

# ILCHESTER ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

October 18, 2016

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### October

**26** – Ilchester Cheetah Chase (Boosterthon) Fun Run Day!!

### November

**2-11** – Candy for Our Troops Collection

**15** – PTA Meeting in the Media Center at 7:00pm

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## THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER

**The Ilchester Cheetah Chase Fun Run (Boosterthon) is here!!** Our awesome kick-off Pep Rally was held yesterday, October 17!

**Save the date of October 26** to come cheer on your student while they run, dance or walk up to 35 laps on the specially decorated 1/16 mile Boosterthon track. (Accommodations will be in place for students who would rather watch the run or participate in another manner.) Thanks to several business sponsors, every student will receive a custom Ilchester Cheetah Chase T-shirt to proudly wear on the day of the fun run and beyond! You can attend to encourage your student in the special parent-cheering section!

Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades run at 9:30am – Field behind school

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades run at 10:30am – Field behind school

RECC – 2:45pm – Blacktop playground

*Music, friends and fun – our students are going to have the best day!!!*

Please register your student on FUNRUN.COM today!

**Please work with your child to request pledges for the laps they will run to help their school! Since electronic pledging will be available, anyone – near or far – can support your student! Thank you!!**

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Candy for Our Troops

The Ilchester PTA will be collecting "Candy for Our Troops" again this year. A collection box will be placed in the front lobby of school from November 2-11. Send your "leftover" wrapped Halloween candy in with your student and have them deposit it into the collection box (or sneak it in yourself!). It would be very helpful if you would put the candy in Ziploc bags. We will deliver the candy to the USO office at BWI airport, and they will deliver it to the Troops. Questions? Contact Ashley Fremont-Smith at [ashfremontsmith@gmail.com](mailto:ashfremontsmith@gmail.com).

### Coat Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Coat Collection. With the help of some young ladies from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, we sorted the donations and ended up with 10 large bags (9 with coats and 1 with hats/gloves). Thanks Emma V., Emma A., Chioma, Rori, Daniela, Faraby, Hailey and Carly for giving up some of your recess time to help!

### **Food Donations from Bingo**

Belated thanks to all who donated non-perishable food items at Bingo Night. A total of 30 bags of groceries were delivered to the Howard County Food Bank!!

## **CULTURAL ARTS**

### **Artist-in-Education Residency**

The IES PTA and the Cultural Arts committee are pleased to announce that it has received funding from the Maryland State Arts Council and the Howard County Arts Council for an Artist-in-Education residency for the FY2016-17 school year. The residency will begin on Wednesday, November 9 under the direction of artist Tara Holl. Ms. Holl specializes in fused glass art and will work with our 5th graders and Kindergartners in designing and implementing a permanent fused glass mural display in our school. The proposed theme of the project is the Chesapeake Bay watershed and this project will tie in nicely with the 5th grade science curriculum on the same subject matter. We would like to thank MSAC, HCAC, Dr. Joy Byrd-Butler, Dr. Mariah Carr, Mr. Robert Langevin, Ms. Rebecca Giro, the 5th grade team, the Kindergarten team, Mrs. Beth Benoit and Mrs. Amy LoPresti for their assistance and support. Further information on the installation of the project will be forthcoming.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **All-in-One PTA Membership and Donation Form**

Thank you letters and PTA membership cards have been distributed to families who submitted their All-in-One sheets. If you joined and/or donated and did not receive a letter and membership card (if applicable) please contact Tina Hill at [ilchesterptamembership@gmail.com](mailto:ilchesterptamembership@gmail.com). If you still want to join the PTA or make a tax-deductible donation, the All-in-One Sheet is still available for download on the IES PTA website, <http://iespta.weebly.com> and can be submitted at any time throughout the year.

### **Questions about the PTA?**

Feel free to contact Mrs. Beth Benoit, PTA President, at [bethbenoit428@aol.com](mailto:bethbenoit428@aol.com).

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

- Aesop

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