



# CUNNINGHAM PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PTA Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susannah Frazier

Thank you! Thank you for attending Community Night (what a turnout – you all must love ice cream!). Thank you for joining the PTA (membership drive is ongoing – forms are on the website or the bulletin board!). Thank you for volunteering to help our students in so many ways!

I want to give a special thank you to our Membership Committee Chairs, Jen Kaminski and Sandy Pompelli, who had to learn the brand new and not-so-easy database before they could even begin data entry from the membership forms. And also lending

hands in a huge way were Kristen Fennel and Donna Bobalek, who have now befriended Just Between Friends!! I thank them all for going above and beyond and thank you for your patience. And check it out - [www.justbetweenfriends.com](http://www.justbetweenfriends.com) – it's one very useful way to communicate about the PTA. Did you know that the CPES PTA is just our own local unit? We are also part of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs, which makes us part of the Northern Virginia District PTA, which leads to the Virginia PTA and,

ultimately, the national PTA. That's a lot of people working to support our unit, our school and our children. Through all of them, we have access to so many resources such as the database, special programs (like Reflections), grants, parent education resources, legislative initiatives, guidebooks and training for PTA leaders and committees, and much more. Visit [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org), [www.fccpta.org](http://www.fccpta.org), [www.novapta.org](http://www.novapta.org) to see for yourself. Join us Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm in the library!

### PTA Events which are upcoming—ongoing...

Reflections Art Program submissions are due October 13.

Coat Closet collection is coming soon! Start collecting warm clothes to pass along to families in our community.

Please consider volunteering for....

**HALLOWINGO!**

### Dates to Remember

PTA Meeting 7pm	October 13
Noodles: Dining for \$\$\$	October 16
Hallowingo	October 23
No School for Students	November 2-3
Teacher Conferences	November 2-3
Election Day	November 3
PTA Meeting	November 10

## SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM

On the ballot: November 3

If approved, the school bond referendum includes funding for a "capacity enhancement" addition (brick and mortar) to Cun-

ningham Park!! For more information go to [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) or call the Department of Communications and Community Outreach

at 571-423-1200. Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Polls will be open from 6 am - 7 pm.

## PTA Committees which could especially use helping hands...

- **GRACE Arts:** Contact Tara Amin, amint@hotmail.com
- **Bylaws Committee:** Contact Susannah Frazier, Susannah.frazier@verizon.net
- **Chess Club:** Contact Susannah Frazier, Susannah.frazier@verizon.net
- **Creative Drama:** Contact Susannah Frazier, Susannah.frazier@verizon.net
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Contact Laura Schmorrow, lschmorrow@yahoo.com



## **HALLOWINGO! October 23**

*Amy Currin and Rebecca Eastham*

Dig out your costumes and mark your calendars for our Halloween-themed bingo night, **Hallowingo**, on Friday, October 23 from 6:00 to 8:00. Adults and kids are encouraged to dress up. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

This fun-filled family event will feature costumes, a 50/50 raffle, Halloween cake raffle, and, of course, BINGO! Pizza, drinks, and baked goods will be on sale. It's a lot of fun for the whole family, and not a lot of money. Bingo cards are only 25¢ cents each and can be pre-ordered. Discounted bingo cards are 5 for one dollar and are available now. Buying your cards early saves money and will save you from a long line that evening.

To make this event possible, we need helpers to work a short, 30-minute shift selling tickets and bake sale items. To sign up, or have questions, contact Rebecca Eastham at rebeccaeastham@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Check us out on the Web!**

<http://www.fcps.edu/CunninghamParkES/pta.htm>

## **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

### **Thanks to Hospitality Volunteers — Donna Bobalek**

The CPES Hospitality Committee provides treats such as coffee, breakfast, and lunch through out the year for the CPES faculty and staff. The Committee also helps to support Teacher Appreciation Week by sending birthday wishes to each staff member during his/her birthday month.

The Hospitality Committee has been off to a busy start this school year. The Hospitality Committee organized, prepared, and served a tasty breakfast for Cunningham Park's first faculty and staff meeting the Tuesday before the academic year began. The staff enjoyed all the wonder-

ful goodies the volunteers provided. Thanks so much to all of our generous chefs and bakers!

Our next event is Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be offering pastries, breads, fruit, and coffee for the staff during the workday.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped out so far. If you would like to lend a hand, please email Donna Bobalek at [djbobalek@msn.com](mailto:djbobalek@msn.com).

