pleased to report that Jeanne Igo has agreed to lead this major effort again this year, even though her children have now graduated from Island Creek. Jeanne's commitment to the school is further evidence of the adage "*once a Croc, always a Croc.*" If you have questions about the craft fair, please contact Jeanne at glasscutter99@yahoo.com.

With an undertaking this big, we need the help of volunteers to make it a success. If you have children looking for community service time, this would be a great opportunity for them to complete some hours. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cindy Wade (cindymw@cox.net).

Island Creek Students Can Display Their Crafts Free at the Holiday Craft and Gift Fair

Island Creek Holiday Craft Fair Coordinator Jeanne Igo is pleased to inform the Island Creek community that young artisans, who are Island Creek students, may display their work free of charge at the November Holiday Craft and Gift Fair. Please contact Jeanne glasscutter99@yahoo.com to sign up for this offer.



December 5: Children's Holiday Gift Shoppe Is Taking Shape

Planning is underway for the first Island Creek Children's Holiday Gift Shoppe. The Gift Shoppe will offer children the thrill of picking out their own gifts for family and friends. The event is set for Saturday, December 5 in the ICES cafeteria. We will need lots of parent volunteers to make this a memorable event, so please consider helping. This also is a wonderful opportunity for any secondary school student in need of volunteer hours. If you or someone you know would like to help with this exciting endeavor, please contact Andrea Gurrola at mnagurrola@cox.net.



Snap, Snap, Know What I Mean: December 5 is Family Photo Day

In concert with the Children's Holiday Shoppe, we will be offering family photos by professional photographer, Brian Knapp, at a very special low price. Your only cost will be a \$25 sitting fee. About a week after the event, Knapp Imaging will email you a link to your private photo gallery. You can download your photos to make prints, or use them to make cards or gifts. You may also order prints from Knapp Imaging at a reasonable price. Brian will be taking photos from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, so look for the online sign up link on the Island Creek PTA website in the near future.



Island Creek PTA: #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 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.



Island Creek PTA Might Qualify for Other Payroll Contribution Plans

The Combined Federal Campaign is a program strictly for federal employees, but since the Island Creek PTA now qualifies as a charitable organization under CFC, it might also qualify for participation under other payroll contribution plans such as United Way. Please check with your sponsor – you might be able to direct contributions to our school simply by writing in Island Creek PTA, 7855 Morning View Lane, Alexandria, VA 22315, (571) 642-6300 on your pledge form at work.



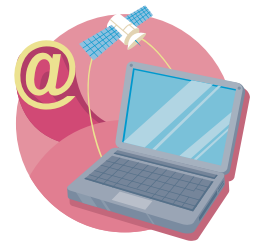
e-Croc Communications: Changing How You Hear from the PTA

The Island Creek PTA supports the school's goals of reducing paper usage and streamlining communications, so we are adjusting our method of communicating with parents. If you have signed up to receive email notifications from Island Creek, you have begun receiving PTA messages by email through the FCPS Keep-in-Touch system. If you have requested regular paper copies of communications, you will continue to receive paper copies of PTA communications.



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 many activities.



Next PTA Meeting Set for November 10

Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day, so the next Island Creek PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 PM, in the Island Creek Library. Attending PTA meetings is a great way to keep up on events at school and all of the activities of the Island Creek PTA.



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