A Message From the President

Where has this first month of school gone?

The PTSA has been very busy since school began.

We’ve covered both of the Back to School Nights, the Spirit Wear sale began early in September and is now coming to an end, and we began our Fall Fundraiser with Market Day Fundraising. If you would rather not make a catalogue purchase from Market Day Fundraising, monetary donations are also welcomed.

Last month I told you in my President’s message that Ravens items would be part of our Fall Fundraising program. Unfortunately, after the fundraiser began, it was discovered that we were given wrong information. The Ravens merchandise will not be part of our fundraiser. I apologize for the mix up.

Please don’t forget that we still are in full swing of our Membership Drive which ends on October 29th. We are still far from reaching our goal. If you haven’t joined the PTSA yet, please consider joining. We need YOU! There is a membership contest amongst the classrooms. The first classroom that reaches 100% in the Membership Contest, wins a Chic Fil A breakfast.

In a few weeks, we will begin a donations drive for some of the area animal shelters. My friends in Mrs. Messier’s class will be helping the PTSA organize this drive. Information will be sent home in a few weeks on how you can help.

Carol Martinelli, chairperson for Beautification is busy planning a Beautification Day for our school. Please look for her upcoming flyer asking for volunteers.

There is a PHMS Spirit Night coming up in October at the Baskin Robbins on Belair Road. A portion of the sales will be donated to the PTSA. Information on this event will be sent home soon.

Perry Hall Middle School’s Student Council sponsored their first dance of the school year with the 6th Welcome Dance. I would like to send out a special thank you to Mr. Rick Huether of Astro Events. Mr. Huether is not only a 6th Grade parent, but he generously gave of his time to take pictures using his Photo Booth at the dance and all proceeds went to the PTSA! Again, thank you Rick!!! Another thank you goes out to Ms. Weis for allowing the PTSA to take part in the dance.

Our next PTSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 7PM in the Meeting Room of the school.

Sincerely,

Cyndi F. Drye
Perry Hall Middle School
PTSA President
2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
STILL NEEDS YOU!

Our PTSA Membership Drive is already under way. All parents and students are encouraged to join the Perry Hall Middle School PTSA. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, other relatives, and friends can show their support by becoming members. Memberships cost only $6.00 and automatically include a membership to the Maryland PTA and National PTA. There is no obligation to you once you join, although you are ALWAYS invited to join us at any meeting you choose (see above for Board Meeting dates).

Our goal is 100% participation. Homerooms with 100% PTSA membership by October 31, 2010 will receive a special party! (100% membership consists of each student and at least one parent/guardian per student.)

Please complete the membership slip (found on page 6), make your check payable to “PHMS PTSA” for the amount of $6.00 per membership, and send to school in an enveloped addressed to “PTSA Membership.” Please be sure to include the student’s name, your name, and the homeroom teacher’s name on the membership slip.

Thank you in advance for your support!

October 2010 Calendar of Events

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2010-11 Board Meetings
- Tuesday, October 12, 2010
- Tuesday, November 9, 2010
- Tuesday, December 14, 2010
- Tuesday, January 11, 2011
- Tuesday, February 8, 2011
- Tuesday, March 12, 2010
- Tuesday, April 10, 2011
- Tuesday, May 14, 2011

MARKET DAY!
To view the current Market Day catalog on-line, go to Marketday.com. Our school ordering code is 12331.

Both adult and student volunteers are needed at Market Day pick up. Volunteers unpack boxes, fill orders, make reminder phone calls, and assist with pick up. Students can earn service learning hours for their time volunteering with Market Day.

I encourage you to order from Market Day. They are a trusted company and with every purchase you are helping our organization. We appreciate your support of this important fundraiser! For more information or to volunteer, Contact Heather Rettberg at hethar42@comcast.net

REFLECTIONS! REFLECTIONS!!
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The theme for REFLECTIONS this year is...........
"Together We Can"

REFLECTIONS is an arts program for students Pre-K to 12th grade, in which students create an original composition. Please see Page 3 for Entry Form.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Pauline
2010–2011 PTA Reflections Program | STUDENT ENTRY FORM Theme: "Together We Can"

Directions: Please type or print clearly in black or blue ink (do not use pencil). Completely fill out the form down to and including the indicated areas. Leave the boxed area for local PTA information blank. If you need more space, use the back of this form or an extra sheet of paper. Be sure to write your full name on any additional pages.

Grade Division (check one):
- Primary: preschool–grade 2
- Intermediate: grades 3–5
- Middle/Junior: grades 6–8
- Senior: grades 9–12

Arts Area (check one):
- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Musical Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Title of Work:

Required Artist Statement:
Explain how your work relates to the theme. (Maximum 250 words)

☐ See attached (Please print your name on any attached sheets.)

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Photography and Visual Arts: Give the dimensions of the work in inches, including mat.
L ________ W ________

Photography: Location/date of shot:
Describe the type of camera and process used in preparing the piece.

Visual Arts: Describe the medium (crayons, oil on canvas, etc.).

Dance Choreography: Name(s) of performer(s):

Film Production: Name(s) of person(s) appearing in your film:
Was a computer used? If so, name the software and hardware.

Dance Choreography and Film Production: Credit the background music below (title, composer, and performer).

Musical Composition:
Name(s) of person(s) who performed your composition:
Was a computer used? If so, name the software and hardware.
Are lyrics included? If so, how do your lyrics complement your composition?

Student’s first name ________ Middle int. ________ Last name ________
Address 1 ________ Address 2 ________
City ________ State ________ ZIP ________

Phone ( ) ________ E-mail ________

I assign to National PTA copyright in my works submitted for the Reflections Program. National PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged works. Entries may not be returned. I understand that I must participate in the Reflections Program through a PTA/PTSA in good standing. I affirm that this is my own original work. I understand that the submission of my entry into the Reflections Program constitutes acceptance of the above conditions.

Signature of student ________ Signature of parent/legal guardian (necessary if child is under 18 years)

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL PTA
PTA ID: ________
Check one: PTA □ PTSA □ Local eight-digit

Local chair name ________ Official PTA/PTSA name ________
PTA address ________ City ________ State ________ ZIP ________
E-mail ________ Phone ( ) ________

Local PTAs must meet all Maryland State PTA Standards of Affiliation on or before February 1, 2011 in order to participate in the Maryland PTA Reflections program. Please e-mail office@mdpta for information.
**Teacher Appreciation Committee**

We're busy making short-term plans for mailbox treats and a staff pizza luncheon on Friday, October 29th (budget permitting), and long-term plans for PTA's Teacher Appreciation Week from 3-7 May 2011.

You can help us with our October events by donating bags of Halloween candy, drinks (soda, bottled water), and desserts (homemade or store-bought), which can be dropped off at the 6th grade office during school hours. We also need volunteers to help fill the mailbox goodie bags, stuff the mailboxes, setup/cleanup the staff luncheon, and to begin planning for Teacher Appreciation Week.

If you would like to volunteer, donate, or have ideas/suggestions for this year, please contact Lisa Garriques at lisagarx@comcast.net, 410-529-3243. Thanks in advance for your support!

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**Hospitality Committee**

The Hospitality Committee continues to support our PHMS staff with weekly Friday coffee and a monthly breakfast, but we could use your help and donations! We need: coffee (regular and decaf), hot chocolate (individual packets), non-dairy creamer, plastic spoons, napkins, paper plates, or gift cards for purchasing these items. Items can be dropped off at the 6th grade office during school hours, or you can contact Lisa Garriques (lisagarx@comcast.net, 410-529-3243) to make donation arrangements.

Special thanks to the following folks for supporting our September weekly coffee service and the September 24th breakfast: Jen Becker, Eve Bowmaster, Jennifer Corona, Toni DeTallo, Diane Gaither, Tina Grace, Michele Greenstein, Doris Hitt, AnnaMarie Hogue, Carole Huselton, Tina Johnson, Bruce Kordon, Carolyn Malinowski, Betsy Mirarchi, Benita Morris, Meredith Olcott, Shelley Shank, and Chris Weis.

The next monthly breakfast is scheduled for Friday, October 22nd and will have a Halloween theme. Thank you in advance for your help and donations!

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**SIGN UP FOR e-NNOUNCEMENTS**

Would you like to receive PHMS PTSA e-ouncements for the 2010-2011 school-year? Would you like to receive our newsletter electronically? To subscribe please go to our award-winning Web site at www.phmsptsa.org and look for the "Sign Up" icon.

While you are visiting our Web site, check out all the other useful information such as a Calendar of Events, Fundraising Information, Meeting Dates, Parent Resources, and much more.

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**Mark your Calendars NOW for One of the Most Exciting Events at PHMS...**

**STAR SEARCH 2011**

*APRIL 29, 2011 at 7:00 PM*

Star Search is an annual talent show competition sponsored by the PHMS PTSA. This event features many talented students (and even some very entertaining teachers!) from our school community.

Last year, we auditioned a record number of acts, and the show was sold out! Please check future editions of the *PTSA Panther Beat Newsletter* for more information about auditions and ticket sales.
How are our schools doing?

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

To monitor the quality of service we provide, Baltimore County Public Schools is conducting an online Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey. We want students, parents, and community members to let us know what they think about our schools.

Please take the survey at www.bcps.org. Click on the link on the upper right of the main page.

The survey is being conducted online through October, 15, 2010. (If needed, computers are available at your child’s school or local public library branches.)
Dear Families of Perry Hall Middle School,

As the new school year begins, so does our annual Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) membership drive. Why join our PTSA? To benefit your child. In doing so, you’ll also help Perry Hall Middle School. More than 30 years of research has proven that children do better when their parents are involved both at home and at school. Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve.

There’s a simple way to make these outcomes a reality for your child: Join PHMS PTSA.

Today more than ever, schools are challenged to provide every child with the best education despite growing limitations. Budgets are tight—in most cases, shrinking—while government requirements are growing. Schools are challenged to do more with less.

Over the years, our school has invited parents, teachers, students, staff, grandparents, aunts, uncles and business to be a part of the largest advocacy organization in the country, the PTA/PTSA. Now is your chance to join our dynamic association.

Last year, Perry Hall Middle School PTSA sponsored many fun and worthwhile programs for the benefit of children, adults and staff. Those programs included:

- Paying for student planners for all students
- Assemblies – science and cultural
- Student recognition programs
- Straight A’s Breakfast
- Scholarships to former PHMS students (4)
- Grade-wide year-end activities
- Instructional enhancement materials
- School-wide talent show

With your support this year, we will continue to provide the same quality programs that help make the Perry Hall Middle School experience positive for everyone. Please join the PTSA for the 2010-2011 school-year and help us reach our goal of 1,500 members.

Membership dues are just $6 per member. Each homeroom with 100% participation (the equivalent of at least one adult and one student membership per student) by October 29th wins a special party.

Please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return it to school with your dues in an envelope marked “membership. Checks are preferred and should be made payable to “PHMS PTSA.”

*Please list at least one student and their homeroom teacher…even if unpaid.
PTSA STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 2010

PTSA Student Recognition Awards are given to Perry Hall Middle School students who have shown outstanding achievements or efforts. Each month teachers are asked to nominate students for this award. For September, 94 students received a "Red Bag" Award. To date, 94 bags have been awarded.

CONGRATULATIONS!