



# Island Breeze



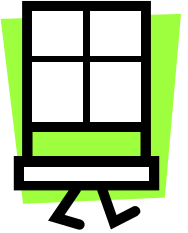
News from the Island Creek PTA

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## PTA Meetings: Your Window into Island Creek

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 provide a window into the “comings and goings” at Island Creek, and they offer parents an additional opportunity to stay engaged in their child’s academic life. Principal Susan Owner and her senior staff attend nearly every meeting, and they provide timely insights into the operations of our school. They are usually joined by teachers from one of the grade level teams, who discuss their work with our children. **The first PTA meeting of the new school year is next Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM**, in the Island Creek library. Please join us as we review an exciting schedule of PTA-sponsored events and activities.



## Island Creek PTA #27151 in Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

Open season is underway for the 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 a recipient. Our number is **27151**. Donations received during our inaugural year in the CFC, enabled the Crocodile PTA to purchase valuable technology items for the school. For example, the PTA recently purchased a SMART Board and 50 digital cameras to assist our students.



## Roll in the Dough: Sally Foster Cookie and Gift Wrap Sale Coming Soon

The Island Creek PTA is pleased to announce that our fall fundraiser featuring delicious *Classic Recipes* cookie dough and high quality *Sally Foster* gift wrap will launch this month when order forms are sent home September 30. Cookie dough orders are set to be delivered November 18 – just in time to top off your Thanksgiving feasts. This year, gift wrap sales will be done through the purchase of gift cards that will enable you to purchase items directly from the Sally Foster website. A large portion (40-50 percent) of every purchase goes directly to the PTA. Jessica Tyeryar has volunteered to head this major fundraising project. You can contact her at (703) 339-8394 or [jlttyeryar3@verizon.net](mailto:jlttyeryar3@verizon.net) if you have questions.



## Fun-Filled Opportunities Await PTA Volunteers

Island Creek PTA Volunteer Coordinators Karen Patrick and Tammy Toth are looking 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 old adage says, “Many hands help lighten the load,” so please fill out the PTA Volunteer Form that was in your Open House packet and return it by **Wednesday, September 22**.



## **Be a Member of the Croc Team: Join the PTA Today**

If you have not already done so, please join the Island Creek PTA today. In addition to our dedication to building a sense of community, the Island Creek PTA is committed to providing our school with funding for key technological improvements.

We are an **all-volunteer** organization, so membership is what fuels the PTA. Andrea Gurrola is this year's membership chairperson, so please make her job a little easier by joining the Crocodile PTA today. PTA membership envelopes will be coming home soon in a Thursday Folder, or you can sign up at our membership table at **Back to School** Night. PTA memberships are only \$8.00 per person.



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:

- Purchase of one SMART Board
- Purchase of 50 digital cameras and accessories
- Agenda/assignment books for all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students
- Thursday folders for all students
- Back-to-School Breakfast for Teachers and Staff
- Support teacher professional development
- Custodian Appreciation Luncheon
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Veterans' Day Appreciation
- Bus transportation costs for all field trips (for each grade including pre-school)
- Financial assistance to students for field trips
- Reimbursement stipends for teachers to help offset classroom expenditures
- Internet safety presentation
- Support 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Medieval Day
- Commemorative T-shirts for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders – the first class to complete grades K-6<sup>th</sup> at Island Creek



## **Mad Science is Coming to The Island in October**

Mad Science is not a story about an angry researcher; it is a popular education program that is returning to Island Creek this fall. We are planning to offer two classes on Mondays (a class for grades K-2 and a class for grades 3-6) and two classes on Thursdays. The program will begin the week of October 18. You will be able to register online this year, so please stay tuned for additional information.



## **October 22: Countdown to Croctoberfest**

Mark your calendars – Friday, October 22 is the date of this year's Island Creek PTA **Croctoberfest** Family Festival at the Franconia Moose Family Center, 7701 Beulah Street. This will mark the third year that the Crocodile PTA has sponsored this reptilian funfest. It's a great way to celebrate autumn and the Island Creek community spirit with friends and family.



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