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PHELPS LUCK PTA NEWSLETTER



**Phelps Luck
Elementary**

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March 2009

President's Message

We have now passed the 100th day of school for this year, and the PTA is really picking up steam as we move through the last two quarters of the school year.

Our second (and last) Book Fair of the year will take place this week in the Media Center during parent-teacher conferences. Please support your child's love of reading and the PTA by purchasing a book or two at this event. Our popular Display-My-Art Fundraiser is coming up as well. Order forms will be coming out soon.

Our Science Fair activities are in full swing right now, with the Science Fair taking place on Wednesday, April 1st from 7-9 p.m. We hope to have a great incentive for all students who turn in a science project, which we will announce shortly. Looking ahead, Bingo Night will be on Friday, March 27, from 7-9 p.m.

On a business note, please see below regarding the PTA Nominating Committee. I hope that each PTA member will consider volunteering for this important committee.

I would like to thank Cheryl vom Saal for organizing a lovely pre-Valentine's Dine-Out Night at Cafe de Paris! Also, to everyone who helped with our successful International Festival last week, especially Polly Weber (Chair), Krista Wheatley-Heckman (Chair, In-School Program) and Bea Mahious, who coordinated much of the food and entertainment. A great time was had by all attendees at both of these events!

Maryann Cohea, PTA President
410-740-2839 macohea@comcast.net

PTA Nominating Committee Needs Members

Each year the PTA must organize a Nominating Committee of at least three PTA members to nominate a slate of officers for our spring elections. According to the P.L.E.S. PTA By-Laws, each officer position (President, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer) is elected each year for a one-year term. Officers are limited to two consecutive terms in the same office. Only one of our current officers, Secretary, is eligible to run for a second term in her current position. Serving on the Nominating Committee is an important job, but not a time-consuming one. If you are able to serve, please contact Malinda Haggerty at 443-364-5967 or malhaq@gmail.com.

PTA Board of Directors Meeting

The PTA Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. All parents, guardians and staff are encouraged to attend. The Administration will present important information from the County at this meeting. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25, due to the Science Fair being held on the first Wednesday in April.

Display-My-Art Fundraiser at PLES

Order packets will be coming home soon with your children. This year you will be able to order the products on-line. Prior to placing an on-line order, you have the opportunity to log on and see your child's art on a variety of items. You will also be able to pay by credit card.

If you have any questions please call or e-mail Malinda Haggerty 443-364-5967 malhaq@gmail.com

Science Fair

The Science Fair season continues through these following dates:

- March 2** 6:30-8 p.m. ESOL Science Workshop, by ticket only
- March 3** 6:30-8 p.m. K-5 Science Workshop, by ticket only
- March 2 – 6** Videos in Media about the Scientific Process
- March 9** Mini recess science demonstration, by sign-up only
- March 10 – 13** Ask-A-Scientist during recess, by sign-up only
- March 30** Science Fair projects due at P.L.E.S.
- March 31** 3rd -5th grade judging
- April 1** Science Fair: 6-7 p.m. project exhibition, 7-8 p.m. Eric Energy Presentation

Please let me know if you'd like more information on creating a successful science fair project. If you have any questions or would like to help in anyway, do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to watching your child enjoy this unique opportunity for scientific discovery!

Sincerely,
Lisa Strutz, P.L.E.S. PTA Science Committee Chair,
410-730-5627

(More important information on the back)

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!

Dine-out Event Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the PTA by dining out at Cafe de Paris on Thursday, February 12. Thank you especially to Judith Dixon, Elizabeth Winters, and Molly Sasso for providing the childcare during the dine-out night--we really couldn't have done it without your help! Look in your child/ren's Wednesday folders for information about some great upcoming dine-out events for the whole family.

PTA Executive Board Members

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice Presidents

Secretary
Treasurer

Maryann Cohea
Karen Stark
Tanya Brogan
Melinda Haggerty
Liz Beachum
Paul Pechacek

Mark your calendars now

Important March Dates

Interim progress reports	March 6
MSA testing, grades 3, 4, 5 reading	March 17 -18
MSA testing, grades 3, 4, 5 math	March 24-25

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

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