

Ilchester Elementary PTA Newsletter

December 13, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December

16 – Donations to Homewood School's Recycled Treasure Sale

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Homewood School's Recycled Treasure Sale

Are you cleaning out Christmas decorations? Making room for new toys? Rethinking the perfume, lotion or clothing you've received as previous gifts? Why not donate these items to The Homewood School's Recycled Treasure Sale?

This year, Homewood expects to help over 100 needy students "shop" for the holidays. Every Homewood student will use their grades to "purchase" items for loved ones and have them gift wrapped! Most needed items are:

Boy's and Men's clothing

Sporting goods (basketballs, footballs, team spirit items)

Video games, Board games, Children's toys, Stuffed animals

Decorative/holiday items
Purses, Jewelry, Scarves, Accessories
Lotions, Perfumes, Candles
Smart phone chargers
Gift bags, Wrapping paper, Tape, Ribbon
Any other items in good condition

Donations can be dropped off at The Homewood School (10914 Rt. 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042) through December 16. If you require a pick-up, please contact Mrs. Terri Jones at terrijones2001@gmail.com. Thank you for your help!

MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

PTA Membership

This holiday season consider the gift of a PTA Membership for grandparents and other friends and family members, who enjoy supporting your children. As we approach the end of the calendar year, there's still time to make a tax-deductible donation to the PTA. You can purchase memberships and/or make a donation using the All-in-One Sheet available for download on the IES PTA website at iespta.weebly.com. For questions, please contact Tina Hill at ilchesterptamembership@gmail.com.

REWARDS PROGRAMS

Shutterfly and TinyPrints

This is a year-round rewards program. It's time for holiday cards, extra photo prints, calendars, party invitations, etc. If you plan to order items like these, try Shutterfly or TinyPrints. Simply enter the site through this storefront link: <http://ilchesteres.shutterflystorefront.com>. For Ilchester Elementary School PTA members, TinyPrints is currently offering a site wide 30% discount with no minimum order and free shipping. This offer expires on **Dec. 31**. 13% of your purchase will automatically be donated to Ilchester PTA at no additional cost to you, and coupons and promotional codes can still be used! For questions, contact Colleen Howland at colhowland1@gmail.com.

Questions about the PTA?

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

*"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."
- William Shakespeare*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!