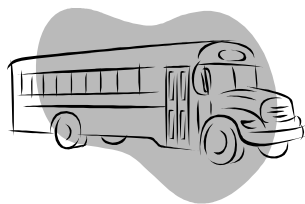


# PERRY HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

## BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME 2006-2007



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### FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Welcome to Perry Hall Middle School! The school year is already off to a great start. The PTSA has been hard at work planning this year's events and activities. I want to thank all of our volunteers who have put in so many hours already to ensure another successful year. Our treasurer has prepared the annual PTSA budget for presentation and approval at the General Meeting, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Our PTSA hospitality committee treated our teachers to a special "welcome back" breakfast on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Our membership committee has been hard at work planning and preparing for this year's membership drive. Our Ways & Means/Fundraiser chair has organized this year's Cherrydale Farms Gifts & Wrap sale. The Spiritwear Committee has gathered up inventory and is ready to take your orders for this year. We've rolled out a brand new and improved Web site and our newsletter editor is already laying out the first issue of our award-

winning Panther Beat. There's so much. It's impossible to list everything. (I'm sure I've left out so much.) Thanks to everyone who "make it happen" year after year.

In this special PTSA Back to School News you'll learn about volunteer opportunities, fundraising information, and more about the Perry Hall Middle School PTSA board and activities planned for this year.

Thank you for taking such an active interest in your child's school and education. Your involvement—even the fact that you are reading this letter, shows you care. Our excellent parent involvement is one of the things that makes Perry Hall Middle School such a great school.

Perry Hall Middle School

Thank you for your time.  
Terri Smith

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### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4 School Closed: Labor Day
- 6 Back-to-School Night Grade 6 and PTSA General Meeting, 6:45PM
- 7 & 8 School Pictures
- 12 School Closed: Primary Election Day
- 13 Back-to-School Night Grade 7 & 8, 6:45PM
- 15 Cherrydale Farms Fundraiser Kick-off
- 15 Grade 6 Welcome Dance, 3 - 4:30PM
- 18 Market Day Pick-up, 6:30 - 8PM
- 19 PTSA Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room. All are welcome!
- 29 Cherrydale Farms Fundraiser orders due. Please support the PTSA.

### PTSA MEETINGS, 7PM

- Tuesday, September 19, 2006
- Tuesday, October 10, 2006
- Tuesday, November 14, 2006
- Tuesday, December 5, 2006
- Tuesday, January 9, 2007
- Tuesday, February 13, 2007
- Tuesday, March 13, 2007
- Tuesday, April 17, 2007
- Tuesday, May 8, 2007
- Tuesday, June 5, 2007

See inside for a more complete list of events for the year.

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW PTSA WEB SITE

[Www.perryhallmiddleschoolptsa.org](http://www.perryhallmiddleschoolptsa.org)

After nine years of Web hosting template service, Myschoolonline.com is discontinuing offering their Web template hosting service for teachers and PTAs. So, over the summer, we researched other options and now have a new domain name and Web host. While some of the pages are still under construction, this is already a valuable tool for parents, guardians and caregivers to stay connected and informed about school and PTSA activities and news.

The site includes links to:

- Monthly lunch menus
- School supply list
- School Web site link
- PTSA membership info
- Calendar of events
- Fundraiser info
- PTSA committee contacts & descriptions
- PTA resources
- Meeting minutes
- Forms
- Our legislators
- And much more.

Check it out. Be sure to "bookmark" or add to your "favorites" for a quick link to this valuable site.

We also have an e-announcement distribution list. Just send your e-mail address to [phmsptsa@comcast.net](mailto:phmsptsa@comcast.net) and include your name and the word "subscribe" and you'll begin receiving bi-weekly e-announcements about upcoming PTSA and other school events and activities.

If you are interested in helping out with this Web site, please e-mail Terri Smith, [hawsmith@comcast.net](mailto:hawsmith@comcast.net)



**We're on the Web**

### HELP WANTED WEBMASTER

Great job for someone looking for evening or weekend volunteer opportunities. Experience with Microsoft FrontPage a plus. Must have a computer with Internet access. E-mail [hawsmith@comcast.net](mailto:hawsmith@comcast.net)

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: "ALL ABOARD! -JOIN THE PTSA TRAIN"

Our PTSA membership drive is already under way. All parents and students are urged to join the Perry Hall Middle School PTSA. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives and friends can also show their support by joining. Everyone who cares about children can belong to the PTSA. Membership is only \$5.00 per person for the entire school-year and automatically includes membership in the Maryland and National PTA.

Our goal is 100% participation! Homerooms with 100% PTSA membership by October 31<sup>st</sup> (that's each student and at least one parent or guardian per student) get a special pizza party... so send in your dues today.

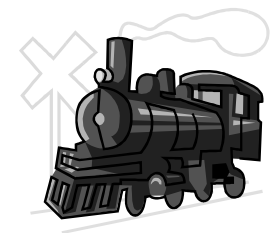
And remember, students that join will receive a special treat or prize during their lunch shift.

Please consider joining this wonderful organization. You don't have to attend

any meetings, although we encourage and welcome you to do so.

Will your homeroom have 100% membership? Please send in your dues today. Checks should be made payable to "PHMS PTSA" and sent into school in an envelope addressed to "PTSA Membership." Please be sure to include the student's name and your name. Thank you.

Membership Chair  
Dana Raab



HOMEROOMS WITH 100% MEMBERSHIP (EACH STUDENT AND AT LEAST ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN PER STUDENT) BY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> RECEIVES A PIZZA PARTY!

## CALENDAR OF PTSA AND SCHOOL EVENTS

<u>Date*</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Type</u>
Monday, August 28, 2006	Membership Dues Drive through 11/30/06	PTSA
Monday, August 28, 2006	Opening Day for Students	BCPS
Monday, September 04	Labor Day—Schools and Offices Closed	BCPS
Wednesday, September 06	Grade 6, Back-to-School Night, 6:45PM - 9PM	School
Thursday, September 07	School Pictures	School
Friday, September 08, 2006	School Pictures	School
Tuesday, September 12	Primary Election Day – Schools and Offices Closed	BCPS
Wednesday, September 13	Grade 7 & 8, Back-to-School Night, 6:45PM - 9PM	School
Friday, September 15, 2006	Grade 6 Welcome Dance, 3 - 4:30PM	SC
Friday, September 15, 2006	PTSA Cherrydale Farms Fundraiser kick-off	PTSA
Monday, September 18	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA
Tuesday, September 19	Incoming Instrumental Band Parents, 7 - 8PM	School
Tuesday, September 19	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Friday, September 29	Cherrydale Farms fundraiser orders due	PTSA
Monday, October 02, 2006	Schools and Offices Closed-Yom Kippur	BCPS
Friday, October 06, 2006	PTSA Family Social, BINGO: 7PM in the cafeteria	PTSA
Tuesday, October 10, 2006	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Wednesday, October 11	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA
Friday, October 20, 2006	Schools Closed for Students- Professional Development—MSTA Con- vention	BCPS
Friday, October 27, 2006	Student Council Dance, 3 - 4:30PM	SC
Wed, November 1, 2006	Cherrydale Farms merchandise pick-up	PTSA
Friday, November 03, 2006	First Marking Period Ends	BCPS
Friday, November 03, 2006	PTSA Family Social, BINGO: 7PM in the cafeteria	PTSA
Monday, November 06	Schools Closed for all Students: Assessment Day for Elementary and Middle Schools and/or Site Based Professional Development	BCPS
Tuesday, November 07	Schools and Offices Closed - Election Day	BCPS
Wednesday, November 08	Drama Auditions, 3 - 6PM	School
Wednesday, November 08	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA
Wednesday, November 08	Student Council War of Cans begins during homeroom thru Nov. 30th	SC
November 09 & 10	Drama Auditions, 3 - 6PM	School
Monday, November 13	American Education Week 13th - 17th	BCPS
Tuesday, November 14	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Tuesday, November 14	Turkey Trot Grade 6, 2 - 5 PM (rain date: 11/16/06)	School
Wednesday, November 15	Turkey Trot Grades 7 & 8, 2 - 5PM (rain date: 11/21/06)	School
Friday, November 17, 2006	Grade 6 Math Night, 5 - 6:30PM	School
Monday, November 20	Distribution of Report Cards	BCPS
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving Holiday—Schools and Offices Closed	BCPS
Friday, November 24, 2006	Thanksgiving Holiday—Schools and Offices Closed	BCPS
Monday, November 27	Student Council Door Decorations Begin during Homeroom	SC
Thursday, November 30	Student Council War of Cans Ends	SC
Friday, December 01, 2006	PTSA Family Social, BINGO: 7PM in the cafeteria	PTSA
Monday, December 04	Toys for Tots Collection Week (Tentative)	PTSA
Tuesday, December 05	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Wednesday, December 06	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA

\*Dates and times subject to change.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Type</u>
Tuesday, December 12	Winter Concert Grade 6	School
Wednesday, December 13	Winter Concert Grade 7	School
Thursday, December 14	Winter Concert Grade 8	School
Wednesday, December 20	Conference Night, 3:30 - 5:30PM Individual then Team	School
Monday, December 25	School Closed: Christmas/Winter Break Begins	BCPS
Wed, January 03, 2007	Schools Reopen	BCPS
Tuesday, January 09, 2007	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Wed, January 10, 2007	Student Council Penny War, all lunch shifts	SC
Monday, January 15, 2007	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday -- Schools and Offices Closed	BCPS
Wed, January 17, 2007	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA
Wed, January 17, 2007	Student Council Penny War, all lunch shifts	SC
Wed, January 24, 2007	Student Council Penny War, all lunch shifts	SC
Friday, January 26, 2007	Second Marking Period Ends—Schools Closed for all Students	BCPS
Wed, January 31, 2007	Student Council Penny War, all lunch shifts	SC
Friday, February 02, 2007	PTSA Family Social, BINGO: 7PM in the cafeteria	PTSA
Thursday, February 08	Distribution of Report Cards	BCPS
Tuesday, February 13, 2007	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Wed, February 14, 2007	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA
Monday, February 19, 2007	Presidents' Day—Schools and Offices Closed	BCPS
Friday, March 02, 2007	PTSA Family Social, BINGO: 7PM in the cafeteria	PTSA
Tuesday, March 13, 2007	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Wednesday, March 14, 2007	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA
Thursday, March 15, 2007	Scholarship application deadline (tentative)	PTSA
Friday, March 30, 2007	Drama Musical Production	School
Saturday, March 31, 2007	Drama Musical Production	School
Wednesday, April 04, 2007	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA
Thursday, April 05, 2007	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (tentative) 12:30PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Thursday, April 05, 2007	Third Marking Period Ends—Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students	BCPS
Friday, April 06, 2007	Schools Closed: Easter/Spring Break Begins through 4/15/07	BCPS
Monday, April 16, 2007	Schools Reopen	BCPS
Tuesday, April 17, 2007	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Thursday, April 26, 2007	Distribution of Report Cards	BCPS
Friday, May 04, 2007	Star Search Talent Show (tentative), 7PM	PTSA
Tuesday, May 08, 2007	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7PM in the meeting room	PTSA
May 14, 15, 16, 17 2007	Spring Concert	School
Monday, May 21, 2007	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA
Monday, May 28, 2007	Memorial Day Observed—Schools and Offices Closed	BCPS
Tuesday, June 05, 2007	PTSA Executive Board Meeting/Dinner, 6:30PM in the meeting room	PTSA
Friday, June 08, 2007	Grade 8 Pool Party, Grade 6 AAA Day, Grade 7 Challenge Day	School
Wednesday, June 13, 2007	Market Day Pick-up, 6:30PM - 8PM	PTSA
Monday, June 18, 2007	Assessment Day**: Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students	BCPS
Tuesday, June 19, 2007	Last Day of Classes for Students; Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Students; Teachers on Duty	BCPS
Year-round	BoxTops for Education collection	PTSA
Year-round	Campbells Soup Labels collection	PTSA
Year-round, Fridays	Friday Morning Coffee Service for teachers - donations needed.	PTSA

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## PTSA Board Members

### PTSA Officers:

President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
Treasurer  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary

Terri Smith  
Teri Bibeault  
Sharon Rogowski  
John Wisniewski  
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Kathy Case

### Perry Hall Middle School Officials:

Principal  
Assistant Principal - 6th Grade  
Assistant Principal - 7th Grade  
Assistant Principal - 8th Grade

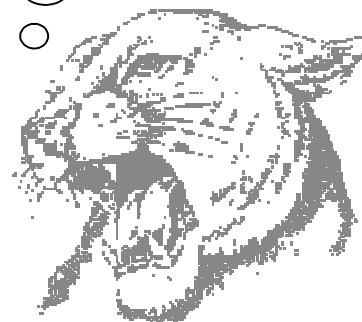
Al Zink  
Sharon Sacra  
Seth Barish  
Roberta Newnan

### PTSA Chairman and Representatives:

Beautification  
Business Liaison  
Bylaws  
Ed. Labels - GM Box Tops  
Ed. Labels - Campbell's  
Family Socials - BINGO  
Friday Morning Faculty Coffee  
Gold Scholar Award Card  
Hospitality  
Legislative  
Market Day  
Membership  
Newsletter Editor  
PHHS Liaison  
Print Shop  
Public Relations  
Scholarship  
School Newsletter Collator  
Spirit Wear  
Student Recognition  
Student Rep. - 6th Grade  
Student Rep. - 7th Grade  
Student Rep. - 8th Grade  
Sunshine  
Talent Show, Star Search  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
Teacher Rep. - 6th Grade  
Teacher Rep. - 7th Grade  
Teacher Rep. - 8th Grade  
Toys for Tots  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Ways & Means  
Web site

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Dee Truitt  
Glenda Gilbert  
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Sue Crispens  
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Terri Sierakowski  
Bonni Schaffer  
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Volunteers are needed for all committees. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about a committee or activity, please e-mail Terri Sierakowski, [terri.siera@verizon.net](mailto:terri.siera@verizon.net)



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#### Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the September issue of the Panther Beat Newsletter are due by August 30th.



Email: Gavin1234@comcast.net  
or leave your typed or printed article in the PTSA mailbox in the Grade 6 Office.

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHERRYDALE FARMS GIFTS & WRAPS PTSA FUNDRAISER

Our Cherrydale Farms Gifts & Wraps fundraiser kicks off Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please support your PTSA.

You may ask, "Why do we need fundraisers if we have a membership drive?" Well, our annual membership drive is but one small way we raise funds for our local unit of the PTSA. The fact is, most of the money raised in our annual membership drive goes to state and national PTA initiatives. Only \$1.75 of each \$5 membership stays with the Perry Hall Middle School PTSA to support our local programs and activities.

Because we sponsor so many activities and programs that benefit our school community directly on a local level, it is necessary for us to conduct additional fundraisers to fund these programs. Over the years, we have raised funds through our annual Cherrydale Farms holiday wraps & gifts fundraiser. If you are not interested in purchasing goods and materials from our current year's fundraiser, that's okay. Monetary donations are more than welcome. Our hope for 2006-07 is to conduct only one successful holiday fundraiser. If each student sells at least three items from the holiday catalog sale or donates \$10 (or any amount you're comfortable giving) to the PHMS PTSA, we will meet our goal and it will not be necessary for us to conduct a second fundraiser in the spring. But we need everyone's support!

Monetary donation should be made payable to "PHMS PTSA" and returned to your child's homeroom teacher in an envelope marked "PTSA donation". All monetary donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. The Perry Hall Middle School PTSA is a local unit of the Maryland Congress of PTAs and is a registered 501(c)3 organization. Thank you in advance for your support.

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## PTSA COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

**Beautification:** In the fall and spring, this committee coordinates volunteers to weed and mulch the grounds in the front of the school, and decorate for seasons or events.

**Market Day:** Works with the PHHS chairman to coordinate and help with distributing flyers, processing orders, coordinating volunteers and assisting with the pick-up of the pre-packaged foods which are ordered in advance. This is on a monthly basis.

- Pick-up is one Wednesday night a month.
- Reminder Phone calls are made each month.

**Print Shop:** This committee duplicates the PTSA monthly newsletter and materials and handouts for teachers that are distributed to students. Volunteers will be trained to use the copy machines. The shop runs during the school day out of the Grade 6 office.

**School Improvement Liaison:** This person attends the monthly school improvement meetings and keeps the PTSA Executive Board informed of any pertinent information.

**Ways and Means/Fall Fundraisers:** (September and October for sure! Also, other possible fund-

raisers, throughout the year) This committee involves the distributing of fundraiser materials, collection of money, coordinating of volunteers and some distribution of the products at delivery/pick-up time.

**Web site:** Keeps Web site updated with PTSA and school events. Computer with Internet access and Microsoft FrontPage required.

If you are interested in chairing or just helping out with one of these or any committee, please call Terri Sierakowski, 410-256-4981 or e-mail, terri.siera@verizon.net