

### **PTSA Notes from 2/13/08**

The PTSA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 13 was cancelled per the MCPS decision to cancel all afternoon and evening activities due to possible inclement weather. The meeting will not be rescheduled. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 pm in the Media Center.

The following is a brief list of what was to have been discussed at last week's meeting.

### **MCCPTA Report**

**Parent Survey** – The Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) asks you to complete a survey that they feel will be useful in guiding our efforts to build strong PTAs and family-school partnerships.

To get the survey, print it from the PTA website at [www.RobertFrostPTA.org](http://www.RobertFrostPTA.org), or print it from the MCCPTA website at [http://mccpta.net/MCCPTA\\_news/survey2008.pdf](http://mccpta.net/MCCPTA_news/survey2008.pdf).

After completing the survey, please submit it by one of the following ways:

- Mail it to MCCPTA, 2096 Gaither Road, Suite 204, Rockville, MD 20850
- Send it to school with your child in which case the PTA will send it to MCCPTA for you.

Completed surveys are due March 19.

### **Committee Reports**

**Book Fair** The annual Book Fair will take place, March 3-7. Parents are welcome to shop during Book Fair school hours and Family Night is Thursday, March 6, 7:30-9:00 pm. Contact Nicole Allentuck at [NAllentuck@yahoo.com](mailto:NAllentuck@yahoo.com) if you can volunteer. In addition to selling during the school day and at Family Night, help is needed to set-up on Friday, February 29 and to clean-up on Friday, March 7.

**Bylaws** Our Bylaws have been submitted for renewal to the Maryland State PTA.

**Dances** The PTSA has 2 concerns with our Spring Socials (formerly called dances)

1) Based on student feedback, the PTSA would like to enhance the format for each event by including games and perhaps a community service project. We would like to offer prizes and give-aways so **donations are needed**. If you or your employer has any items that would be appropriate prizes for middle-school students, please consider donating them to the PTSA socials. Also, if you are interested in **hosting a community service project** during one or more of the socials, we would greatly appreciate it!

2) **Volunteers are needed** to help out during the Spring Socials with food, admission, general oversight and other areas as needed. Please consider volunteering for an alternate grade if an objection is raised by your child. We need your help to make this event a fun, safe, and enjoyable activity for our children.

All socials are on Fridays, from 7-9 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

March 7 - 8th grade  
March 14 - 7th grade  
April 4 - 6th grade

For questions, donations, or to volunteer, contact Mariena Mattson at 301-545-0182 (home)

**Helping Hands** A collection box is in main hallway for non-perishable foods (canned vegetables, beans, or fruit as well as cereal and pasta) to benefit the Manna Food Center.

**Informer** The due date for articles for the March issue is February 15 and the final deadline is February 20. Looking ahead, the April submission dates have been moved up due to Spring Break. The due date for the April Informer is Monday, March 10 and final deadline is Friday, March 14.

**Reflections** Several Frost students received awards at the County level of the Reflections program. The PTSA offers its congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Reflections program!

**Staff Appreciation** The Staff Appreciation Committee will put on a breakfast for the staff during a special preview of the Book Fair on Monday, March 3. Volunteers are needed to provide breakfast breads and pastries. Please contact Lisa Rotello, [LMRotello@aol.com](mailto:LMRotello@aol.com), if you can help.

### **New Business**

**Nominating Committee-** It's time to start thinking about next year's PTSA board and a Nominating Committee must be formed. This is a short-term commitment. The objective of the committee is to develop a slate of officers to serve on the 2008-2009 board. Please contact Katie Grant, [KatieGrant@comcast.net](mailto:KatieGrant@comcast.net), 240-453-9589 if you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee.