



**THE
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PHELPS LUCK PTA NEWSLETTER



**Phelps Luck
Elementary**
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President's Message

We are cruising towards the end of the school year, and the PTA will be busy in the next two months. Our Science Fair was held on April 1, and many thanks go to all of our student participants and, as always, our dedicated Science Fair Chair, Lisa Strutz, who works tirelessly to inspire students to be scientifically curious about our world! We have a final Dine-Out Night scheduled for this Wednesday. Display-My-Art orders were distributed at the end of last week. Our Spring Fling dances will be held on Friday, May 1. This event has been totally re-vamped from past years and should prove to be a great night out for students and parents. Our final big event of the year is the Spring Carnival in June. We need volunteers for the Spring Flings and many volunteers for the Carnival. Our Nominations Committee is hard at work recruiting candidates for election of our officers on June 4 at the Spring Concert. All those interested in serving should contact Malinda Haggerty, Karen Stark or Polly Weber, our committee members. If you receive a call from the committee asking you to serve as an officer, please consider it!! To paraphrase the words our P.L.E.S. students hear every morning during announcements "Let's choose to make it a successful year end for the PTA!"

Maryann Cohea, PTA President
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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 2008-09 Board of Directors Meeting

The PTA will hold its final Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. At this meeting, we will thank our PTA Officers and Committee Chairs for 2008-09. If you were an officer or chair this year, please try to make this meeting! As always, all parents and staff are also encouraged to attend.

PTA Nominating Committee Needs Members

Want to be more involved in the PTA? Join the executive board. We are accepting nominations for all positions, especially President and Secretary. Please contact Malinda Haggerty malhag@gmail.com, Polly Weber ctpw@juno.com, or Karen Stark karen_stark@hcpss.org

Spring Fling Dance on Friday, May 1st

The PTA's Jammie Jam (for grades K-2) and Jean Jam (for grades 3-5) will be held on Friday, May 1, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the gymnasium (grades K-2) and cafeteria (grades 3-5). The PTA needs volunteers to provide security and sell concessions for the event. We also need donations of chips, cookies, fruit snacks, Fruit Roll Ups and juice to be sold at the event. To volunteer your time or provide a donation, please consult dance fliers or call Carol Evans-Turner on 410-277-9680.

Wednesday Folders Are Now Online!

Misplaced a flyer? Child forgot to bring home their folder? View flyers from the school, community and PTA from the PTA web site. Visit <http://www.phelpsLuckpta.org> and click on Wednesday Folders. Don't forget to take our poll question about Wednesday Folders (located on the home page) and tell us what you think. If you would like your flyer posted online, please email a digital copy to wedfolders@phelpsLuckpta.org, or give a paper copy to Mrs Self in the front office.

Also, as a friendly reminder, a copy of every document that is sent home should be given to Mrs. Self.

Science Fair Winners

Our Science Fair was held on April 1 with an outstanding number of entries. The winner from grades 3, 4 and 5 were:

Third Grade

- 1st - Grace Sharkey
- 2nd - Samantha Dean
- 3rd - Deeya Patel

Fourth Grade

- 1st - John Della'zanna
- 2nd - Conor Cohea and Tommy Eyes
- 3rd - Divya Atal

Fifth Grade

- 1st - Conor McVickers
- 2nd - Sydney Hart
- 3rd Tie - Sierra Goodman and Evan Noack

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!

Bingo Night a Success

The PTA thanks all of the local businesses that made a donation to our Bingo Night raffles on March 27, including Pizza Hut of Maryland, The UPS Store (Centre Park Drive location), PlayWise Kids, and Columbia Bowling Lanes. Please patronize these businesses when you have the opportunity to thank them for their donation. Please also thank our good neighbor, Betsy Gould, who also donates prizes to our event. We also thank all of our teachers/staff who donated prizes for the event: Mrs. Akers, Mrs. Leader, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Eckstrom, Mrs. Brogan, Mrs. Sommerville, Ms. Brazis, Ms. Seldon, Ms. Schroeder, Ms. Stout, Dr. Stevens, Ms. Shucosky, and Ms. Bae. We also thank all of our callers and volunteers who make sure that Bingo Night always rocks!

Mark your calendars now

Important May Dates

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

Important June Dates

Last day of school	June 19
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Final Phelps Luck PTA Dine-Out Event

We will have a second dine-out event at Eggspectation in Ellicott City, on Wednesday, April 29. This will be an ALL DAY event (7 a.m. until 10 p.m.) Come for breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner, and Eggspectation will donate 15 percent of your check to the PTA! Just bring the flier with you to Eggspectation and submit it with your check. 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!

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	8838 Centre Park Drive	410-987-3904
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	410-987-1700
My Gym Columbia	8890 Centre Park Drive	410-730-3308
Parcel Plus	Long Reach Village Center	410-984-2733
Pastino's Upper Crust	8835 Centre Park Drive	410-740-9009