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For H1N1
Information Visit
the Following Link:

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/index.html>

This is as a free email registry where they can receive updates on H1N1, vaccine clinic schedules and any other critical information.

President's Message

Time is really flying it is hard to believe that interims have been issues, the first conference night has passed, and the end of First Quarter is fast approaching.

The fundraiser has concluded and the PTSA would like to thank everyone who participated. We are in the process of calculating the results. Please make arrangements to pick up your order November 5, 2009 between 3:30 –6:30, that evening. If you are interested in helping with the distribution please e-mail pmsctpsa@gmail.com.

September was PTA Membership month, we are off to a good start; but we are not up to our last year total at this time. Please consider joining the PTA; it is a quick and easy way to support your child's school. The cost is only \$6.00 per membership and is open to parents, grandparents, community members, and any others that would like to support our school. Did you know that with your membership card you can get discounts at local establishments? Go to www.pta.org and find out who and how much! If you are interested assisting on the membership committee please e-mail pmsctpsa@gmail.com Or you can leave a message at school.

The Reflection theme this year is "Beauty is..." Reflections are a contest, which allows students to express themselves artistically. There

are four categories your child can enter Visual Arts, Literature, Photography and Music. Information has been distributed. If you did not receive it from your child ask them if they received the flyer. Please encourage your child to participate.

This month the PTSA has been busy planning and organizing events for the year.

Please make your calendar for next month's events:
November 5, 2009 3:30 – 6:30
Fundraiser Pick up

November 4, 2009 7:00
PTSA Meeting

November 16-20
American Education Week

I would like to thank all the parents that joined us last month for our PTSA meeting. One of the discussions at the meeting was family time. Everyone was asked bring ideas to the next meeting for discussion. If you have an idea there are three ways you can let us know. The November meeting is November 4, 2009 in the Library at 7:00 everyone is welcome, e-mail pmsctpsa@gmail.com with the details, or you could write it down send it in an envelope labeled PTSA family time, and it will be placed in the mailbox. I can't wait to hear all of the great ideas!

Sincerely,
Joanna Stephens
PTSA President

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that the first marking period is almost over. We have had a great first quarter and it has been a pleasure getting to know many of our new sixth grade students and parents. Please keep in mind that the first quarter of the school year officially ends on Thursday, November 5, 2009. Also, there is no school for students on Friday, November 6, 2009 as this is a Professional Development Day for teachers. The second marking period officially begins on Monday, November 9, 2009.

The end of the first quarter marks an important milestone for parents of eighth grade students because high school is now in sight. As a Baltimore County student, each eighth grader may apply to three magnet high schools (only one magnet program per school). Throughout this marking period, we have worked to encourage each of our eighth graders to fully examine the magnet opportunities that are available to them in high school. It was great to see many of you during our Magnet Night Fair on Wednesday, September 23rd and at the county Magnet Expo at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Saturday, October 3rd. If you have any questions concerning the high school magnet application process, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Luma in our Guidance Department at (410) 887-5252. Additionally, information regarding the application process can be found on the county website at www.bcps.org, under Magnet Programs. Finally, please keep in mind that all applications must be received or post-marked to the magnet office by November 30, 2009.

On behalf of the school and PTSA, thank you for your support during our annual fundraiser. We appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,

Buddy Parker, Principal

Art News

8th Graders Go to High School!

Students from our 8th grade Visual & Graphic Arts program visited Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts on October 15th to experience a magnet high school art program. They participated in classes such as painting, photography, sculpture, yearbook design, and computer graphics. Afterwards, Visual Arts chairperson, Ms. Zienkiewicz spoke to our 8th graders giving them a chance to learn more about portfolio requirements and application procedures.

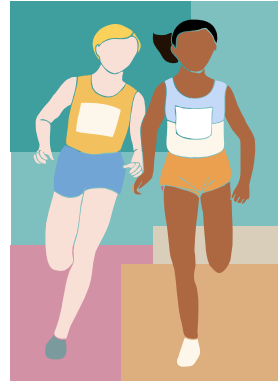
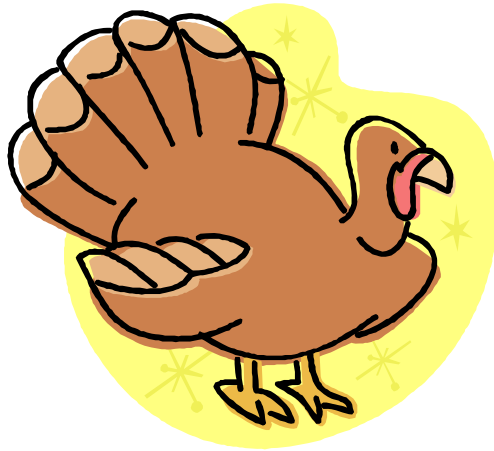
After School High School Portfolio Preparation

Thinking of applying to a magnet high school art program? Need help putting together a portfolio. The art department is offering assistance after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. See your art teacher for more details and a permission slip.

Congratulations to 8th grader, Sara Cosby. Her charcoal still life was selected to appear in an exhibit at the Maryland Art Education Association's annual conference in Hyattsville, MD.

2009 Annual Turkey Trot

The Physical Education Department will be holding Parkville Middle's Annual Turkey Trot on November 23rd and 24th during Phys. Ed. Classes. We encourage all students to try their best during the mile cross country route around Parkville Middle School. We welcome everyone to come out and watch their son or daughter participate in this event. Ask your child when their Phys. Class is held during the day. Prizes are awarded to top runners and to students who put forth 110% effort. Please remind your child to bring appropriate clothing for this outdoor event. We look forward to this event every year due to the success in the past. Also, parent volunteers are welcome as well. If you have any question please contact Ms. Klausmeier at school or by email kklausmeier@bcps.org



It's that time again!

Start saving those BoxTops & sending them in with your child.
After collecting your BoxTops, put them in a clear Ziploc bag with your
child's Homeroom# and Homeroom Teachers name.

There is a **BIG YELLOW** box in the lobby for your
BoxTops.

A+

bonus bucks



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ Bonus Bucks. Starting October 9, 2009 through March 25, 2010 Parkville Middle School and Center of Technology will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+Bonus Bucks Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Giant using your GIANT Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at giantfood.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Parkville Middle School using ID # 01630

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.