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The Shreveewood Bulletin

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The President's Pen

Hello Shreveewood Parents and Staff,

It is hard to believe there is only about a month of school left. All of the springtime activities (and maybe a little Spring Fever) seem to make the time fly.

This month we wrapped up our Cultural Arts program for the year with the students enjoying a performance by a group of Chinese Acrobats. We also enjoyed some great games at Bingo Night, with some great prizes won and lots of food and fun.

We want to say a big thank you to Barb LaMonaca and all the people who participated in Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. All the hard work paid off and I am sure Shreveewood's staff know they are appreciated.

We also would like to thank all the parents who came to the last PTA meeting. We were able to fill several important positions and are thrilled to have some new people helping to make Shreveewood a great place to be.

We have our nominations for the PTA board for next year. We will vote on the board at our June meeting. It is not too late to get involved—we have one more meeting this year, and would love to see you there!

Sincerely,
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Co-Presidents

Vote for Your PTA Board

Please come to the June 9 PTA meeting and vote on the nominees for the 2009-2010 PTA Board.

Nominees are:

Amy Yam - President
Krista Cook - Vice President

Laurie Beymer - Treasurer
Mary Kubisch - Secretary

We hope you will attend and participate in the vote. Everyone is welcome!

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Chinese Acrobats Wow Shreveewood

The Fabulous Chinese Acrobats were FABULOUS!

The traditional Chinese acrobatic troop, on tour in America, were a huge hit with our Shreveewood students.

The performers dazzled the audience with feats of

balance and strength. They wowed the crowd with unicycling, juggling, Chinese yo-yo tricks, and many more amazing feats.

The students and teachers had a chance to get in on the act as they tried to balance paper on their noses. Mr. Ice and Mr. Schmidt were particularly

good at this, surprising even themselves.

Thank you to all PTA members—your annual dues make events like this possible for our school.

Anita Bruck
Cultural Arts Chairperson

Dates to Remember:

- May 25: Memorial Day Holiday
- May 30: Relay for Life
- June 4: Spring Concert
- June 8: Field Day
- June 9: PTA Meeting, 7:30
- June 17: 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- June 18: Last Day of School



Shreveewood Teacher Exhibiting Work

Katie Pesce, a 2nd grade teacher at Shreveewood, will be exhibiting her nature and travel photography at the 28th Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival.

Ms. Pesce trained at Elon University in North Carolina and attended several workshops at the Maine Photographic

Summer Workshops in Rockport, Maine.

The Waterfront Festival is on Saturday, June 20 (10am-11pm) and Sunday, June 21 (11am- 5pm). It is held at Oronoco Bay Park on the Alexandria, Virginia waterfront.

There is something for everyone, including live

music, a tall ship, food, crafts, games, and rides!

Stop by Katie's exhibit and say 'Hello'!

For more information on the festival visit: www.waterfrontfestival.org

Katie's photography website is: katiepesce.zenfolio.com

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week



Thank you to everyone who made this year's PTA Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week a big success. Each day brought a new treat, and considering the comments, smiles, and excitement, it seems they felt appreciated!

How did we say "thank you" to an entire building of teachers and staff here at Shreveewood?

Monday, the staff lounge was decorated with flowers, and a breakfast of fresh fruit and croissants was served.

Tuesday, Mr. Phoon, a Shreveewood parent and the owner of Malaysia Kopitiam Restaurant in Washington, DC, provided a delicious lunch.

Wednesday, Paul LaMonaca cooked a special pasta lunch

and Mike Beyer of Don Beyer Volvo delivered delicious desserts.

Thursday, a delicious Baja Fresh lunch was enjoyed by all, thanks to Jose, manager at the Falls Plaza location, who gave a generous discount.

Friday, a pizza lunch was delivered by Domino's in Falls Plaza. We thank the manager Dave for the big discount. A prize raffle also was held on Friday.

Throughout the week, Mary Kubisch of M & M Mobile Massage and Agnes Pavel provided relaxing seated massages.

Thank you to all the parents who generously donated cash, tickets, gift certificates, baskets

and many other goodies to make this celebration such a huge success!

A big note of appreciation to all the parents who helped behind the scenes. Special thanks to: Lori Jeffrey, who coordinated the volunteers; Lori Beymer kept the accounts straight; Lucy Wagner helped with the raffle and the lounge set up and clean up; Anja Jacobi helped make the raffle a success; Amy Yam coordinated the lunches.

We couldn't have made this such a special week for our terrific staff without you.

Thank you all!!

Barbara LaMonaca
Chairperson

Relay For Life

The Relay for Life walk is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It is a 24-hour fundraising walk to help raise money for the fight against cancer.

Our Shreveewood Elementary team, the **Hootin' Owls**, will be participating in the Falls Church Relay for Life on May 30th at George Mason High School. Our

teachers and parents will take turns walking around the track all night.

Anyone interested in donating or participating can go to the website (www.fallschurchrelay.org) and search under **Hootin' Owls**. If you have any questions, you can email Team Captain, Mr. Evan Burlew at Evan.Burlew@fcps.edu.

T-Shirts Still Available

If you did not get a Shreveewood t-shirt, now is your chance! We have limited sizes available., and if you are interested please email or call Lucy Wagner to inquire about sizes and prices.

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Bingo Night Fun

Shreveewood held its annual Bingo Night on May 1st. We had a great turnout and raised \$1,500 for the PTA.

Everyone had fun playing games, munching on pizza and bake sale snacks, and saying “hi” to some of their teachers who stopped by to call a Bingo game or two! A huge THANK YOU to all teachers who donated prizes—they were a big hit with the students. And many thanks to all the families who attended and made this event such a success!




Lost & Found

There are many, many unclaimed items in the Shreveewood Lost and Found, located in the cafeteria.

Check the Lost & Found for your missing coats, sweatshirts, and lunch boxes.

Please bring your lost ones home!



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