

ILCHESTER ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

January 10, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January

25– Restaurant Night at Urban BBQ (pending)

25– K through 2nd Talent Show Auditions

26– 3rd through 5th Talent Show Auditions

February

9– K through 2nd Talent Show

16– 3rd through 5th Talent Show

PTA VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Fundraising Committee Chairperson

The PTA is urgently seeking a Chairperson and committee to research and find fundraisers for the 2017-18 school year. The support budget of the PTA depends solely on the fundraising capabilities of its programs. This is a very important position and work needs to begin right away. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Beth Benoit at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

PTA President

The position of Ilchester Elementary PTA President is available for the next two-year term of 2017/18 through 2018/19. This is a position that will be voted upon near the end of this school year. Requirements are many and the current President would be glad to give you an overview. Time availability and flexibility is also necessary to fulfill activity requirements. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Beth Benoit at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

New "Dad" Program Chairperson

The PTA is seeking a Chairperson to get a new "Dad" program up-and-running at Ilchester. Ideally, we would like a Dad or Grandfather to chair this committee, but it is not necessary. A program outline has been written and we would love to get it started right after winter break. The program would get Dad volunteers to sign up to spend a day at school by greeting the buses, interacting with the students, possibly popping into PE and lunchtimes, and adding more male presence at our school, etc. (This is not a safety program – we do not need that and it is not what we are seeking.) If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Beth Benoit at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

Moms & Dads on Campus Chairperson

The PTA is seeking a Chairperson to coordinate our Moms on Campus and Dads on Campus days in the spring. These are one-day programs each that encourage Moms and Dads to come spend recess and lunch with their student/s. Grandmothers and Grandfathers are also welcome, or other relative special to your student who would like to spend the time with them. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Beth Benoit at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

PTA Membership and Donations Chairperson

The PTA is seeking a Membership and Donations Chairperson. Duties include distribution, collection and management of the All-in-One membership and donation forms at the beginning of the school year. Financial responsibility is included to safeguard donations and assure delivery to the PTA Treasurer, while managing the totals and distributing membership cards and letters. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Beth Benoit at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

PROPOSED SCHOOL START TIMES INFORMATION

The next Howard County Board of Education Meeting, which is scheduled for **January 12**, will include the review of feedback from the on-line surveys and in-person forums held on the proposed school start times. There is a public hearing on this issue scheduled for **February 7** and the Board is expected to take action on the matter on **February 23**. Go to hcpss.org for all information.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Homewood School's Recycled Treasure Sale

The Homewood School's Recycled Treasure Sale was a big success. Thank you to all who donated and to Terri Jones for collecting and delivering the donations. Homewood was very grateful!

TALENT SHOW

Talent Show Committee Volunteers Needed

The Ilchester Talent Show Committee is looking for Parent volunteers to assist with auditions on **January 25 and 26** from 4:00pm to 5:45pm, as well as the final performances on **February 9 and 16**. Tasks include checking-in participants, monitoring participants during auditions as well as performances, providing feedback on the performances to the committee, labeling participants' seats, making sure all participants remain seated during the event, responding to questions from parents, and other duties as appropriate. If you are interested, please contact Momina Malik at ilchestertalentshow@gmail.com.

RESTAURANT NIGHT

The PTA is working on the next fun Restaurant Night to be held at Urban BBQ! It is currently scheduled for **January 25**, but please watch for date confirmation and more information.

Questions about the PTA?

Feel free to contact Mrs. Beth Benoit, PTA President, at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children"
- Charles R. Swindoll

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!