



# Island Breeze

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## Welcome Back, Crocs!

By Jeanne Igo, PTA President

Welcome back to our resident croc families and a big hello to our new friends on the island. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for a great second year at the creek.

The PTA has had a very busy summer with administrative tasks such as the turnover of the books, insurance, and taxes. We kept ourselves busy with ongoing preparations for Basket Bingo, school supply sales, and other fundraising activities. We were able to help the office staff with preparations for Open House and treat our teachers to a welcome-back-to-school week.

I would like to offer a huge thank you to all those little crocs who took time out of their summer vacation to volunteer in the school. They assisted in the reading room cataloging books, working with the teachers preparing their rooms, stuffing packets, and most of all being great kids! I would also like to thank those parents who offered donations of food and time to make a wonderful treat for our teachers! We have lots of great volunteers that work behind the scenes to get things done and I really appreciate each and every one of you. You make my job fun!

As many of you may already know, the PTA meetings have been changed to the first Wednesday of the month. I would like to encourage you to attend and help us make the decisions that affect your children. For our new families, the PTA helps the school through funding many programs such as the cultural arts assemblies, field trips, patrol support, staff professional development, awards for the students, school beautification, class parties, and ... lots of fun! So please plan to attend our next meeting on October 6.

Supporting your school will make a difference!

We have a few new ideas for the year. We would like to establish an art gallery in the school with framed artwork from your children. We have appointed a room parent coordinator to help the room parents throughout the year and, thanks to Dr. Owner, we now have our very own parent lounge located across from the library. We are looking forward to some great fundraising activities that are fun for the whole family. Keep tuned to *Island Breeze* for all those important dates. By now the first day of school has passed by, so here's to a great rest of the year!

## Basket Bingo

Friday, October 22

Island Creek Cafeteria

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

First Game Starts at 6:30 p.m.

20 Regular Games \* 3 Specials \*

3 Raffles \* Door Prizes

Featuring Longaberger® Baskets stuffed with items from Avon, Creative Memories, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Southern Living, gift certificates, and more.

### Tickets

\$15 in Advance

\$20 at the Door (if available)



## Calendar of Events

- Sept. 30 Domino's Pizza Night
- Oct. 1 Paper Sale Orders Due  
Spiritwear Orders Due
- Oct. 4-15 Basket Bingo Donation Collection
- Oct. 6 PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Library
- Oct. 22 Basket Bingo, 5:30 p.m.

Web page: [www.islandcreekpta.org](http://www.islandcreekpta.org)



# PTA Committee News

## Show Your IC Spirit!

Spiritwear, with the new Island Creek logo, is now available featuring our mascots, Cosmo and Cristy. Orders for t-shirts (\$10), long sleeve t-shirts (\$12), and hooded sweatshirts (\$15) are being taken until October 1. Delivery is expected by October 15. Order forms are available at the PTA web site at <http://www.islandcreekpta.org/>. The PTA has, for immediate delivery, t-shirts in adult small, medium, and large. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Davis at (703) 339-6263; e-mail: [laxparents@aol.com](mailto:laxparents@aol.com) or Theresa Sunderland at (703) 425-9663; e-mail: [Theresa.Sunderland@dla.mil](mailto:Theresa.Sunderland@dla.mil).



## Keep Clipping Those Boxtops!

CLIP and SAVE!! Don't forget to clip and save those Boxtops from all General Mills products. Each Boxtop is worth 10 cents that will go toward products for our school and each Boxtop that you send in, will get your child's class closer to winning a class party. All classrooms will have a Boxtops envelope to drop your contributions into ... so let the friendly competition begin!!

## WANTED: Fun Part-Time Teachers

Replacing last year's Hands on Science program, **Math and Science Made Easy** is a new, fantastic after-school program that will be offered at Island Creek this year. We're searching for fun and outgoing teachers. This is a paid position, with training provided. Contact Janet at (703) 339-9625 or e-mail: [medtech\\_enterprises@yahoo.com](mailto:medtech_enterprises@yahoo.com).

## Have Fun and Raise Funds for the PTA

The Social and Fundraising Committee has been very busy thus far. Thank you to all of the families who participating in our School Supply Sale. Thank you also to the little hands that helped to distribute packets during both Open Houses. We love our volunteers!

On September 30 we will hold our first "Pizza Night." Domino's pizza will donate money to the PTA for every pizza ordered that night. There will be a coupon you will give your delivery person. More details will follow in the next few weeks. What a great way to avoid cooking and to support the PTA.

Basket Bingo is fast approaching. This year we are holding it on a Friday night, October 22. Doors will open at 5:30 with games beginning at 6:30. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Please call if you are interested in buying tickets or volunteering. Tickets are \$15.

Simon's Evening of Giving is on November 21. It's an evening of shopping at Pentagon City for ticket holders only. It is from 6:30-9 and is guaranteed to be a nice evening. Tickets are \$10, with \$7 coming back to the PTA and \$3 going to the Simon Fund charity. Those who attended last year really enjoyed themselves. Please call Jen Bishop at (703) 339-1888 if interested in tickets. We are also hoping to do a pajama dinner at IHOP. More details will follow.

Thanks again for all of your support!!!

*Jen Bishop and Simone McDonald, Social and Fundraising Chairs*

## Delicious Treats Helped Start the Year Off Right

Hello from the Hospitality Committee! We started the school year off with a bang for the teachers. On Thursday, September 2, we treated the teachers to a catered lunch courtesy of Subway and Safeway. The teachers enjoyed sandwiches and salads and went away happy. On Friday, September 3, we hosted a coffee/snack break for the teachers. Many volunteers made this a huge success, and we're still hearing thank yous from the teachers and staff. We hope to provide a special spread for the teachers once a month and will be calling on volunteers from time to time to help us. Our next big event is Basket Bingo. We will be asking the bakers out there to fire up the ovens for our bake sale. Watch your e-mail for information.

*Beth Monroney and Julia Jessee, Hospitality Committee*

## The Croc Squad Wants YOU to Join Island Creek PTA!

### Individual \$8; Family \$14

PTA membership dollars support many facets of Island Creek, including field trips, safety patrol training, student extras, teacher development, school beautification, and much more!

Membership envelopes are available in the Main Office, or contact me at (703) 541-3856; e-mail: [lizgdunn@aol.com](mailto:lizgdunn@aol.com).

*Liz Dunn, PTA Membership Chair*

# Reflections Program 2004–05: “A Different Kind of Hero”

By Denise Bolton and Hayley Sterling, Reflections Committee

Our PTA is providing, again this year, the opportunity for Island Creek Elementary students to participate in the State and National PTA Reflections Program. The Reflections program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. The theme for the 2004–05 program is “A Different Kind of Hero.” Watch for more information in school, in future newsletters, and on the Island Creek PTA web site. Start creating your works of art related to this year’s theme!

Imagine having your drawing or photo framed and put in a special art exhibit at school. Imagine writing a story or poem and having it published in a newsletter or on display for everyone to see. Imagine playing a song or singing a song that you wrote in front of an audience.

Students can enter in four categories (pick one or enter them all!):

**Literature   Musical Composition   Photography   Visual Arts**

Think about the theme—“A Different Kind of Hero”—and talk with your family and friends about what it means to you. Then, write a story, write a song, create a piece of artwork, or take a picture.

**Deadline November 5**

## Bingo Donations Needed

Our Second Annual Basket Bingo will be on Friday, October 22. We are asking our families to send in donations to fill the baskets. Please note that each class has been assigned a theme. Please send in your contribution with your child. There will be a collection box in their classroom. Collection will begin October 4–15.

The Bingo Committee thanks you in advance for your donation.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Theme</b>
Pre-School/K	Arts & Crafts
1st Grade	Red, White, & Blue
2nd Grade	Holiday
3rd Grade	Home & Garden
4th Grade	Party & Gift Wrap
5th Grade	Family Game Night
6th Grade	Kitchen & Cooking

## Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Island Creek PTA is holding an important fundraiser to help build our resources and be able to most effectively assist the teachers, staff, and students of our new school. We hope that the entire Island Creek community will participate. Show your Croc spirit! If you have questions, contact Fran O'Donnell at (703) 550-2612.

Don't forget that out-of-town family and friends can help our school by ordering online from [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com). Please ask them to use our school code, #111411, when ordering.

**Orders Due October 1**

## Attention Shoppers!

Island Creek Elementary has been chosen by our local Safeway as its school of choice to support in its fundraising efforts. Along with the e-Scrip program, we will team together to support our school with several functions. For example, our children can work with the kids of Safeway employees for a day of making ice cream floats at the store. Keep tuned to *Island Breeze* for more info on these programs. A big thanks to Candy Cook, team leader, mom, and Safeway manager.

## New Parent Lounge Open

Hi! My name is Lisa Grewe. I'm the parent liaison this year for Island Creek. The main purpose of my job is to encourage open communication between parents and the school. I share my office with the new parent lounge, which is located across from the library in room 111. Please feel free to stop in to say hello and see what a nice place the school has provided for volunteer parents.

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