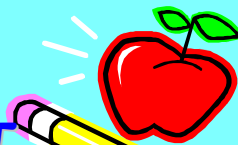




THE FALCON'S NEST

PHELPS LUCK PTA NEWSLETTER



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February 2010

February PTA Meeting

Please join us Feb. 3 in the Media Center at 7 p.m. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Scholastic Book Fair

The final Scholastic Book Fair of the year will be held Feb 10 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Feb. 11 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come choose from a great selection of Scholastic books for all ages. A portion of the proceeds go to the Phelps Luck PTA.

2010 Science Fair

- ★ Science Fair Workshops- March 1st or 2nd
- ★ Project judging (for grade 3-5) - April 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- ★ The Science Fair 2010 - April 15th

Contact Lisa Strutz (slstrutz@verizon.net) for more info.

PTA Membership

If you have not already signed up to be a PTA member, please consider doing so. The PTA is feeling the effect of the tightening economy and has seen a decline in membership. Please know that your membership helps to support the PTA and all PTA programs throughout the year.

Mark your calendars now

Important February Dates

Report cards issued	Feb. 3
Parent/teacher conferences, school closes 3 hours early	Feb. 10-11
Parent/teacher conference, school closed for students.	Feb. 12
President's Day, school closed	Feb. 15

Important March Dates

Interim Progress Reports	March 5
MSA reading testing, grades 3-5	March 9 & 10
MSA math testing, grades 3-5	March 16 & 17

GT Parent Academies

The Howard County Gifted and Talented Education Program presents GT Parent Academies about 4 times a year, and they are very educational and fun.

If your student is at all associated with the G/T program, you really should consider getting the information about Parent Academies. We have such a great G/T program at our school with Ms. Barno and Ms. Walker providing Curriculum Extension Units (CEUs) for our kids as early as Kindergarten, whereas these programs normally start at 2nd grade in other Howard County schools. If your child is being pulled out of regular classes for a CEU, then you are a G/T parent, and you should take the opportunity to get involved with this great group of parents.

If you are interested in finding out more about this program, please go to the new G/T website at <http://hcpssgtac.wordpress.com>. There is a wealth of information there. You can also get information about upcoming G/T events through the HCPSS newsletter online if you go to your preferences and check "G/T" as one of the "schools" for which you receive information.

Jennifer Della'Zanna, GT Parent Representative

Couponing 101

Learn how to reduce your grocery, household and personal care shopping expenses on Feb. 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost of this workshop is \$10 and all proceeds go to the PTA. If interested, please return your flier and payment to reserve a spot. Contact Debbi Reid with any questions about this event, 240-338-4010.

PTA Executive Board Members

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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!