

# Ilchester Elementary PTA E-Newsletter

April 12, 2016



## ***DATES TO REMEMBER:***

<b>April</b>	13 – Chick-fil-A Restaurant Night from 5:00-9:00pm 18 – PTA Meeting in the Media Center at 7:00pm 27 – Family Cultural Fun Night from 6:30-8:30pm
<b>May</b>	6 – Moms' Day on Campus

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## ***HOT TOPIC:***

### **Family Cultural Fun Night (FCFN) – April 27**

We need your support to make "Family Cultural Fun Night" on April 27 a success!!! FCFN is intended to show our students the many cultures and traditions of our diverse community, including the United States! Any country, region, or state can be represented with a simple tabletop display. The success of this event depends on your help and participation. Were you raised in the Midwest? Tell us about it! Did you relocate to the East Coast from another part of the country? Tell us about it! Is your family from a country on the other side of the world? Tell us about it! If you think you can help in any capacity, please contact Momina Malik at [iesculturalnight@gmail.com](mailto:iesculturalnight@gmail.com). You do not even have to set up a display in order to attend – bring your family for a fun evening!

## **UPCOMING PTA MEETINGS:**

### **PTA Meeting Dates**

Please join us! All meetings start at 7:00pm and are held in the Media Center. Below are the remaining PTA meeting dates for this school year:

Monday, April 18

Monday, May 16

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

### **PTA Positions Open**

The PTA is looking for volunteers for the following open positions:

#### **1st Vice President**

The 1st Vice President serves on the PTA's Executive Committee. Responsibilities include; but are not limited to, coordinating PTA newsletter publication, posting specific items to the PTA web site and assisting the PTA President when necessary. Commitment would be two years. If you are interested in this position, please contact Beth Benoit at [bethbenoit428@aol.com](mailto:bethbenoit428@aol.com).

### **Secretary**

The Secretary serves on the PTA's Executive Committee. Responsibilities include; but are not limited to, taking detailed notes at each monthly PTA meeting, proofing notes and sending to PTA President for approval and sending distribution notice. Commitment would be two years. If you are interested in this position, please contact Beth Benoit at [bethbenoit428@aol.com](mailto:bethbenoit428@aol.com).

### **Staff Appreciation Week Committee Chairperson**

Staff Appreciation Week happens early each May where we surprise our entire staff with fun activities and treats throughout the week. The PTA is seeking a chairperson or group to take over this committee next year. For more information, please contact Beth Benoit at [bethbenoit428@aol.com](mailto:bethbenoit428@aol.com).

### **Junior Cheetah Day Committee Chairperson**

Junior Cheetah Day happens in early Spring when we invite all new incoming Kindergarten students and their parents to meet our Administrators and take a tour of their future school. It is a very fun and exciting morning for the incoming students and we are seeking someone to take over as Chairperson. Responsibilities include securing a date for the event, recruiting volunteers to help with sign-in and tours, creating a schedule for the morning and overseeing the event. For more information, please contact Beth Benoit at [bethbenoit428@aol.com](mailto:bethbenoit428@aol.com).

### **PTA FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Restaurant Night – Chick-fil-A – April 13**

Please come out and support our school at the following Ilchester PTA Restaurant Night!

*Wednesday, April 13* - Chick-fil-A, located at 4905 Executive Park Drive, from 5:00-9:00pm. (The required flier for this event was sent home last week in Friday Folders. You can also print a flier from the PTA website at [iespta.weebly.com](http://iespta.weebly.com).)

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

#### **Parent Survey on AP classes**

A Parent Academy session was conducted on Saturday, March 5. During the sessions which were conducted by The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) and the community speakers from The Council of Elders (TCOE) of the Black Community of Howard County, some questions arose that require further input from the community. Specifically, a survey has been created to gather input from parents who have students in an advanced class in either Elementary, Middle or High School. The results will be consolidated independently by The Council of Elders and reviewed with the HCPSS. Please provide any additional feedback you believe would be helpful in us evaluating your perceived need for additional resources and support. The survey is found at: <http://goo.gl/forms/vsXPYKUuzi>.

#### **Primary Election for the Howard County Board of Education is April 26**

Please see the following page for candidate information. This is our school county – research the candidates and make your voice heard!



***THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!***

## **Board of Education Candidates for Primary Election – April 26, 2016**

11 candidates have filed to run for 3 of 7 BOE seats that are up for election. Six will proceed to the November General Election. The information below was copied from [http://www.elections.maryland.gov/elections/2016/primary\\_candidates/index.html](http://www.elections.maryland.gov/elections/2016/primary_candidates/index.html).

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