



President's Corner by Janet Currie

The days are longer, a sure sign that spring is here! As we once again observe tragedy and devastation in our world, I am reminded to reflect on, and embrace, the harmony this renewal time of year brings to our TRES community. There are many family-focused activities going on at TRES this spring, some of them even enrich academics! Please look at all of the upcoming PTA events and mark your calendars. These events are a great time to visit with old friends, meet new ones and focus on good old family fun!

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The Paw Prints Lead to a Great Time! PTA's Retriever Rally / Silent Auction

Friday, April 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

-- Rain or Shine at TRES--

Festivities include:

TRES Silent Auction
Featuring class pottery pieces and faculty folly items

Bake-Walk (a spin on an old tradition)

Goldfish Game

It's back by popular demand!
\$1 buys 3 balls for a
chance to win a new pet!



Clowns, Face-Painting, Crafts

FREE Popcorn



KONA Ice for sale ^{NEW!}

Inflatable slide, moon bounce, and games galore!

Hungry for more? Additional concessions will be available for purchase.



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Committee News

Puppy Playgroups

It's not too late in the school year to join in the fun and form friendships for your young child before they enter kindergarten. If you have a preschooler that will be attending Triadelphia Ridge Elementary within the next few years, you are invited to join the **Retriever Puppy Playgroup**. This informal group is currently meeting. Toddlers and preschoolers are welcome, including those starting Kindergarten in Fall 2011. The playgroups offer meeting options for week days, weekends and some continue to meet over the summer months.

Contact:

Susan Hull
(ph. 410-531-6742 or jshull02@verizon.net) or
Jenny McCormick
(ph. 410-531-2839 or jenny0672@yahoo.com)

Spirit Wear Sale

If you forgot to order spirit wear this fall, and then had to listen to your kids talk about seeing their friends in cool, new TRES apparel, fear not!

There will be a spring, Spirit Wear sale of our coveted TRES apparel in late April. Watch for a flier to come home soon listing available items and order information. This second chance sale is a great opportunity to stock up on new sizes and styles you regret not purchasing this fall.

Please remember that our kids do benefit from all sales as this is a fundraiser for our TRES PTA.

Reflections Art Program



PTA REFLECTIONS

Together They Did!

Using the theme, "Together We Can," 35 students from TRES participated in the nationally sponsored PTA Reflections Art Program. The students submitted entries in the categories of visual arts, photography, dance choreography, and musical composition.

Nineteen TRES students advanced to compete at the county level. The county judges selected five student entries from TRES to continue to the state level of competition. The five selected entries were as follows: Dance Choreography (Primary level) - **Jocelyn Torres**, Musical Composition (Primary level) - **Brian Vance**; Musical Composition (Primary level) - **Abigail Selnick**; Photography (primary level) - **Anika Malkin** and Musical Composition (Intermediate level) - **Benjamin Selnick**. This completes this year's Reflections program.

The TRES PTA would like to congratulate these students. The TRES community should take pride in the wonderful artistic and creative talents that each of our students exhibited this year.



Kids make great memories at TRES, preserve them with a

MEMORY BOOK!

This year's edition features:

- *more photos
- *student-designed cover

Order forms will be sent home soon.
Books cost \$20.00

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Let your little slugger feel like an MVP during their TRES P.E. class with a visit from the Oriole Bird!

Bid on this chance to feel some O's magic at the TRES Silent Auction on April 8.

President's Message

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PTA is not just about socialization. National PTA® advocates have been at the heart of our nation's greatest advances for youth. I want to point out that your membership dues helped the PTA's mission of advocacy for children by supporting the 2010 National PTA conference. The purpose of the conference was to influence public policy so that it benefits the education and health of every child in the country. First Lady Michelle Obama was the keynote Speaker and she addressed children's health.

If PTA members have an interest in visiting our Maryland federal Legislative team during next year's Legislative Week Conference to help influence policies, please contact the

**MD PTA office at
office@mdpta.org.**

Oh, don't forget to look for the TRES volunteer opportunities on pages 3 and 4. We need you!

**Janet Currie, PTA president
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TRES Shops Smart

Your Shoppers cards continue to make money for TRES. Income to date is **\$1,619 from Giant food cards**, and **\$646 from Safeway cards**. If you have a family member or neighbor that would like to designate their club card earnings to TRES, it's not too late for them to designate our school. Please direct them to the TRES website under links and the TRES PTA website under forms, for the sign up form. It takes only a few minutes and the earnings make a difference in our school.

PTA Call for Nominations

The TRES PTA Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates for the 2011-12 elected officers. All nominations are welcome and elections will be at Movie Night on June 3. We're also recruiting volunteers for vacant, committee chair positions. If you are interested in nominating an officer, or filling an open position, please contact

Rebecca Gruber at birdgess@comcast.net by Friday, April 8.

Current Nominees for Executive Officers

President	Janet Currie
First Vice President	Michelle Kloss
Second Vice President	Rebecca Gruber
Treasurer	Marita Lesho

SECRETARY

(Previously two positions-Recording secretary and corresponding secretary)

The secretary is a one-year elected position. This individual maintains and distributes minutes of the monthly PTA meetings. This job entails obtaining facilities permission for meetings and activities. The secretary also conducts correspondence on behalf of the PTA. (Ex. Sends sympathy cards, congratulatory notes, etc.)

FIRST GRADE YOUNG AUTHORS

Committee chair will partner with teachers in the winter/spring to help execute this program that produces bound, hard cover books written and illustrated by the students. First graders then have the opportunity to share the books with classmates and family at a Spring Author's Tea.



...and the winner is



Third Grade! AGAIN, third grade won the extra recess for the February box top race!



The latest box top race earned TRES over \$450!



New collection baggies will come home soon for our last race of this school year. This race will end in late May. Thanks for your efforts to make this program a success for OUR school.

Volunteer Opportunities

OUR TRES HELP WANTED

Retriever Rally Event Volunteers

After reading about our upcoming Silent Auction/Retriever Rally, did you get the urge to bake? What about supervising crafts or a game station? There is still time to volunteer at our biggest school fundraiser and help make kids smile. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/RetrieverRally> to sign up for a 30 minute time slot.

Contact Sue Hopkins at suziq1868@aol.com or 410-489-4478 with questions.

Silent Auction Donations

It's not too late! The PTA is still accepting donations for the April 8 Silent/Live auction. Here are some ideas that could help generate income for our PTA!


Buddy up to partner with your bus stop parents, or friends, to create a theme basket

Sports, season ticket holders
Consider donating individual game tickets

A weekend, or week stay at your vacation property.

Season, or day passes to a local attraction
(Ex. Hersheypark, Science Center)

Services
Are you a certified swim instructor, or a personal trainer? Donate some free sessions.



**TRES Family,
Outdoor
Movie Night
Friday, June 3
7:30 p.m.
Blacktop
behind school**

Bring the family for a movie under the stars and cast your vote for the 2011-12 PTA officers.

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Mark Your Calendars

April 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.	Retriever Rally/Silent Auction Event
April 12	Report Cards come home
April 13	Fifth Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia
April 14 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.	Third Grade Senior Friends' Day
April 18-25	Schools closed for Spring Break
May 4 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Enrichment Fair
June 3	PTA sponsored Movie Night
June 22	Last day of school

PTA Meetings are at 7 p.m. in the Media Center on the following dates. All are welcome.
April 5, May 3
(See movie ad for details about the June 3 meeting.)

