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## Principal's Message ~ Words of Williams



### Autumn Greetings

Autumn greetings, whisper nigh,  
 Welcome leaves,  
 Of many hues,  
 Swaying briskly in the wind,  
 Welcome days of much delight,  
 Gracing evening's moonlight.  
 Silhouettes of leafless trees,  
 Dancing in the gloaming  
 of an autumn night,  
 Welcome sounds of peace—be still,  
 Welcome **thanks** of bountiful **giving**.

~SSWilliams07

We have made it through the first grading period! I hope that each and every one of you had a productive, collaborative, and informative parent/teacher conference. Communication between home and school is vital to the overall success of our students' success. As your instructional leader, I am always thinking about ways to make Poplar Tree the best it can possibly be. I think about programs, resources, teaching strategies that effectively tap the learning styles of each child in the most creative ways. I enjoy visiting the classes and seeing active teaching and learning. I enjoy the many conversations I have with the students. They are so insightful. I also value the many conversations I have with you. I like listening to your ideas, answering your questions, and just chatting about the mission and vision of our school and FCPS...We are indeed *Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today*.

~Sharon S. Williams  
Principal



### Calendar of Events!

|                |                           |        |           |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|
| November 11    | Veteran's Day Assembly    | 9:15am | Gym       |
| November 12    | Picture Retake Day!       |        |           |
| November 19    | Annual Thanksgiving Lunch |        | Cafeteria |
| November 20    | PTA Meeting               | 7:00pm | LA Room   |
| November 25    | Two-Hour Early Dismissal! |        |           |
| November 26/27 | Thanksgiving Holiday!     |        |           |

# *Counselors' CAREGRAM* by Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Hirsch

As we head into the second quarter of the year, we are implementing a counseling program meant to fit the specific needs of each grade level:

**Kindergarten** has recently finished their introductory lessons on “I Care Cat” and learning the “I Care Rules”. More topics on friendship skills will continue throughout the year.

A big thank you to all the **first grade** parents who requested that their child be a part of small group counseling. Beginning in November, our Hunter Club Group will begin to help students with impulse control. Because of the large number of students referred to Friendship Group, Mrs. Hirsch will meet with students via lunch groups throughout the year. In guidance lessons, our bullying lessons have been complete and November’s lessons will focus on identifying feelings in others (Polandick and Onder) and impulse control (Shada and Bailey).

**Second grade** is working on extending their caring and friendship skills to one another through identifying how to make and keep friends and how to work cooperatively. Lunch groups will start so all students get a chance to meet at least once and small identified groups will be planned this quarter.

The **third grade** boys group is also beginning in November. This group will focus on solving social problems, listening and responding to others, managing anger, and learning how to join in. A similar group will be beginning for girls later in the year. If you are interested in having your child join, please contact Mrs. Hirsch. Similarly, the topic for November’s guidance lessons is cooperation.

**Fourth** grade has had the opportunity to learn from our counseling intern about goal setting. The next lessons will build on this and look at being responsible. Lunch time groups will also take place for students who are interested in this.

Last month **fifth grade** students in each class began, but did not complete, a “anti-bullying class pledge.” We’ll work on finishing those this month as well as continue our learning on creating a peaceful classroom. **SOAR**—a study and organizational group for 5<sup>th</sup> graders—will the second week of November.

**Sixth grade** is focusing on continuing community service learning that they began last year. All sixth grade students will participate in this at some point of the year. Along with this, a new curriculum is being implemented on goal setting which will be integrated into many lessons as well. Organization is always an important skill, especially in sixth grade so plans are being made to start focusing on this need through small groups.

*Carol Hoffman*  
*Grades K, 2, 4, and 6*

*Shari Hirsch*  
*Grades 1, 3, and 5*

## Just Say No Club

Our “Just Say No” club had a great start this past month. It is not too late for any interested 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> graders to join. Application forms are available in the front office. We will meet in November on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. This month we will be getting ready for our upcoming annual community service project, the toy drive in December. Please see the separate article on this. Again, remember we are meeting a half hour earlier this year, 3:30 – 4:40, due to the earlier dismissal time. We thank parents for coming into the school to pick up their children promptly at 4:30 p.m.

## Toy Drive

The Annual *Just Say No Club* Toy Drive will be November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Just Say No Club members will decorate boxes at their November meeting which will be placed in the lobby around the office for dropping off toys. We know it’s early but please keep this drive in mind if you are out shopping. Please send in new, unwrapped toys. These toys will be picked up by volunteers from Our Neighbor’s Child. Our Neighbor’s Child is a volunteer organization here in Western Fairfax County which supplies toys to families in need for the holiday time. For more information on what they do and to see how you can also volunteer, check out their website: <http://www.ourneighborschild.org>

## Caring, Sharing, Helping Others

As a school we are working towards service to our community as one of our goals. So many families already find ways to show service to others in their own way through their own family activities. If your family is looking for a way to show this, consider being a sponsor for a Holiday Basket this year through Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM). WFCM, along with Our Neighbor’s Child, serve the families in the western part of our county. Last year they provided over 1300 food baskets to families and the anticipation is it will be higher this year. If your family is interested in assisting, check out their website, <http://www.wfcmva.org>, for more information or contact either of the school counselors.

If your family is in need at this time of year, the deadline for Thanksgiving baskets is passed, but we are still able to take requests for December holiday food baskets and/or gifts for children. If this is something your family may be in need of please contact either of the counselors, Mrs. Hirsch or Mrs. Hoffman. Referrals can be made to the county’s program and information is kept confidential.

## Peer Mediation Update: Dear Rich



The Peer Mediation program at Poplar Tree is designed to help students solve conflicts peacefully. Our sixth grade peer mediators have been especially trained in their 5<sup>th</sup> grade year in the skills of mediation—listening to each side of the problem, identifying needs, problem solving and crafting an agreement. Each year, our program mediates between 12 and 15 conflicts between students.

Now our mediators have a brand new idea! *Dear Rich* is a new advice column designed for all Poplar Tree students. If a student has a friendship problem, that student writes a letter, signs only his/her grade level, and puts it in the special box in the library. Our mediators will answer the letter in a new monthly newsletter.

To refer themselves for peer mediation, students just need to complete a peer mediation form and return it to Mrs. Hirsch. To write a letter to *Dear Rich*, students will find the letters and the box in the entrance to the library.

The goal of both of these programs is to create a peaceful school environment that promotes learning, working, and playing together. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hirsch.

## Panther P.E. Playbook



November will be an exciting month in PE. Third through Sixth grades will be playing Lacrosse. Students should be dressed for outdoor PE as long as the temperature does not fall below 40 degrees.

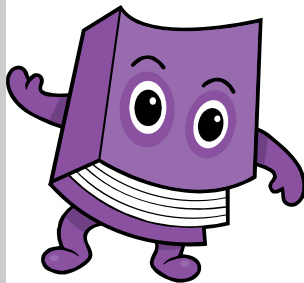
Grades Kindergarten through Second will begin a Striking with Implements unit. We will use a variety of paddles and racquets in games and partner cooperation activities.

November ends with our traditional Turkey Bowl Games.

~Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Wintersteen, and Mrs. Haskell

## Library News

Mrs. Uncles & Mrs. Wilkinson



Thanks to all the parents, teachers, students, and grandparents who came out to support our fall book fair. It was a great success. Because of your generosity, we will be able to purchase new video equipment, printers, and CD players for the school. We would like to send a special thanks to all of our volunteers who helped make this book fair successful. A teacher stopped by the library after the book fair and told me that the book fair was successful because she couldn't get her students to put their books away after silent reading time. They wanted to keep reading! What great news!

During the second quarter, fourth graders will be learning about the Dewey Decimal System and how to use it. (Yes, it is still around and we are still cataloging books this way!) Fifth graders will be learning how to use the FCPS Centrally Purchased Databases and beginning to think about research in preparation for their Global Awareness Technology Project. The sixth grade will be conducting research in the library and in their classrooms on explorers.

We are still hoping to schedule an author to meet with the primary grade levels this year. Our fourth-sixth grade students had a visit from **Dale Alderman**. He spoke to them about the writing and publishing process and talked about his characters from his book, **Unleash the Power, the Adventures of Megadog**.





## “ON BEAT” BY : CHARLIE RING AND CINDY NOBLE

Music is alive at Poplar Tree! On Thursday, October 15, fifty-five Poplar Tree 6<sup>th</sup> graders attended and participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chantilly Choral Pyramid Concert. We are so proud of our students that participated in this wonderful event. There are photos that have been posted from our event. You can access them through [www.chantillychoral.org](http://www.chantillychoral.org) and click on photos, or you can use this direct link: [http://mojofactoryproductions.com/09-10\\_Choral\\_Media\\_Site/Current\\_Albums/Pages/Pyramid\\_Concert.html](http://mojofactoryproductions.com/09-10_Choral_Media_Site/Current_Albums/Pages/Pyramid_Concert.html) .

Fifth Grade Chorus is diligently rehearsing in preparation for their Winter Concert, “Snow Biz!” on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the cafeteria. The chorus needs to borrow the following items to be used as props in this show. If you are able to lend any of these items, please send them in to Mr. Ring or Mrs. Noble. Thanks!

**A Pair of Skis**

**A Pair of Ski Poles**

**7 Snowboards**

**1-2 Sleds (Radio Flyer is preferred)**

**Snow Goggles**

On Wednesday, November 11, all Poplar Tree students will participate in the school-wide Veterans Day Assembly. All kindergarten through sixth grade students will sing a military medley to include the Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Air Force songs in addition to “The Star Spangled Banner” and our school song, “Rockin’ Panthers.”

Here are just a few of the many lessons and activities Mrs. Noble’s and Mr. Ring’s general music classes have been working on during the past month:

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** An ensemble piece titled “Panthers!”

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** The round “One Bottle of Pop” and “We’re in the Fifth Grade” on barred instruments. The music terms staccato and legato with the song “Skeleton Gelatin.”

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Reviewing the recorder notes B, A, G, low E and D. Recorder and barred instrument piece “Skin and Bones.”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Have begun playing the recorder for the first time. They are learning proper playing position and technique. They have been learning songs that contain the note B.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Created their own melodies to the rhythm of the poem “Coffee in the Pot.” Barred instrument and hand drum activities.

**Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Learning self-space, stationary and traveling movements. Playing non-pitched percussion instruments including metal, wood, and drums. Steady beat activities. Columbus Day songs and pumpkin songs.

**November Song-of-the-Month:** “America” (My Country ‘Tis of Thee’).



## Brush Strokes — Art News by: Mr. Watts and Ms. Mead

**ART PROJECTS ALL AROUND!** Kindergarten is completing a cutting shapes house project. They are using skills they learned from a “Cutting Shapes” chart. First grade is learning about architecture by adding details to their paper bag houses. Ms. Bauer’s second grade class completed a paper weaving projects. They are on display in the second grade hallway. Third grade completed contour self portraits. After reducing and copying each student’s portrait four times, we will work in the style of Andy Warhol with color. Fourth grade has finished a bookmaking project. They illustrated their personal memories. Fifth grade is completing their “Take a Hike” projects they started with Ms Haab (She is now doing her student teaching now at Chantilly High School). They will also start a contour tree drawing unit. Sixth grade is hard at work on their clay project and will be completing it soon. My special needs classes have done several projects. Look for their completed sculpture on the wall outside near Office Two area.



# PTA President's Message



Thanks to all of you who supported our Sally Foster Fundraiser this year. Due to your overall support, the PTA can supply the necessary resources to fund many programs at our school.

I want to especially thank Jennifer Alvarez and Jason Ryder. They spent countless hours making flyers, entering order data, running contests and even got sticky hosting the ice cream socials.

The PTA has offered Sally Foster as our Fall Fundraiser for two years now. We are always looking for new ideas to raise money to support our school. I will be sending out a survey shortly asking some questions that will assist us in our decision making for next year's Fall Fundraiser. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

The school directories have been sent out. A special thanks goes to Arian Hadley who created our fabulous directory. If you are a PTA member, you should have received your directory last week. If you did not receive one, please send an email to Arian Hadley at [hadley@mindspring.com](mailto:hadley@mindspring.com). If you are not a PTA member and would like a school directory, it's not too late to sign up to be a member. Fill out the membership form at <http://www.poplartreepta.com> and follow the directions.

Our first Family Bingo Night is scheduled for Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7pm. This is a fun filled evening that your entire family will enjoy. Karen Cragg and Wendy Ryan have been coordinating our family bingo nights for several years now. Come on out, have fun and support your school at the same time.

In addition, our craft fair is scheduled for Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We are looking for vendors at this time. If you know of anyone that might be interested in being a vendor, please have them contact Lara Agan, [laraagan@mac.com](mailto:laraagan@mac.com) or Michelle Brennan, [brennanml@aol.com](mailto:brennanml@aol.com). If you are interested in helping out with our Santa Shop, please contact Lara and Michelle too.

During the craft fair, we will host our first chili cook-off challenge. More information will be following soon. The chili challenge invitation will be sent out to all our Poplar Tree men. So, if you are a Poplar Tree man and you think you have manly enough chili to compete, look out for our flyer soon.

On a much more serious note, our school system is facing a \$176M short fall for the 2011 school year. Last Saturday a few Poplar Tree parents including myself attended the county budget meeting at Centreville Regional Library. We listened to county and school board officials describe the bleak budget forecast. At this time, I am asking all of you to familiarize yourself with the 2011 budget by going to <http://www.fcps.edu>. If there is a program or position that is vital to the well being of your child and/or school, I urge you to send an email to the school board and your county delegates.

Our next PTA meeting is set for Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7PM in the Language Arts Room. Bring a friend and hope to see you there.

As we head into the Thanksgiving holidays, I would like to say thanks to all of you. Thanks for the time and effort you contribute to our Poplar Tree Community.

I wish you a healthy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

*Christy McFerrer*, PTA President  
[christy.mcferrer@verizon.net](mailto:christy.mcferrer@verizon.net)  
**(703) 263-9656 or (703) 955-2267**

## Sally Foster Fundraiser

Thank You!!!



Thank you for supporting our Sally Foster fundraiser!

Because of your order and many others like yours, our profit from Sally Foster this year will exceed \$12,500.00

**Thank you for your support!**  
*Jennifer Alvarez and Jason Ryder*  
**Your Sally Foster Chairpersons**

**Remember...**our school continues to earn 50% profit on every purchase made on [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) throughout the year. Credit for our school is given during the checkout process. When prompted, either enter our school account number **504036** or enter the city and state of our school and select our school name from the list. It's easy!

Online orders from friends and family members will be processed and shipped directly to the purchaser within 7-10 business days. Orders totaling over \$70.00 will receive **FREE** shipping!

*It's an easy way to raise funds for our school! Shop: [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com)*

## Odyssey of the Mind

It's not too late to sign up for **Odyssey of the Mind**! If your child likes to build things or perform in plays, this competition is for them. Students work in teams, supervised by parents, to compete at the district, state and world level. If your child would like to participate, you would like to volunteer to supervise a team, or you would like more information, contact: Laura Moorhead at [laura.moorhead@fcps.edu](mailto:laura.moorhead@fcps.edu).



## Lost and Found

Jackets, sweatshirts and lunchboxes, oh my! The Poplar Tree Lost and Found is full of items waiting to be picked up and taken home. Parents, please ask your child to stop by and check if they are missing anything or check yourself the next time you are visiting the school. The Lost and Found is now located in the cafeteria. There is a rolling garment rack and several bins for smaller items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.





## **Congratulations Mrs. Ziegler's Class !**

**You have won a very special Breakfast  
From Box Tops and Campbell's Labels  
For Education  
Your class total was 1147 !!**

Thank you to all of Poplar Tree for making this our most successful contest yet!!  
As a group, you collected a grand total of **11,890**  
Great Job.....now Keep clipping !!

We'll be back with another contest in January!

### **Did you know your old cell phone is worth fundraising CA\$H?**

We can help save the Earth and make money for our school!

Please bring in any of the following items and place them in the drop off box in the front lobby:

- ◆ Used cell phones
- ◆ Empty laser, fax, copier, and inkjet cartridges
- ◆ Laptops
- ◆ Palm Pilots
- ◆ iPods
- ◆ Video games and systems
- ◆ GPS systems
- ◆ DVDs
- ◆ Digital cameras



These recyclable items will be returned to Cartridges for Kids® (CFK), who then pays the school cash for the items—anywhere from 50 cents to \$80 per item!

To learn more about Poplar Tree's Cartridges for Kids recycling program, please contact Margo Harris at [margo@margoharris.com](mailto:margo@margoharris.com). For more information, visit [www.cartridgesforkids.com](http://www.cartridgesforkids.com).

**Parents: Does your company provide cell phones? If so...please ask them to support our school by donating their old cell phones. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts!**



# What is Blackboard and How do I Use It?

When you hear about blackboard in our schools today, chances are the reference is not to slate and chalk, but rather to “FCPS 24-7 Learning” powered by Blackboard, the virtual classroom - to which students and parents alike have access.

<http://fcps.blackboard.com>

The virtual classroom is just one part of the Blackboard experience. FCPS Blackboard is really more of an online portal where users can access customized content. For example, I can access classes for both my children along with different modules, such as a parent integrated calendar, and other modules I can choose to display. The support number provided is actually 24 x 7. If you are like me and can't remember the username you created when your 5<sup>th</sup> grader was back in Kindergarten they are very helpful.

I would imagine the greatest interest to many parents is the activity happening in your child's class. This is where the virtual classroom and the content placed there by teachers helps to keep parents in the loop. Our teachers do a wonderful job communicating to us via the Friday folders, notes on our kids' assignments, interim reports, and various other hard-copy materials. Adding the convenience of being able to go online and review much of this material is easy, saves time, and allows everyone to stay involved. Homework assignments are available, when field trips are scheduled, review the overall curriculum for the year, find teacher contact information and much more.

The use of Blackboard tends to become more pervasive as your child progresses to higher grades. And this makes sense as its value to the student rises as they become more adept at using such a tool. Likewise, teachers of higher grades tend to populate their online classrooms with more content, because the tool is being used.

What I am suggesting to parents is to try the following:

1. Sign up for a Parent Account.
2. Familiarize yourself with how your child's teacher is using it.
3. Let the teacher know it is something you are viewing and interested in using.
4. Make suggestions on what type of content would be useful.
5. Have reasonable expectations. As I stated, our teachers do a great job communicating. Blackboard is just one more tool. Don't expect the entire contents of Friday folders to be scanned and place online. However, if your teacher is already printing a document that lists subjects to be covered in the upcoming week, it is simple for them to place that document in their virtual classroom.

I can just imagine what my son will be saying 30 years from now... “Back in my day, we didn't have voice-activated holographic simulations of Armstrong landing on the moon. We had to strain our eyes to read about it, then push buttons on a computer to get our homework on it – AND WE LIKED IT!!!!!!”

**Tim Brunner**  
**PTA Technology Committee Chair**



## **Poplar Tree Elementary PTA 5th Annual Craft Fair December 5, 2009**

### **Crafters Needed**

- PLACE:** Poplar Tree Elementary School  
13440 Melville Lane  
Chantilly, VA
- PARKING:** Available at side of school or on street. **PLEASE  
REPAK YOUR CAR AFTER UNLOADING.**
- DATE & TIME:** Saturday, December 5, 2009.  
Set-up available Friday evening 6pm – 8pm, or Saturday  
morning beginning at 7:30 am. Please be set-up by 8:45  
a.m. and remain set-up until 3 p.m.
- RENTAL SPACE:** Fee is \$50 per each 10' X 6' space. Limited supplies of ta-  
bles are available for \$10 each. Chairs will be provided. A  
limited number of electrical outlets are available on a first  
come, first served basis.
- REFRESHMENTS:** Coffee, soda and baked goods will be sold at the Craft  
Show.

We will be raffling off craft items donated by crafters from the show. We ask that each crafter consider donating an item valued at \$5 or greater to help in our fund-raising efforts.

For more information contact Lara Agan, Lara Agan ([LaraAgan@mac.com](mailto:LaraAgan@mac.com))  
703-449-1753 and Michelle Brennan ([brennanml@aol.com](mailto:brennanml@aol.com)) 703-266-7411



Poplar Tree Elementary PTA

## Craft Fair

December 5, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

I agree to rent \_\_\_\_\_ 10' X 6' sales space at \$50 per space. This rental agreement releases Poplar Tree PTA from any and all liability for any damage, injury or loss to any person or goods for any cause whatsoever during the craft show, or while arriving or departing. I wish to rent \_\_\_\_\_ tables at \$10 per table. All spaces will remain open until 3 p.m. No early strike down will be allowed.

Please print or type:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Craft \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Requests \_\_\_\_\_

**Make all checks payable to Poplar Tree PTA**

**Mail this contract and check to:**

**Lara Agan**

**4607 Granite Rock Ct.**

**Chantilly, VA 20151**

## Brain Gym Seminar

Brain Gym® movements, exercises, or activities recall the movements naturally done during the first years of life when learning to coordinate the eyes, ears, hands, and whole body. Clients, teachers, and students have been reporting for over 20 years on the effectiveness of these simple activities. Even though it is not clear yet "why" these movements work so well, they often bring about dramatic improvements in areas such as:

- Concentration and Focus
- Memory
- Academics: reading, writing, math, test taking
- Physical coordination
- Relationships
- Self-responsibility
- Organization skills

Attitude

Need more information? Check out [www.braingym.org](http://www.braingym.org).

The PTA is considering bringing in someone to teach Brain Gym to teachers and members of the community. Please let us know if you are interested in participating by filling out the survey and returning it to the school office by Friday November 13. The seminar would last 1.5- 2hours for everyone to receive the most benefit out of the seminar.

Please list ALL days you would most likely be able to attend for a seminar in the evening:

\_\_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_\_T \_\_\_\_\_W \_\_\_\_\_Th \_\_\_\_\_F

Time of Seminar (mark all times you are willing to attend)

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:30-8:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 7-9

Would you be willing to pay a \$5 entry fee? We have not decided if we would charge an entry fee at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please contact Jennifer Alvarez if you have any questions at [Jen.Alvarez@gmail.com](mailto:Jen.Alvarez@gmail.com)

# Congratulations to the Winners at the Ice Cream Social

| Item                            | Winner                              |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nintendo DSi                    | Julie Buschor Paska-4               |
| Nintendo DSi                    | Paul McClain Polandick-1            |
| Portable DVD Player             | Christina Alvarez Reynolds-K        |
| iPod Shuffle                    | Tiffany Phan Payne-6                |
| Digital Camera                  | Alexander Alvarez Polandick-1       |
| \$50 Gift Card-Target           | Colton Applegate Penley-4           |
| \$50 Gift Card-Target           | Ryan Swindell Bauer-2               |
| \$25 Gift Card-Target*          | Adam Reyda LaCroix-6                |
| \$25 Gift Card-Target*          | Blake Jocuns Melchiori-K            |
| Movie Passes * (Centreville)    | Michael Peak Meidlinger-3           |
| Movie Passes * (Centreville)    | Macie Vance Shada-1                 |
| Bowling Passes for 4 (w/shoes)* | Turner Applegate Reynolds-K         |
| Bowling Passes for 4*           | Davyd Pardo Ziegler-6               |
| Bowling Passes for 3*           | Caroline Barnes Goffee-5            |
| Bowling Passes for 3*           | Tristan Munsterman Penley-4         |
| Money Machine: Items Sold-48    | Katrina Simi Penley-4               |
| Money Machine: Items Sold-44    | Anna Turtiainen Beverage-3          |
| Money Machine: Items Sold-42    | Kaylee Doyle Meidlinger-3 (no show) |
| Money Machine: Items Sold-42    | Adam Reyda LaCroix-6                |
| Money Machine: Items Sold-40    | Tristan Munsterman Penley-4         |
| Money Machine: Items Sold-40    | Bryan Parolek Wetherby-3            |
| Money Machine: Items Sold-40    | Carley Rynex Schnieders-1           |
| Money Machine: Items Sold-40    | Tiffany Phan Payne-6                |

# Staff Appreciation

Greetings Poplar Tree Families,

This has been a busy month for the Staff Appreciation Committee. Thanks to your generous candy, cash and gift card donations we were able to present the entire faculty and staff with yummy candy bags for Halloween and twenty six staff members received \$5 gift cards to Starbucks. Here is a list of our lucky recipients:

|                   |               |                |                   |                 |           |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Dia Hays          | Connie Combs  | Jen Brown      | Hyeon Baek        | Ashley Rice     | Mary Ward |
| Teresa Carter     | Denise Bauer  | Rachel Crowder | Pam Gomez         | Judy LaCroix    |           |
| Marietta Hamilton | Heather Smith | Elissa Kmetz   | Shari Hirsh       | Cindy Noble     |           |
| Patty Hilburn     | Erin Beverage | Ashley Chance  | Cindi Uncles      | Lynn Kiewel     |           |
| Beckie Polandick  | Diane Hurd    | Becky Puckett  | Karen Wintersteen | Carolina Dianas |           |

\*If you did not find a candy bag in your mailbox please let us know at [cpmclain715@yahoo.com](mailto:cpmclain715@yahoo.com)

On behalf of the Poplar Tree PTA, the Staff Appreciation Committee also provided a wonderful dinner for the custodial staff on October 15th during Custodian Appreciation Week. Mr. King and his staff do such a great job keeping our school clean and safe!!!!

This month the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes will sponsor a Pasta and Salad Bar Luncheon in the Language Arts Room on **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families please look out for flyers with more details in your child's Friday folder.

## Save the Date:

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** is the Annual Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange. More information is coming.....

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Chelese McClain at 703.802.3044 or [cpmclain715@yahoo.com](mailto:cpmclain715@yahoo.com).

Thanks so much for your support!

Chelese McClain and Melissa Walsh

Staff Appreciation Chairs