



Perry Hall Middle School PTSA



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A Message From the President

January 25, 2008 will mark the end of the second marking period and the half-way point for the current school year. It's hard to believe that by the time you receive the next issue of this PTSA newsletter (February 2008) the school year will be more than half over!

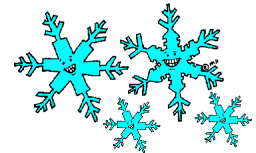
Rounding up, this means your sixth grader will actually be closer to being a seventh grader than a sixth grader, your seventh grader will be closer to being an eighth grader, and your eighth grader will be closer to being a high schooler! (Scary, huh?) This also means my second and final term as president of this great PTSA will come to a close. So we need to start planning for next year now. In this issue of the *Panther Beat* PTSA Newsletter you will find an article regarding nominations and the officer election



process. Please take a minute to read this important article and consider a leadership position for 2008-2009. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or filling an officer position for next year, we'd love to hear from you. Please call or email any current officer (listed on the sidebar) to express your interest.

Enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends.

Terri Smith,
PTSA President



Maryland PTA Achievement Award

The Perry Hall Middle School PTSA was presented with a Maryland PTA Achievement Award — Certificate of Distinction at the Maryland PTA 92nd Annual Convention in Towson, Maryland in November. The purpose of this award is to aid each local unit in achieving the PTA purpose and to allow each local unit to report its accomplishments to Maryland PTA and become a unit in good standing. Our PTSA was honored with the Certification of Distinction because we met all charter requirements plus 25 out of 36 possible points for other accomplishments in the 2006-2007 school year.

Only three schools in Baltimore County achieved this award: Perry Hall Middle School, Gunpowder Elementary School, and Kingsville Elementary School. Both of these elementary schools are feeder schools to Perry Hall Middle.

This is an outstanding achievement we should all be proud of.

We **truly** are a great PTSA!



Nominating Committee Now Forming

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee for 2007/2008, please contact our 1st Vice President, Teri Bibeault, by January 15, 2008 at emaleaddict@comcast.net or 410.592.2693.

The purpose of the nominating committee is to recognize and seek qualified nominees for the elected leadership of the PTSA. The members of the committee, therefore, have a tremendous influence on the future of the PTSA and should be selected carefully. The nominating committee will seek a nominee for each of the following officer positions:

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

Serving on a nominating committee is an honor and a privilege. This committee is the PTSA's most influential internal body, and because it deals with sensitive issues, deliberations of this committee are kept confidential.

Nominating committee members should have a broad

acquaintance with the membership and an understanding of the organization's functions and its purposes. The committee should include both experienced leadership as well as newer members.

To meet the requirements of this position the nominee:

- Must be a PTSA member;
- Must support the purposes and basic policies of the PTSA and recognize that PTSA is an effective organization working for all children and youth;
- Should have effectively carried out previous PTSA and/or other organizational responsibilities;
- Should have knowledge of the organization and its role in the school and community;
- Should be willing to give PTSA priority and commitment including attendance at meetings;
- Must be fair and objective and concerned for the well-being and best interests of the PTSA; and
- Must understand the importance of effective teamwork

Again, if you are interested in serving on the 2007/2008 Perry Hall Middle School Nominating Committee please contact Teri Bibeault today.

We're Looking For You

Our PTSA board is made up of a wide variety of parents and caring adults. We have moms and dads, students, faculty and administrators. Some work part-time, some full-time, and some are stay-at-home moms. We have a CPA, a veterinarian, several teachers, a nurse, a book-keeper, salesmen, a librarian, a computer programmer, and many other occupations represented on our diverse and dedicated board. But they all have one thing in common—they all care about the children at PHMS and are committed to leading this organization and working for its success.

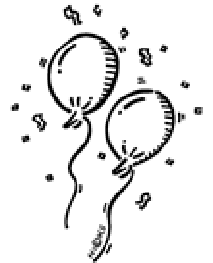
Sadly, the following board members will no longer have children attending PHMS and will be dropping off the board:

- 1st Vice President, Teri Bibeault
- Business Liaison & Ways & Means, Glenn Kraus
- Spirit Wear, Debbie Martin

These are all vital and important positions for us to fill next year. Please consider lending your leadership skills and time. Ideally, we'd like for the incoming chair or officer to "shadow" the current chair for the remainder of the year to learn the ropes, so please contact Terri Smith at hawsmith@comcast.net if you are interested in these or any board position with the PHMS PTSA.

Membership Update

Our PTSA membership drive was a huge success this year. We have 1,597 PHMS PTSA members for the 2007-2008 school year!



We would like to thank our teachers, staff, parents, students, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other family members for their support for such a wonderful organization. We also want to congratulate Madamé Ercolano's class and Mrs. Schneider's class for achieving over 100% homeroom participation! Both of these homerooms received a special "thank you" breakfast on Friday, December 7th.

Thanks again to everyone for showing their support for PHMS PTSA!



PTSA Student Recognition Awards, November 2007



PTSA Student Recognition Awards are given to Perry Hall Middle School students who have shown outstanding achievements or efforts. Each month teachers are asked to nominate students for this award. This month 90 students received a "red bag" award. A total of 263 bags have been given this year. Congratulations to these deserving students!

Dominic A.
Haley A.
Caleb A.
Chris A.
Chandler A.
Jacob B.
Danielle B.
Jen B.
Jordan B.
Briana B.
Emily B.
Josh B.
Kim C.
Brendan C.
Jonathan C.
Tina C.
Kwan C.
Vince C.
Kendal C.
Tyler C.
Emily C.
Jackson C.
Mike D.
Anna D.
Charanjit D.
Paige D.
Lauren D.
Emily D.
Hannah E.
Amna F.

Phillip F.
Samantha G.
Ajeet G.
Ashley G.
Dashaun H.
Sammy H.
Austin H.
Tommy I.
Mohamed I.
Lamond J.
Ishmael J.
Timothy J.
Shannon J.
Grace K.
Jamie K.
Christina K.
Matt L.
Robin M.
Brianna M.
Andrew M.
Charles M.
Stephen M.
Brian M.
Jada M.
Trey M.
Tanner M.
Brian N.
Taylor O.
Sean O.
Quionte' P.

Janae P.
Ashley P.
Chris Q.
Suman R.
Jarrett R.
Alexandra S.
Emma S.
Colleen S.
Danny S.
Sydney S.
Ethan S.
Jaclyn S.
Sarah S.
Jason S.
Laura T.
Karissma T.
Nathanael T.
Tiffany T.
Erin T.
Chris V.
Brian W.
Neil W.
Michael W.
Sydney W.
Breanna W.
Janna W.
Laura W.
Kyhree W.
Richard Y.
Morgan Z.



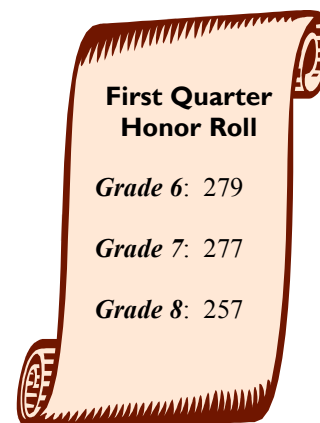
PTSA Gold Card Recipients First Quarter

The PTSA Gold Card Program is designed to award students who achieve Baltimore County Honor Roll status. Perry Hall Middle School is proud to award 813 students out of 1,506 students with this distinction.

Students eligible for the honor must have A's and B's and a maximum of one C that will be offset by at least one A. Students with a D or an E on their report card are automatically ineligible for the honor roll that quarter.

Keep up the good work Panthers !!!

Rita Weber
Gold Card Chairperson



PTSA Award and Scholarships

This year the Perry Hall Middle School PTSA is awarding three \$1,000 academic scholarships and one \$500 Humanitarian award to former PHMS students. Applicants must be graduating high school students and must be a member of their high school PTSA. The "American Spirit" Humanitarian Award application is reprinted below while the Academic Scholarship application is reprinted on page 5. Please pass these along to any qualifying high school student. These applications can also be printed from our Web site: www.phmsptsa.org/Scholarships.htm

PERRY HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA "American Spirit" Humanitarian Award APPLICATION

Student's full name _____ Telephone # _____

Street address _____ City _____ Zip _____

College you expect to attend _____ Approximate tuition _____

Student's work experience (paid or volunteer): _____

Student's awards, honors, sports, extracurricular activities: _____

This award is being given in honor of Bryan Palmer, a former PHMS student, who was known for his good sense of humor, sportsmanship, camaraderie, and compassion. It is the hope of the PHMS PTSA Scholarship Committee that the recipient of the "American Spirit" Award exemplifies similar humanitarian qualities as Bryan exhibited in his life.

On a separate piece of paper, please respond to the following in essay format (in 500 words or less):

Choose a humanitarian quality that you possess and describe how you use it. How will this quality help you in your future?

Send your application, essay, two letters of recommendation: one from a high school teacher and one from a source other than a family member, and a copy of your PTSA 2007-2008 Membership Card to:

Perry Hall Middle School PTSA
Attn: Terry Koogle, Scholarship Committee Chairperson
4300 Ebenezer Road
Baltimore, MD 21236

Deadline of receipt for all award applications: 3:00 pm APRIL 15, 2008. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Please note: Requirements for application include being a former Perry Hall Middle School student, a graduating high school student, and a current member of his/her PTSA.

Student signature _____ Guardian signature _____

**PERRY HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL
PTSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Student's full name _____ Telephone # _____

Street address _____ City _____ Zip _____

College you expect to attend _____ Approximate tuition _____

Student's work experience (paid or volunteer) _____

Student's awards, honors, sports, extracurricular activities: _____

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following question in essay format (500 to 750 words):

“What traits have you exhibited in school that contribute to your academic success and will translate to post high school-life?”

Send your application, essay, two letters of recommendation: one from a high school teacher and one from another source (other than family members), a copy of your transcript, and a copy of your PTSA 2007-2008 Membership Card to:

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PTSA Mission

The mission of the PTSA is threefold:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in our schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; and
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.



We're on the Web
www.phmsptsa.org

Web site and e-announcements

Be sure to "bookmark" our Web site or add it to your "favorites" for a quick link to this valuable site. The site includes links to:

- Calendar of Events
- Fundraiser Info
- Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Lunch Menus
- Forms
- Scholarship Applications
- School Web site Link
- Our Legislators
- PTA Resources
- PTSA Membership Info
- PTSA committee contacts & descriptions

And much more.

We also have an e-announcement distribution list. Just send your e-mail address to webmaster@phmsptsa.org and include your name and the word "subscribe" and you'll begin receiving bi-weekly/weekly e-announcements right to your desktop regarding upcoming PTSA and school events and activities.

Upcoming Dates



Friday, December 21, Christmas/Winter Break begins at end of school day.

Wednesday, January 2, School reopens.

Friday, January 4, Market Day order forms due back to school. (Internet order deadline is January 10).

Tuesday, January 8, PTSA Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00pm.

Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—school closed.

Monday, January 28, Development Day—school closed.

► **Clip and turn in your BoxTops for Education.** ◀

Remember, when you sign up for your Giant's A+ BonusBucksSM Program please be sure to designate **Perry Hall Middle School** using ID # **01646**. And don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children. If you have any questions, contact our PHMS coordinator Felicia Scott at fscot002@yahoo.com or (443)253-5415.



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