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President's Corner by Cindy Skalny

I hope that everyone has settled in well for the school year! I am thrilled to have our PTA calendar set for the year with such exciting programs and activities for our TRES children and families! November will offer several opportunities for our school community to come together through PTA activities.

We have reorganized our fall family event to come indoors for **Friday, Nov. 13. Family Fun Night** promises to be an exciting evening of dancing, games and music – so get your dancing shoes and voices ready for this one! TRES will also celebrate American Education Week and host the Scholastic Book Fair this month. Lastly, plan to get in the holiday spirit with the TRES community on **Saturday, Dec. 5**, by supporting the Hospital Association of Howard County at **Dazzle Dash**. I look forward to seeing everyone at these upcoming events.

During this season of charity, please support our various drives to help our local community. You can read details about the annual Coat Drive and the food drive for FISH of Howard County in this issue of the newsletter.

In addition to our scheduled events, we will also be introducing a new program for holiday shopping that will also raise funds for the PTA. This program is designed to earn money for TRES on purchases that you are already making. Does this peak your interest? Read below for details!

I'm thankful for such a great school community and wish your family a peaceful holiday season.



'Tis the Season for some TRES Fun!

Fall Family Fun Night

So, you think TRES students can dance? We'll find out at the **Fall Family Fun Night on Friday, Nov. 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Don't worry if you're not ready to test out your dancing shoes just yet. The PTA has plenty of fun activities scheduled to ensure a good time is had by all! Families will also enjoy games, giveaways and prizes.

Donations for the annual Coat Drive will also start at the event as will the gift card program. So, don't miss out on a night of fun with your TRES friends!

Holiday Gift Program Benefits TRES

Finding the perfect present for those on your holiday gift list just got easier. The TRES PTA is partnering with the Mid Atlantic Gift Card Company to introduce a new program that will help everyone as we approach gift-giving season.

Many of us opt to buy gift cards for those on our list, and this program helps streamline the process while financially helping the PTA. **For all gift cards purchased through this program, TRES receives a percentage of the revenue, with no additional fees passed to you.**



A Mid-Atlantic representative will be available to take orders at the Family Fun Night and information packets about the program with order forms will be sent home with students soon. So, don't run from store-to-store this holiday season, give TRES a gift by patronizing the new gift card program.

Retailers Include:

- Giant
- Safeway
- Cheesecake Factory
- Barnes and Noble
- Starbucks
- Amazon.com
- L.L. Bean
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- United Artists Cinema
- Carnival Cruise Line
- Blockbuster



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Committee News

Young Authors' Program

Our young student authors' will again create timeless treasures for your bookshelves in 2010. However, this program will be organized differently this academic year. All first graders will participate in the Young Authors' program by working on their stories during school and sharing them during a Young Authors' Tea this spring.

Interested third and fifth graders will be able to participate in the program on a voluntary basis outside of the classroom. Families will complete the majority of the book at home with support from the PTA volunteer coordinators for your grade. (The PTA will print books for families and provide sewing and other support if needed.) More information for third and fifth grade families will be sent home after winter break.

The PTA coordinators for each grade this year are:

First Grade---Helen Lee

Third Grade---Keisha Johnson

Fifth Grade---Rita Morsberger

For more information contact **Anne-Marie Reid, PTA liaison**, at amkreid@verizon.net.

Staff Appreciation

This group has two great events coming up before winter break. They will be providing dinner for the staff during conferences on Monday, Nov. 23. They will also provide a day of gift wrapping for the staff in December (date TBA). If you would like to help with the conference dinner by preparing food and/or are interested in providing your time to wrap presents in December, let us know!

Contact **Sharon O'Rourke** at 410-489-9694/umterps@comcast.net or **Pam Grimes** at 410-489-7472/bandpgrimes@comcast.net.

Shoppers Cards = \$ for TRES



Did you know that one of the area schools earned \$5,000 through the shoppers club card program? They achieved this by registering club cards of friends, neighbors, grandparents, and co-workers in addition to the school families. We can also do this at TRES. There are two effortless ways to register your shoppers cards and take advantage of these programs.

You can **register/renew** your shoppers cards by entering the TRES website, <http://tres.hcpss.org/>, and clicking on the “**Links**” section. This will take you directly to the participating programs. The TRES designations are also identified.



Another option is to complete the form “**2009-2010 TRES Club Card Registration Form.doc**” under the “**Links**” portion of the TRES website. Print one out for your family, neighbors, extended family and friends. You can enter the information yourself, or send the completed forms to TRES, through your child's backpack, attention PTA, Marybeth Gezelle.

If you are concerned that you do not know your Safeway/Giant/Martins card numbers because you enter your phone number at check-out, or your Safeway Card previously designated a different school, Marybeth Gezelle can work with the shoppers representatives to activate your card under TRES. As stated above, fill out the areas you know on the form “**2009-2010 TRES Club Card Registration Form.doc**” and send it through your child's backpack, attention PTA, Marybeth Gezelle.

Please contact Marybeth Gezelle, Rickmarybeth@aol.com, with any questions regarding the shoppers club cards.

Subway Rewards Program

Now when you “eat fresh” at Subway with a gift card, TRES can benefit from another simple way for the school to earn money. Follow the simple steps below the next time you use a Subway gift card for TRES to receive a donation.

- Log into <http://www.subwaykids.com/grownups/classroom/ssr.aspx>.
- Enter Triadelphia Ridge and 21042.
- Click on TRES once found and enter the gift card number and its pin, (both found on the back of the card) and your e-mail address.
- You'll get a confirmation e-mail to approve your participation in the Subway Rewards program.



Celebrate the season with your TRES friends at Dazzle Dash



Support a good cause and enjoy fun for the whole family.

Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m.
\$5.00 per person

Performance by the **TRES chorus.**
Refreshments from Starbucks

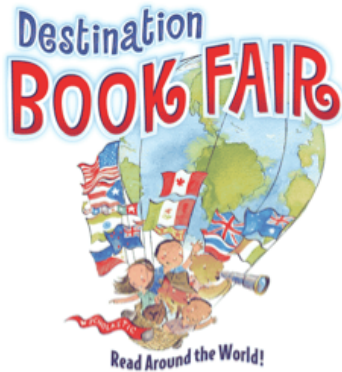
Proceeds benefit the Hospital Association of Howard County.

Destination Book Fair!

The community is invited to read around the world with TRES at the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair.

Mark Your calendars for **Nov. 12-19** for this annual event in the Media Center.

Plan to bring the whole family on Thursday, Nov. 12 for the grand opening from 2:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m. during the Sally Foster pick-up. The Book Fair will also be open Nov. 16-19 during American Education Week. Visit the Book Fair webpage (a link on the TRES website found at www.hcpss.org/tres) for more information and to preview some of the great titles that will be available.



Howie Awards

The Howard County Arts Council is seeking nominations for the 2009 Howie Awards. We invite you to honor an outstanding artist, arts educator, and business or community supporter of the arts in recognition of their long-term contributions or significant impact on the arts in Howard County.

The 2009 Howie Awards will be presented at the Celebration for the Arts in Howard County on April 24, 2010, where members of the arts, education, government, and business communities of Howard County will gather. Please visit www.hocoarts.org for more information. **Deadline is Dec. 1.**

Reach Out

To Help Our Community in Need

During the holiday season, the Community Outreach Committee offers several initiatives for TRES to help our local community. Please read below for ways your family can help those in need.

Annual Coat Drive

Who Benefits: Families in Howard County
Donations: Coats in all sizes, infants through adults, hoodies, hats and hangers.
When: Nov. 13-20. Look for boxes at school during Family Fun Night and American Education Week.

Food Drive-Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Who Benefits: FISH of Howard County, Inc. FISH provides food, financial assistance, referral information and other aid to county residents with legitimate emergency needs.
Donations: Food delivery of a family's meals for five days. Each grade has been requested to donate specific food items. (See flyer distributed in previous Friday folders.) Our goal is 428 items--one per student.
When: Now-Nov. 13. Bring items to school, or to Family Fun Night on Nov. 13.

Drumroll please...



The winner of the recent
**Box Tops Race is
third grade!**

**The recent race earned \$432.00
for our school.**

Keep clipping Box Tops, as the collection is ongoing throughout the year.

Volunteer Opportunities

OUR TRES HELP WANTED

International Night

TRES PTA will host **International Night on Jan. 29, 2010**. This year we will display a "World Art's Showcase" at International Night which will consist of beautiful artwork created by our TRES students. We will also have food sampling stations, artifacts from around the world, and a fun and energetic global jam session. **We are forming our committee now and need additional help.**

We're also looking for entertainment groups that TRES students may be involved with to serve as performers for that evening.

If you are interested, please e-mail, **Janet Currie at janetcurrie@hotmail.com**. Additionally, a form will be coming home soon in Friday folders with detailed information about the volunteer opportunities available.

There's Still Time!
Sally Foster sales continue online through Dec. 29.

- Register your family online using your youngest child's name in the "Seller" Section of www.SallyFoster.com/student.
- Enter the TRES account # 561736.
- Orders over \$75 receive **FREE shipping.**
- Orders are shipped UPS directly to the person who places the order. Encourage your extended family to order online.



American Education Week

Nov. 16-20

Make plans to visit TRES on **Monday, Nov. 16** for kick-off day.



Mark Your Calendars

TRES PTA



Holiday Wish List

Resolve to help TRES have 100 percent community, PTA involvement in 2010!

Ways YOU Can Make a Difference

- Free-will, monetary donations. Checks may be made payable to TRES PTA and sent to school marked attention **Rebecca Gruber**, PTA treasurer.
- Participate in the gift card program.
- Support Sally Foster through extended online sales.
- Give your time and talent to the PTA as a volunteer for a spring event or project.

Nov. 12	Sally Foster Pick-Up and Scholastic Book Fair Opening Night
Nov. 12-19	Book Fair in the Media Center. See TRES website for times.
Nov. 13	PTA Family Fun Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Nov. 16-20	American Education Week
Nov. 17	PTA Sponsored Bread Make for First Graders
Nov. 17	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 23-24	School Closes at 12:15 p.m. for Parent / Teacher Conferences
Nov. 25-27	School Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec. 2	PTA Cultural Arts Committee presents visiting Author Laurie Keller
Dec. 5	PTA Sponsored Dazzle Dash event, 4:30 p.m. on the grounds of Merriweather Post Pavilion. The TRES chorus will perform and Starbucks will donate refreshments for our group. Celebrate the season with your TRES friends!
Dec. 10	Band and Orchestra concert at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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