

## September 2009



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## President's Message

### PTSA President's Message

Welcome to Parkville Middle School and Center of Technology's 2009 –2010 school year. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. I would like to thank all the parents that came to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation and Back to School Night. With your continuing support, we will provide many programs that will assist our teachers and enrich our children's learning experience.

The membership drive has begun, and off to a good start but we would like to have every child enrolled at Parkville Middle School, represented by at least one active PTSA membership from its family. Parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and caregivers are welcomed. Your membership is your voice for your child and every child. PTSA is committed to advocating for our children and strengthening the ties between home and school, and it starts with membership in your school's PTSA. Membership dues are only \$6.00 per member.

The Fundraiser has also begun, ask your child to see the envelope if they have not showed it with you. We are asking all families to sell or buy at least one item. The PTSA only has this one fundraiser

to support our budget, which helps support the student's activities and educations.

We still have a few Board positions open which are; Legislative, Nominating, Scholarship. If you are interested in holding a position please contact Joanna Stephens. It's always fun to co-chair with a friend or two, if you'd like to do something but are worried about the time commitment. Let us know if you need descriptions of anything... most are simple one-time-only events.

**The PTSA now has an e-mail address for more effective communication. If you have any question are concerns or suggestions please e-mail us, [pmsctpsa@gmail.com](mailto:pmsctpsa@gmail.com) .**

According to the National PTA "It is a proven fact that when parents are involved: students have higher grades, more consistently complete homework, better attendance, and higher graduation rates." Please join us as we try to make this possible for all students.

Please join us October 7, 2009 in the Library at 7:00 p.m. for the next PTSA meeting.

The Mission of the PTA is threefold:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

It was a pleasure to meet many of you at Back-to-School Night. We have had a great start to the year as we strive to implement our mission statement of *providing a quality education for ALL students that will prepare them for the rigors of high school*. In keeping with our mission statement, we did very well on last year's federal and state assessments.

Under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, we continued to increase academic performance on the Maryland School Assessments (MSA) in reading and mathematics. As a school, 89.4 percent of our students passed the MSA in reading and 81.3 percent passed the MSA in mathematics. On the MSA in science (an NCLB requirement for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students), 81.8 percent of our eight graders passed the test. When I shared the outstanding news with the faculty, they were extremely proud and excited. Their hard work and our students' hard work certainly paid off. If you would like to analyze the results for our school please visit <http://www.msp.msde.state.md.us>.

On the state level, our Algebra I students earned a 97.13% pass rate (237 students passed out of a possible 244) on the High School Assessment. We are extremely proud of our Algebra I results because this assessment is a high school graduation requirement. Congratulations to our students and the Math Department on a job well done.

### Sixth Grade Parents

The sixth grade is the only grade in which students and teachers are organized into interdisciplinary teams. If you are a parent, of a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and you have a question or a concern about your child's classes, please contact the teacher first. If, after speaking to the teacher, you continue to have a concern, then contact your child's team leader:

#### Team Leader

Mrs. Harrison – Science Teacher

Mrs. Pipkin – Reading Teacher

Mr. Bayne – English

(The team leader is also the person to call if you want to schedule a parent conference.)

If after speaking to your child's team leader you continue to have a concern, then contact the 6<sup>th</sup> grade school counselor, Ms. Major, or the 6<sup>th</sup> grade assistant principal, Mrs. Mark.

### Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents

**If you are a parent of a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have a question or concern about one of your child's classes, please contact the teacher first. If you continue to have a concern, then contact your child's grade level coordinator. Grade level coordinators are based on students' last names.**

If after speaking to your child's team leader, you continue to have a concern, then contact your son or daughter's school counselor or assistant principal.

	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Grade Level Coordinators (A-M)	Mr. Fortunato	Mrs. Opitz
Grade Level Coordinators (N-Z)	Mrs. Miller	Mrs. Walton
School Counselor	Ms. MacGregor	Mrs. Luma
Assistant Principal	Mrs. Stathopoulos	Mr. Harden

Each year we have one major fundraiser sponsored jointly between the school and our PTSA. This year our fundraiser is through Great American (formerly Kathryn Beich). The kickoff for the fundraiser took place on Tuesday, September 8th. The profits from the fundraiser are used to defray costs associated with student initiatives, equipment, and field trips. Please help support the school and the PTSA by purchasing some items. The items offered by Great American make great gifts for the holidays. The fundraiser officially ends on September 29th.

Sincerely,

Murray G. (Buddy) Parker III, Principal

Is your son or daughter....

...interested in building a portfolio for application to one of the magnet high school art programs?

...interested in trying out for GT Art later this year?

...interested in creating art outside of the classroom?

You may want to check out some of the programs offered by local colleges and art studios this fall.

Class descriptions and registration information can be found at the following locations by navigating the home page to find the programs listed in bold:

Maryland Institute College of Art-**Young Peoples Studio**: [www.mica.edu](http://www.mica.edu)

Towson University- **Community Art Center**: [www.towson.edu](http://www.towson.edu)

Community Colleges of Baltimore County- **Creative Art Center**: [www.ccbcmd.edu](http://www.ccbcmd.edu)

Zoll Studio School of Fine Art- **Class Schedule**: [www.zollstudio.com](http://www.zollstudio.com)

Parkville Middle School PTSA Sponsored Fundraiser

Important Dates:

SALE ENDS: September 29, 2009 All orders to the school office by the end of the day

MONEY DUE: September 29, 2009 All money to the office by the end of the day  
Money orders and checks payable to Parkville Middle School PTSA  
PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME ON THE MEMO LINE.

ORDER PICK UP: Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE SHEET THAT CAME WITH YOUR FUNDRAISER PACKET:  
It will make processing the orders more accurate and less time consuming.

Please have friends and relatives out of the area to order online

Or for the convenience of home delivery:

Register [www.gafundraising.com](http://www.gafundraising.com) using the school pin # 975631 and your child (ren) will still receive credit.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or would like to volunteer to help with the fundraiser please e-mail us at [pmsctpsa@gmail.com](mailto:pmsctpsa@gmail.com). Please fill out the subject line so we will know where to direct your e-mail.

Thank you,  
PTSA Fundraiser

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](http://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.



**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.

We will have a pizza party for the Homeroom  
With the most collected BoxTops  
At the end of the year!

GOOD LUCK!!



Please join us at the Joppa Rd  
Chick-fil-A  
on Wednesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>  
from 5-8!

Parkville PTSA will earn 20% of  
all sales when you mention you are from Parkville  
Middle School!

**\*\*For Month of September Chick-fil-A will donate an extra \$1.00 for every Large Milkshake purchases from your fundraiser\*\***

**2008 East Joppa Road  
Parkville, MD 21234**