



THE FALCON'S NEST

PHELPS LUCK PTA NEWSLETTER



**Phelps Luck
Elementary**

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April 2009

President's Message

Happy Spring to All! At this time of year, PTA business turns to our annual elections, which will be held at a General Membership meeting during the intermission of the Spring Band, Orchestra and Chorus Concert on Thursday, June 4. The PTA will elect a President, first, second and third Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in any of these positions, please watch for information on the officer's duties coming home in the near future.

On the social scene, Bingo Night is this Friday! We also have another Dine-Out Night in April and the newly re-vamped Spring Dance on May 1st. The Carnival rounds out the year of fun activities in June. Also, don't forget that Science Fair projects are due on Monday, April 30 with the fair on Wednesday, April 1st.

Thanks to Malinda Haggerty for organizing our popular Display-My-Art fundraiser! Hope to see you at our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Maryann Cohea, PTA President
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PTA Nominating Committee Needs Members

The nominating committee is accepting nominations for PTA board of director's positions for next year. All positions are open every year and if anyone is interested they can contact the nominating committee, Malinda Haggerty malhaq@gmail.com, Polly Weber ctpw@juno.com, or Karen Stark karen_stark@hcpss.org

PTA Board of Directors Meeting

The P.L.E.S. PTA Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. We will have as our guests the Principal and PTA President from Bonnie Branch Middle School. We will have a demonstration of the new PTA website. Our last meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, May 6. There will be no April meeting.

New PTA Web Site

What's red and black and has happy children dancing on top of it? Our new PTA web site. Click on over and check it out -- <http://www.phelpsluckpta.org>. Come see a demo at our next PTA meeting - Wed, March 25.

Friday is Bingo Night!

This Friday is P.L.E.S. PTA Family Bingo Night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. As usual, there will be a great assortment of prizes and snacks. We hope to see you there!

Science Fair

The Science Fair is April 1 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at P.L.E.S. The first hour (6 p.m.-7 p.m.) is the student project viewing portion. The second hour (7 p.m. -8 p.m.) is the presentation by Eric Energy. This event is free for all P.L.E.S. families. Participating students will receive a ribbon and two homework passes! Students need to bring their projects in on 30 March for sharing in the classroom. Third and fifth grade projects will be judged on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm. Lots of help is still needed for this event. Contact Lisa Strutz at 410-730-5627 or slstrutz@comcast.net.

Spring Carnival

The Carnival is coming to town! The annual P.L.E.S. Spring Carnival is scheduled for Friday, June 5th (rain date, June 12) at the school. We would love to have your help in organizing this fun-for-all event. Please contact Laura Betz at 410-465-3946 or ThumbsUpParty@comcast.net to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Final Phelps Luck PTA Dine-Out Event

Mark your calendars--we will be having a second dine-out event at Eggspectation in Ellicott City, on Wednesday, April 29. This will be an ALL DAY event (7a.m. until 10 p.m.) Come for breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner, and Eggspectation will donate 15 percent of your check to the PTA! Fliers will be sent home in students' Wednesday folders in April. Just bring the flier with you to Eggspectation and submit it with your check. Enjoy pancakes, omelets, sandwiches, wings, soups, smoothies, crepes, crab cakes, burgers, desserts, and so much more...all day long! This will be the last Phelps Luck PTA dine-out event of the school year, so please come out and enjoy a fantastic meal with your friends from Phelps Luck one last time before the summer!

PLES Daily Ritual / Affirmation

I stand tall! I stand tall! I take pride in my work, pride in my school, pride in my family, pride in myself! I will achieve! I will achieve!
I stand tall! I stand tall!

Mark your calendars now

Important April Dates

End of marking period, school closes 3 hours early	April 3
Spring break, school closed	April 6-13
School reopens	April 14
Report cards issued	April 22
Professional development day, school closed	April 23

Important May Dates

Professional work day, school closed	May 15
Interim progress reports	May 18
Memorial Day, school closed	May 25

PTA Executive Board Members

President	Maryann Cohea
1 st Vice President	Karen Stark
2 nd Vice Presidents	Tanya Brogan Melinda Haggerty
Secretary	Liz Beachum
Treasurer	Paul Pechacek

Student Directory

The Phelps Luck Elementary School PTA wishes to thank the many community businesses that generously supported last year's Student Directory through their advertising and hope they come back this year! Please patronize these businesses and tell them that you saw their advertisement in the Student Directory or PTA Newsletter.

Café de Paris	8808 Centre Park Drive	410-997-3904
Columbia Art Center	Long Reach Village Center	410-730-0075
Grandfather's Garden Center	5320 Phelps Luck Drive	410-730-3131
Klebanow, Marinelli MD's & Associates, P.A.	8821 Columbia 100 pkwy	410-997-1700
My Gym Columbia	8890 Centre Park Drive	410-730-3308
Parcel Plus	Long Reach Village Center	410-964-2733
Pastino's Upper Crust	8835 Centre Park Drive	410-740-9009