



Perry Hall Middle School PTSA



PANTHER BEAT

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A Message From the President

As we continue to strive toward our goals for the school year, I would like to take the time to thank all of our many volunteers who tirelessly donate their time and energies to meet our PTSA objectives. From coordinating events to sorting and packing Market Day orders to copying and collating our newsletter, I am truly thankful for all of the efforts of both parents and students alike. Unfortunately, many of our committee leaders and key volunteers will be moving on to other endeavors next year, as their children embark on their high school years. As we continue to move forward, it is imperative that we find effective leadership for these committees as expeditiously as possible. This will provide the opportunity for shared responsibilities as well as allow a smoother transition for both the incoming and outgoing committee leaders. Please take an inventory of your abilities and interests and be generous with your time, understanding that a majority of our committee leaders work full-time, also. If we come together we can continue to achieve our goals and make our PTSA a success for all involved, namely our students.

Perhaps you have never had the opportunity to become involved in PTSA activities and are reluctant to begin now. Perhaps you have served in another PTA in the past and found the experience was not what you expected. I invite you to put aside any reservations you might have and please visit our next PTSA meeting, to be held at the school on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm. I invite you to attend this meeting and meet other parents, students, and teachers who share the same goal of enriching the middle school experience for all involved.

Thank you, again, to all of the many current PTSA volunteers, and welcome to the many potential volunteers on the horizon. I hope to meet you soon, and look forward to working with you to ensure that the success of our PTSA continues.

Best regards,

Heather Patti
PTSA President

BOX TOPS AND CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS



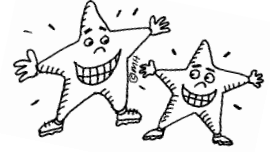
Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels have been tremendously successful this year! Thanks go out to our coordinator, Glenda Gilbert, for all of her hard work in helping our PTSA to achieve its goals. Please continue to submit your Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education so we can redeem them for the benefit of our students.

While supplies last, complete your Box Tops for Education "Bubble Sheet" (reprinted on page 5) and receive a FREE Chick-fil-a product! Please be sure to firmly attach your Box Tops to ensure 25 tops per sheet. Also, remember to check our website for important updates, downloadable forms, and general information: <http://www.phmsptsa.org>

Please Note: We must have our Box Tops postmarked to General Mills by February 28th. Kindly send in your Box Tops to us by February 13th in order to allow us time to prepare them for submission.



PTSA Student Recognition Awards, December 2008



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 98 students received a "red bag" award. A total of 356 bags have been given this year. Congratulations to these deserving students!

Spencer A.	Caleb H.	Joe R.
Alexandra A.	Marley H.	Theo R.
Connie A.	Brooke H.	Gerald R.
Cheyenne A.	Willie H.	Mike S.
Sabreena B.	Samantha H.	Jennifer S.
Nicolas B.	John H.	December S.
Lauren B.	Austin K.	Jeremy S.
Dean B.	Sukhneet K.	Brittany S.
Jasmin B.	Ben K.	Alex S.
Stephanie B.	Alex K.	Emily S.
Nathan C.	Naijah K.	Christian T.
Snigdha C.	Nick L.	Antoine T.
Vince C.	Kiana L.	Daijah T.
Erin C.	Nina M.	Matthew T.
Carlo C.	Endasia M.	Julia T.
Ryan C.	Dan M.	Crystal T.
Pamela C.	Kaiya M.	Andrew U.
Erin D.	Kayla M.	Gurleen V.
Alyssa D.	Zoe N.	Chris V.
Stan D.	Michael N.	Danny W.
Daniella D.	Soiya O.	Connor W.
Brittany D.	Katie O.	Justin W.
Megan E.	Greg O.	Clarence W.
Cierra F.	Janelle P.	Rob W.
Curtis F.	Jillian P.	Aidan W.
Andrew G.	Lawrence P.	Carissa W.
Nicole G.	Amanda P.	Janna W.
Alex G.	Cody P.	Lashel W.
Alex G.	Nicole P.	Raequan W.
Ricky G.	Jake P.	Isabelle W.
Jasmin G.	Alaina R.	Hui Z.
Jessica G.	Kaitlyn R.	Becca Z.
Jordyn H.	Jarrett R.	



New Committee Leaders:

- Kristi Halford, Public Relations Committee
- Lisa Garriques, Teacher Appreciation Committee
- Mrs. Oji, Reflections Committee

Please join us in welcoming these wonderful volunteers, and let us provide the necessary support to ensure their success.

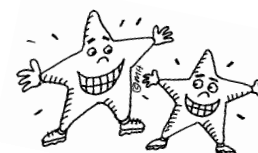
Kudos to our PTSA

Our PTSA is the recipient of two awards from Baltimore County PTA.

- **PTSA Student Membership Award**
- **Outstanding County Membership Award**

Details on these awards will appear in next month's Panther Beat.

PTSA Student Recognition Awards, January 2009



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 60 students received a “red bag” award. A total of 416 bags have been given this year. Congratulations to these deserving students!

Carmen A.	Josh H.	Jack P.
Chase A.	Courtney H.	Tatiana R.
Logan B.	Beki H.	Maria R.
Makayla B.	Brianna H.	Rebecca R.
Brittany B.	Charlie J.	Stephen S.
Shawn B.	Corey J.	Liberty S.
Evan B.	Marcus J.	Brianna S.
Todd B.	Kevin K.	Zach S.
Chris B.	Grant K.	Brianna S.
Megan B.	Michael K.	Stacey S.
Taylor B.	Christina K.	Victoria S.
Vanessa B.	Orville L.	Austin S.
Gio C.	Leanna L.	Amber S.
Cassidy C.	Tessa M.	Tracey T.
William D.	Meghan M.	Kadeem T.
Matt E.	Sam M.	Julianne V.
Kamran F.	Bria M.	Codi W.
LaShae G.	Ben N.	Patrick W.
Joaquin G.	Cathy N.	Amanda W.
McKaylan G.	Alvina O.	Deja W.



PTA Founder's Day: February 17

Founder's Day is a reminder of the substantial role that PTA has played locally, regionally, and nationally in supporting parental involvement and working on behalf of all children and families. It is a time for us all to reflect and take pride in our many accomplishments, and also to renew our commitment to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

Founder's Day was originally created by Mrs. David O. Mears in 1910. Joining this endeavor were PTA's founders Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, along with the founder of Georgia's Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, Selena Sloan Butler, who were women of imagination and courage. They understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to literally change the world. They had a simple idea—to improve the lives and futures of all of our children. As much as other conditions in America may have changed, that idea has not. PTAs like ours keep it alive and well today.

Today, PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation. Our members represent the ethnic diversity of our nation, and they come from the ranks of traditional families, single-parent households, blended families, grandparents, and other caring adults. Together, we continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth.



Join us as we celebrate National PTA Founder's Day, February 17, 2009

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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

Fundraiser Party Celebration Date To Be Announced Shortly!

Our Fundraising Committee is continuing to plan the party event to celebrate the success of our Fall Fundraiser. We are still working to coordinate dates between the Razen company and school. We thank you for your patience and will update you as soon as a date is finalized.



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, February 3, Market Day order forms due back to school.

Thursday, February 5, Market Day Internet orders due by noon.

Tuesday, February 10, PTSA Board of Directors meeting, 7pm in the meeting room.

Wednesday, February 11, Market Day Pick-Up, 6:30-8pm

Monday, February 16, Presidents Day—school closed.

Tuesday, February 17, PTA Founders' Day

Friday, February 27, Friday Morning Coffee Service for Teachers (weekly), plus Breakfast (monthly)

Visit our Web site, <http://www.phmsptsa.org/Scholarships.htm> to download copies of the American Spirit Award Application and copies of the Scholarship Application. One American Spirit Award and three Scholarships will be awarded this year. All graduating high school students with a current membership in PTSA are eligible.

Applications are also available through high school guidance counselors.

If you have questions you may email our Scholarship Committee chair, Terry Koogle, at terry.koogle@verizon.net