

PTA BUZZETTE

News Inside the Buzz from the Hollin Meadows
Parent Teacher Association



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WEDNESDAY MAY 23, PTA MEETING

Election of Board Officers for 2012-2013 School Year

6:45 MEETING AND ELECTION; CHILDCARE PROVIDED

JOIN MR. GATES AND THE HOLLIN MEADOWS STAFF FOR A SPECIAL RECEPTION IN YOUR HONOR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING!

The slate of candidates for the 2012-2013 PTA Board of Directors was announced at a PTA meeting on Earth Day. We'll vote for those officers at this meeting so please plan to attend to cast your vote for next year's leaders.

The candidates are:

President – Caroline Neulight
First Vice President – Rachel Ager
Second Vice President – Rosemary Gutierrez
Treasurer – Brian Newburn
Secretary – Eileen Huck

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EARTH DAY 2012 – MULCH, MARKET and MEGA FUN

Second Saturday Sets Stage



The most recent Second Saturday served as a set-up pitch for Earth Day, this year, as the volunteers weeded beds that were dressed in mulch the following week. The team also installed a new rain catching cistern to feed the new community gardens, and got a start on moving chip mulch into the classroom garden area.

Earth Day arrived promising rain and lightning, but thanks to tense negotiations with Mother Nature, the sun shone brightly and the rain held off until well after the event. Thank

goodness. Even with all of the prep work that went into the prior weeks, the dozens and dozens of volunteers of all ages finished up the last of the mulch barrowing just as the event was closing down. Shawn Bloom balanced the mulch team with the aplomb of a circus plate spinner, keeping wobbly wheel barrows a spin at just the right time.

In between, Arcadia's Mobile Market shared some tips for finding good local produce and how to make apple sauce. Mary Porter harnessed the sun to cook up some tasty eggs in a solar cooker. The Bailey and Gutierrez family, along with another half dozen volunteers, rediscovered the ancient method of fire and cooked up some burgers and dogs. Casey Arnold showed his continued love for HM's Earth Day, and with Gary Porter's help, redirected the gutter to fill the aforementioned cistern. Sue Bernstein and Beth Winkleman, along with many others, returned to direct the annual plant sale.



Kids painted signs for the gardens, taking highly creative approaches to new words: "Rude-a-baga"? "Sure, why not." Other students painted planting pots and took them home. Mrs. Streavig and the drum circle entertained, and the drum circle expanded to include anyone will to bang a stick with some semblance of rhythm.

"Another fabulous Earth Day celebration is in the books!" said Principal Jon Gates. "Without a doubt, Earth Day is one of my very favorite days at HM. It captures so much that makes our school a wonderful place for students, staff, families and community members."

Thanks to all who participated, both in front of and behind the scenes. We never could have pulled it off without you.

--Tyson Brown and Jen Finnegan

REFLECTIONS

Reflections is a 40 year old National PTA program that encourages students to express themselves through different artistic mediums. The celebration for the participants and recognized works of students was held on April 20. This year HM had 249 students that entered, more than any other school in Fairfax county or Northern Virginia. This year's pre selected theme was "Diversity means..." and students expressed themselves through visual arts, dance, film and literature. All of the HM's recognized artists and participants are currently on display in the cafeteria.



A list of all recognized students was published in the December 2011 Buzzette. Additionally, five students placed in the District/Northern Virginia level: Sam Reid for Film, Olivia Jacobs for Photography, Kiki McDonnell for Dance, Martina Martinez for Art, and Zoe Rapchak for Art.

The Reflections theme for 2012-2013 will be..."The Magic of a Moment"

RUNNING CLUB

Meet Results for Upper Grades

Congratulations to our runners in the 3rd through 6th grades who participated in a meet at West Potomac on April 16. Hollin Meadows made a terrific showing on a warm day. The meet results are as follows:

Girls 100 Meter Dash – 3rd grade

2. Katie Moery

Girls 100 Meter Dash – 4th grade

1. Kaitlyn Lee

Girls 100 Meter Dash – 5th grade

1. Erica Martin
5. Kathleen Holmes

Boys 100 Meter Dash – 5th grade

3. Ephraim Takyi
4. Daniel Lagunas

Girls 4 x 100 Relay – 3rd-4th Grade

2. HM Team A 1:09.97

Boys 4 x 100 Relay – 3rd-4th Grade

6. HM 1:11.47

Boys 1600 Meter Run – 3rd-4th Grade

3. James Newman

Girls 400 Meter Dash – 5th-6th Grade

1. Erica Martin

Girls 800 Meter Run – 3rd-4th Grade

5. Annie Terwilliger

Boys 800 Meter Run – 3rd-4th Grade

5. James Newman

Girls 200 Meter Dash – 3rd Grade

1. Katie Moery

Boys 200 Meter Dash – 3rd Grade

5. Isiah Burdine

Girls 200 Meter Dash – 4th Grade

2. Kaitlyn Lee

Girls 200 Meter Dash – 5th Grade

2. Kathleen Holmes

Boys 200 Meter Dash – 5th Grade

5. Ephraim Takyi

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Are you interested in being on a PTA Committee, chairing an after school activity, or serving as a Room Parent? With 42 different PTA committees, we can definitely use as many volunteers as possible. If there is a specific committee you have wanted to be involved in, let us know. We especially need volunteers to help out with the Chess Club, Drama Club, fundraisers, PTA meetings, Public Relations, Restaurant Nights, School Dance, and Terracycle! If you are interested, please contact Brandy Falk at brandymonk@yahoo.com or (703) 405-5760.

BOX TOPS – FINAL NUMBERS

Please Send in Labels that Expire this Summer!

Box Tops collections for the 2011-2012 school year fell just under our \$1,000 mark of last year, coming in at \$997.70! As many Box Tops are due to expire in June/July, coordinator Abby Clautice is planning to send another batch in to count toward our October collection for the upcoming school year.

Please have a look at the Box Tops you have been saving since the last collection. If they have expiration dates of 6/1/12 or 7/1/12, send those in to teachers now so that we can get credit for those labels.

Thanks for all your help – and keep on clipping!

GIRL SCOUTS NOW ENROLLING FOR 2012-2013

Troop Leaders Also Sought

Girls of all ages are invited to join Girl Scouts for the 2012-2013 school year. Girl Scouts is a fantastic opportunity to make friends, get involved in our community, go on field trips, and of course...sell cookies! Financial aid is available to those who qualify. We are always looking for leaders and parent volunteers as well. If you have any questions, please contact Brandy Falk at brandymonk@yahoo.com or (703) 405-5760.

CUB SCOUT ROCKET DERBY INVITES HM BOYS AND FAMILIES

Save the Date – June 3rd

Cub Scout Pack 876 invites boys and their families from Kindergarten to 4th grade to their Annual Rocket Derby on Sunday, June 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at 8412 Richmond Ave (Wesley United Methodist Church). Kits are \$5 each; boys and their parents put together their own rocket. For more information about the Rocket Derby or Pack 876, please visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/pack876va/>. There will be Scouts and leaders on hand to answer any questions about Cub Scouting and summer camp opportunities for Scouts. There will also be snacks for sale. Pack 876 has been chartered for over 50 years and has boys from Hollin Meadows, Riverside, and Woodley Hills Elementary Schools.

SUMMER CAMP

American Tukong Martial Arts

To learn more about the summer camp program at American Tukong (a Hollin Meadows Partnership Sponsor), call 703-317-9660 or visit the website at <http://www.summertimealexandria.com>

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