

# Sequoyah Signal

THE PTA NEWSLETTER OF THE SEQUOYAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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## This month's message from our Principal and our PTA President

Message from Bobbi:

It's been a great year! The staff is already busy putting plans in place for the Fall. For your information, the staff changes that we know of so far are: Sarah Sirgo is moving on to Sally Ride as a Principal Intern; Jodi Moran to Daly, Derek Manon to White Oak Middle School, and Meghan Kenst and Allison Hamrick are opening the new Upcounty elementary schools. We will also miss Miss Klaffka, who recently married and left us in April. Congratulations to Mrs. Kathie Droter, who is retiring after more than 20 years in teaching.

**Please mark your calendar with these important dates: June 6 at 7:30 p.m. is the last PTA meeting of the year, at which we will install the new officers and finalize the 2006/7 budget (in the Media Center). The Fifth Grade Farewell will take place during the day on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 a.m.. The fifth Grade Team, headed by Mrs. Beard, has special plans for our graduating students. The Awards Ceremony for grades K-4 will be on Wednesday morning, 6/14 (the last day of school), at 9:30 a.m. School will end with an early release at 1:00 that day.** The school staff will be treated to a special end-of-the year party that afternoon, sponsored by the PTA.

Our teachers and staff want to thank the parents and PTA members for all of the support provided during the school year. It takes many, many resources to have a successful school, and we know that many of our special programs including, but not limited to, Cultural Arts programs, teacher appreciation luncheons, supervision for field trips and recess times, classroom and school-wide parties and events (including the sell-out Musical! Kate, you're amazing!), and our Kindergarten Orientation for our incoming students, could not have happened without your dedicated and sustained involvement. Thanks also to all of the BAR-T volunteers who recently raked, weeded, and generally beautified the flower beds. We look forward to even more opportunities to work with all of you next year.

Message from Pat:

To all Sequoyah Parents, Staff, Students, and affiliates: It has been a privilege and an honor to be your Parent Teacher Association President these past few years. Together we've weathered many transitions--including changes in leadership, County curriculum, and community involvement. Because of your commitment to doing the best for our students each day, we are now stronger, more organized, and better prepared to help our children and staff succeed in the job of educating our children. Thanks to each and every one of you who shared your time, talent, energy, and/or money to make Sequoyah the best it can be. We all owe a debt of gratitude to all the committee chairs, board members, parent volunteers, and staff members who maximized our available funds—and used their creativity, goodwill, and problem-solving know-how--to provide so many valuable programs to our children that otherwise would not be available within the allocated County school budget. For the energy and enthusiasm of the emerging leaders rolling up their sleeves, trying something new, and making it a terrific success, thank you! It has been a wonderful experience, and with heartfelt thanks, I wish for each of you the opportunity to earn the coveted title of *Past President* of Sequoyah PTA. :->

Remember that "next year", school begins on Monday, August 28. (On that morning, there will also be a special breakfast for parents who are new to Sequoyah.) Watch for the "summer letter" that will be mailed to your home for details about the upcoming school year.

We both wish you and yours a relaxing, renewing, and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Pat Chapin  
PTA President

Dr. Bobbi Jasper  
Principal



June 2006

### CALENDAR

PTA Meeting	Jun 6
Chorus & Band Concerts	Jun 8
5th Grade Farewell	Jun 13
K-4 Awards Ceremony	Jun 14
Last Day of School! Early Release - 1 PM	Jun 14
Market Day Pickup	Jun 14
Fathers' Day	Jun 18
Report Cards Mailed	Jun 23

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## *The Programs Page -- Information and Updates*

Andrea Troutner, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P./Programs

### WANTED ALL ABOARD!

The following open committee chair positions for either a parent and/or teacher volunteer are available for the 2006 - 2007 school year:

- \*Staff Signal Liaison OPEN
- \*Copy Club Chair OPEN
- \*School Tool Box Chair OPEN
- \*Family Nights/Spirit Chair OPEN
- \*Reflections Art Program Chair OPEN
- \*Spring Dance Chair NOTE: Spring Dance Ticket Coordinator-Jackie Koehn
- \*Market Day Co-Chair OPEN
- \*Box Tops Co-Chair OPEN

I want to say thank you for the time and talent two of our Senior PTA parent volunteers – Gretchen Rimkus, Recycle Fundraiser Chair, and Laurie Sweeney, Building & Grounds Chair – provided to our Sequoyah community over the years. Their youngest are graduating from Sequoyah in June!

Don't leave home without it! As soon as possible (but no later than June 14, 2006), please pass on your committee file to your replacement chair if you are passing on the torch as committee chair. If you are passing on the torch and your replacement chair has not been found, than please leave your committee file in the PTA File Box section of the committee you are leaving.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE-NOMINATING UPDATE

All PTA Executive Board Officer elected positions are a minimum of a one year term, with an option for an elected second term, but not to exceed two elected years in the same position. Please note a change in the nomination/vote/install for the Corresponding Secretary position. Laura Weiner is nominated in lieu of Jean Sommerville, per Jean's request, due to a change in family circumstances. Please come show your support at the June 6<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting for all the candidates to be installed for the OPEN board positions. Their board term begins July 1, 2006 and runs through June 30, 2007. The list of candidates is as follows:

President, installed is Andrea Troutner  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs, installed is Sue Martin  
 Co-2<sup>nd</sup> VP Fundraising, installed are Michelle Hicks & Wanda Drake  
 Treasurer, installed is Jeff Freedman  
 Recording Secretary, installed is Lindy Guerra  
 Corresponding Secretary, nominated/voted/installed is Laura Weiner

The following two PTA Executive Board Officer non-elected positions have no term limits. The status of these two positions for the 2006-07 school year has remained unchanged since last month's newsletter.

Volunteer Coordinator, Andrea Dumas till June 30th and OPEN effective July 1  
 Co-Delegate, Martha Schaerr and OPEN effective July 1

### PTA Contacts

**President**  
**Pat Chapin**  
 (301) 924-2606

**1st Vice President - Programs**  
**Andrea Troutner**  
 (301) 466-0611 (Cell)

**2nd Vice President - Fundraising**  
**Michelle Hicks**  
 (301) 774-5740

**Treasurer**  
**Jeff Freedman**  
 (301) 527-8690

**Recording Secretary**  
**Nellie Ross**  
 (301) 977-6490

**Corresponding Secretary**  
**Jean Sommerville**  
 (301) 924-0128

**Delegate**  
**Martha Schaerr**  
 (301) 963-4122

**PTA Parent Volunteer Coordinator**  
**Andi Dumas**  
 (301) 330-9633



### Summer Staff Birthdays

6/18 Mrs. Rae Pflieger  
 6/23 Mr. Tracy Martin  
 7/05 Mr. Derek Manon  
 7/13 Ms. Cathy Elliott  
 7/15 Mrs. Brigid McGuire  
 7/17 Mr. Marshall Hoes  
 7/17 Mrs. Joyce Snoots  
 7/24 Ms. Charmaine St. Bernard  
 8/09 Ms. Laura Rondon  
 8/23 Ms. Nanette Mount  
 8/31 Ms. Nancy Oswald

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Our thoughts are with those families who have lost loved ones in recent weeks. May fond memories of your loved ones sustain you during this difficult time.



Sequoyah did a fantastic job turning in Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education during the month of May. A week before the contest for the ice cream party ended, we already had more than 1,600!

Please continue to save Box Tops and Campbell's labels (or UPCs, depending on the product) throughout the summer. The first collection deadline is September 28, 2006 with a prize for the classes who bring in the most. Look for SUPER BOX TOPS in July that will be worth 30 cents each! Those products will also list a www link to the booster club. Anyone who joins the free online booster club from this link will earn the school an additional 70 cents! Remember, don't bring your Box Tops to the school office during the summer. Save them for your new classroom teacher in September!

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com>

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

Thanks for your support!!



Andrea Cameron  
Box Tops/ Campbell's Parent Volunteer

### Media Center Thank You

Many thanks to Mark Miller and his company, Concrete General, Inc., for their generous donation to the media center. Mark and his wife, Tam, have two children at Sequoyah (Jason, Miss Mill's class and Lily, Miss Kenst's class). Many new titles were purchased for every grade. In particular, the first and second graders will be able to choose from a new set of beginning readers entitled "I'm Going to Read!" In addition, we were able to purchase several award winning books announced this spring by the American Library Association, additions to several popular series, and a new collection of classics. Thank you for your support of the staff, students and parents of Sequoyah!!

Janet Freeman

### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Sequoyah held its Kindergarten Orientation on May 18 and 19. We greeted over 70 new kindergarteners and their parents, and we look forward to their joining the Sequoyah community. We would like to thank the following parent volunteers who donated their time to welcome these new students: Andrea Troutner, Pat Chapin, Linda Kuserk, Tam Miller, Andrea Dumas, Esther Caceres, Jean Somerville, Magda Tranamil, Michelle Hicks, Rita Starost, and Marissa Bailey. We would also like to thank all of the parents who donated a baked good for this event.

### ***To all parents of preschoolers who will be 4 years old by the end of January 2007 –***

There are still openings in the Magruder Child Development Preschool, both AM and PM sessions. We have preschool 4 days a week; AM from 7:30-9:45 and PM from 11:00 -2:00. For more information about this creative learning environment, call 301-840-4631 and ask for Mrs. Suzi Boyle. We have a lot of our "graduates" at Sequoyah!

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## Sequoyah Elementary School PTA Committee Chair Contact Description List 2006-2007

The annual "National PTA® every child. one voice®" 2006-2007 Membership card entitles you to an affiliation with the National, State, County and Local School (Sequoyah) PTA®. Additionally, your membership card has three purposes: First, it allows you full voting privileges at your child's school PTA® meetings. Second, it helps defray some of the cost of funding for some of the PTA-sponsored committee programs. Third, it provides a direct benefit to the educational enrichment of your child's experience at Sequoyah.

Additional assistance with any of these committees is always appreciated and very much in need throughout the school year. There are a few OPEN Committee chair positions awaiting a parent and/or teacher volunteer for the program to continue this Fall. For details, please call the program committee chair contacts directly to learn more on how you can make a difference in your child's school right now!

**Art Fever**—Coordinates the Art Fever Assistants for the art enrichment program (class art presentations, all grade levels monthly for 15-20 minutes). A great way to volunteer in your child's classroom.

**Susan Bernstein, (301) 208-9348**

**Author's Program**—Selects and coordinates visits by published authors for our students.

**Jean Sommerville, (301) 924-0128**

**Before/After School Care Liaison**—A PTA liaison for before/after school care programs for Sequoyah Bar-T. **Karen Ehrlich, (301) 330-4145**

**Book Fair**—Manages the semi-annual Book Fair fund raiser for Fall and Spring. Coordinates the Book Fair Assistants during this fund raiser. **Tam Miller, (301) 260-0804 and Ellen Motley, (301) 987-0892**

**Building and Grounds**—Manages the Building and Grounds program in conjunction with the Sequoyah Building and Maintenance staff.

**Karen Ehrlich, (301) 330-4145**

**Bulletin Board:**

**At Home Reading**—Coordinates the students names of those monthly at home readers with the Sequoyah Reading Specialist Department.

**Joy Buchanan, (240) 683-5444**

**Birthday**—Coordinates the different grade level parents to create, prepare and display each month's Birthday Bulletin Board in the school lobby.

**Laureen Robbins, (301) 987-2360**

**PTA**—Coordinates the display of PTA materials and/or photos with the PTA executive board and program committee chairs each month on the PTA Bulletin Board. **Karen Al-Faleh, (301) 947-7675**

**Chess Club** -- Coordinates the set-up, publicity, and registration for the Sequoyah Chess Club before and/or after school. **Linda Kuserk, (301) 330-3926**

**Conquista tus Suenos Hispanic Outreach Program**—Coordinates the Hispanic Outreach Program. **Isabel Seyed-Ali, (301) 926-7259 and Lindy Guerra, (301) 527-2316**

**Copy Club**—Coordinates with the Conquista tus Suenos Hispanic Outreach Program to make copies of approved Staff and PTA documents on an as needed basis. **Chair OPEN**

**Corporate**—Tracks the monetary benefits that Sequoyah receives from these programs.

1. **Box Tops**—Monitors the collection of GM Box tops.

**Andrea Cameron, (301) 208-6522**

2. **Supermarket (Giant/Safeway)**—Monitors and collects the Sequoyah registration for both Giant/Safeway annual registration for bonus store credits using assigned number.

**Deby Dicello, (301) 762-0809**

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**Cultural Arts**—Coordinates the presentations and special assemblies approved by the County for elementary level curricula.

**Linda Kuserk, (301) 330-3926**

**Directory**—Produces the annual Sequoyah Directory, incorporating paid ads to defray the printing cost. Coordinates the distribution of one copy to each Sequoyah Family at the beginning of the school year.

**Sally Mills, (301) 926-2470 and Ginny Crichton, (301) 869-5512**

**Family Nights/School Spirit** -- Coordinates the Family Nights and school spirit for the Sequoyah staff and students during the school year. **Chair OPEN**

Spring Dance—Chair OPEN and Spring Dance Ticket Coordinator--**Jackie Koehn, (301) 924-4990**

Talent/Variety Show--**Andrea Dumas, (301) 330-9633**

**Family Resource Center**—Coordinates the school supply and clothing donation to students in need.

**Magda Tranamil, (301) 963-1179 and Alta-Gracia Gonzalez, (240) 631-8162**

**Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES)**—Coordinates the set-up, publicity, and registration for language classes for before and/or after school at Sequoyah. **Catherine Stephens, (301) 921-4652**

**Gifted & Talented Liaison**—A PTA liaison for our staff GT Committee. **Sherrell Nicholson, (301) 990-8190 and Wanda Drake, (301) 990-6694**

**Gift Wrap**—Manages the Gift Wrap fund raiser in September and October. Coordinates the Gift Wrap assistants with the collection, organization, and distribution of gift wrap orders. **Michelle and Jacques Croom, (301) 990-0626**

**Hands On Science**—Coordinates set-up, publicity and registration for a practical, Hands On Science program for after school at Sequoyah. **Mamta Osborn, (301) 948-5355**

**Health & Safety**—Coordinates the annual National Nutrition Month in March, and is the liaison to the Sequoyah Health Room to promote health and safety in our school. Updates the Health Room Bulletin Board. **Laureen Robbins, (301) 987-2360, Emily Matusek, (301) 987-5412, and Andrea Troutner, (301) 990-8226**

**Hospitality**—Coordinates the Hospitality Assistants with four major events: “Back-to-School Staff Luncheon”, “Back-to-School Picnic”, “New Parent Breakfast”, and an “End-of-School Staff Luncheon”. Additionally, provides refreshments on an as needed basis for PTA meetings. **David Dennison, (301) 987-0070, Mamta Osborn, (301) 948-5355, Sue Martin, (301) 926-6509, Rita Starost, (301) 208-8843, Wanda Drake, (301) 990-6694, Sherrell Nicholson, (301) 990-8190, and Linda Burrell, (301) 963-4079**

**International Night**—Coordinates the International Night. **Susan Bernstein, (301) 208-9348, Yati Moeller, (301) 527-1633, Jean Sommerville, (301) 924-0128 and Isabel Seyed-Ali, (301) 926-7259**

**Kindergarten Round up**—Coordinates the welcome of incoming registered kindergartners during Kindergarten Orientation with the Sequoyah Staff. **Marissa Bailey, (301) 519-3977, and Rita Starost, (301) 208-8843**

**Market Day**—Manages the monthly Market Day fund raiser from September through June. Facilitates the operation of the Market Day Assistants during the Monthly Market Day sales and pick-up in the Cafeteria. **Ivette Sherman, (301) 330-5151 and Co-Chair OPEN**

**Membership**—Coordinates the PTA Membership enrollment during the school year. **Tam and Mark Miller, (301) 260-0804**

**NAACP Liaison**—Disseminates NAACP -related information from County and State attended meetings at PTA Meetings and/or in the Sequoyah Signal Newsletter.

**Shawn and Michelle Hicks, (301) 774-5740**

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**Newsletter (Signal)**—Produces the Sequoyah Signal monthly from August through June. Coordinates the Signal design and editing prior to the monthly Signal distribution to all Sequoyah staff and students.

**David Baker, (301) 519-2227, and Staff Signal Liaison OPEN**

**Partners-in-Parenting/Special Needs**—Coordinates a program to assist parents with issues that occur at the elementary level. Volunteers assist in finding speakers and diverse topics of interest (**Partners-in-Parenting**). Provides library resources to the families of students identified with special needs, and coordinates subscriptions to appropriate publications and/or attendance at meetings (**Special Needs**).

**Jean Sommerville, (301) 924-0128**

**Recycling**—Coordinates the Recycle for the Students (ink cartridges) fund raiser.

**Wanda Drake, (301) 990-6694**

**Reflections Art Program**—Coordinates the national cultural arts competition in literary, musical, photographic, and visual arts. Manages the entries judged at the school, state, and national level. **Chair OPEN**

**Restaurant Nights**—Coordinates the quarterly Sequoyah Family Restaurant Night Fund raiser events.

**Tina Webb, (301) 924-9322**

**School Tool Box** —Manages the purchase of school supplies for the Sequoyah School Store available to students before school at a zero to minimum profit margin. **Chair OPEN**

**Silent Auction, Raffle and Promotional Advertisements**—Coordinates and manages the Silent Auction/Raffle Fund raiser for the Spring Dance.

**Linda Kuserk, (301) 330-3926**

**Spirit Wear Clothing Sales Coordinators**—

Coordinates the promotion, sales and distribution of Sequoyah's logo clothing line.

**Cindy Batz-Arnold, (301) 869-9033**

**Staff Appreciation**—Coordinates the Sequoyah staff appreciation activities for our staff members at various times of the year. **Susan Bernstein, (301) 208-9348 and Yati Moeller, (301) 527-1633**

**Technology**—Provides assistance with PTA electronic communications, web site updates, and related school projects. **David Dennison, (301) 987-0070**

**Translation**—Translates PTA and Staff approved correspondence on an as needed basis for the Sequoyah community. **Marina Connor, (301) 208-9136**

**Yearbook**—Coordinates and Manages the production, sale, and distribution of the annual Sequoyah Yearbook. **Elisa McGuire, (301) 977-0827**

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### Sequoyah Elementary School PTA Meeting May 2, 2006 7:30-8:50 PM

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**Attendants:** Susan Bernstein, Esther Caceres, Andrea Cameron, Pat Chapin, Michelle Croom, Wanda Drake, Andrea Dumas, Jeff Freedman, Bobbi Jasper, Linda Kuserk, Sue Martin, Kathleen McInnis, Tam Miller, Ellen Motley, Nellie Ross, Lori Rowe, Rita Starost, Andrea Troutner, Laura Weiner, Anastacia Wooden

**Pat Chapin, president,** opened the meeting with introductions and recognized the first grade team's participation. The entire first grade team was represented.

May PTA meeting minutes were approved by attendants without changes.

**Andrea Dumas, volunteer coordinator,** asked for volunteers on behalf of Mr. Martin to help with field day for the upper grades. Many eager assistants will make Mr. Martin's first Sequoyah field day a big success! Please enjoy a fun day with the kids!

**Pat offered a hearty thank you to Tam Miller and Ellen Motley for presenting a first class spring book fair,** that will likely be recorded as one of our best spring efforts ever! She also thanked **Sarah Hochuli for organizing the many successful restaurant nights, most recently the Outta the Way Café fundraising night. She mentioned that we were expecting to have a Silver Diner Night on May 18. Pat also mentioned that**

**Jean Sommerville, partners in parenting chair, was selected to receive an Outstanding Parent in Special Education Award from MCPS on May 8,** (following a nomination submitted by Sequoyah staff and PTA parents) honoring her extraordinary efforts on behalf of special needs children. Congratulations Jean!

**Jeff Freedman, treasurer, said there is \$16,322.57 in the Sequoyah PTA checking account** which now includes the Sock Hop activity. However, the amount does not include the very successful book fair held in May.

**Pat said our PTA received a check from Concrete General (Mark Miller's company) for \$200** to be used for all students in the Sequoyah media center.

**Bobbi Jasper, principal, said the K-2 assessments in comprehension, strengths and needs are complete. Grades 3-5 are in progress. Class lists for 2006-07 are being compiled.** A fifth Kindergarten class has been added for next year; more K students have enrolled than anticipated. Total enrollment for next year is projected at 450.

**Andrea Troutner, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of programs, said some key PTA leadership positions are still available.** Andrea invited Sequoyah teachers to consider accepting leadership positions. Please carefully consider your ability to contribute to the PTA leadership!

**In addition, Andrea suggested adding a position that would link testing and instructional highlights into the Signal Newsletter each month;** a Sequoyah teacher is encouraged to consider this important connection.

**Available leadership positions on the 2006-07 PTA include: Copy Club chair, newsletter co-chair, Family Night chair, School Tool Box chair, Spring Dance chair and co-chair, and more.**

**Ms. McInnis, second grade teacher and staff representative invited all parent volunteers to come enjoy this year's volunteer tea** on May 24 hosted by Sequoyah teachers and staff.

**Kimberly Weaver, first grade teacher,** said their current curriculum focuses on reading to perform a task, poetry, writing for the Authors' Tea, math fractions and more.

**Dr. Jasper congratulated Linda Kuserk,** immediate past PTA president, for being **nominated as cluster coordinator** to the Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTAs). Complimenting Linda's leadership style and full appreciation of the PTA/staff link to success throughout all grades, Dr. Jasper expressed her confidence in Linda's ability to articulate and drive decisions for the benefit of Sequoyah's and the cluster's needs to the MCCPTA body. Three cluster coordinators were elected to represent our area.

**Tam Miller, book fair co-chair, said the spring book fair brought about \$1,800 for the PTA,** selling \$7,400 in books overall. Sequoyah will receive about \$740 in books from Scholastic. In addition, Tam thanked Brownie Troop 6020 for selling refreshments to benefit the PTA, raising \$56. This Brownie Troop has eight members: Sierra Croom, Lily Miller, Emma Owen, Mae Mae Ross, Morgan Ross, Claire Ryan, Meredith Stephens, and Jaclyn Troutner. In addition, Sequoyah Boy Scouts entertained many book fair attendants, making butter and demonstrating safety techniques.

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**Sue Bernstein and Yati Moeller, staff appreciation co-chairs**, plan a full week of events to show the PTA's enormous gratitude to all Sequoyah staff, culminating in a staff luncheon on 5/12.

**Marissa Bailey, Kindergarten Orientation chair**, plans a well-attended event 5/18-19, expecting more than 75 new Sequoyah students. All volunteers are appreciated in attending and providing snacks for our youngest class and their families.

**The spring musical, School House Rock, is scheduled for 5/11-12 featuring Sequoyah performers. Kate Murphy, Sequoyah music teacher extraordinaire**, has developed the score into a much-anticipated event. In addition, many volunteers have made costumes, handled promotion and communications, and have organized the enthusiastic participants.

**Lori Rowe, Spirit Wear co-chair, said Sequoyah families bought \$1,083** in merchandise. The PTA, to honor a more frugal budget, has elected to discontinue giving T-shirts to new students. Instead, the PTA will offer an initial Spirit Wear discount or provide less expensive free items to new students.

**Laurie Sweeney, building and grounds chair, via Pat Chapin, requested the annual \$100** contribution to support the Magruder after-prom activity. Motion passed to continue support this year.

**Jeff Freedman said this has been a difficult year for the Sequoyah budget and welcomes innovative ideas to enhance funding.** Some programs for 2006-07 are in jeopardy. The PTA voted to cut \$10,000 in expenses to meet decreased 2005-06 income projections. Discussion ensued to brainstorm new approaches to funding and spending. Jeff distributed two versions of next year's budget to be finalized at the year's final PTA meeting. One version shows \$42,000 in expenses, the other offers \$37,000. Some programs will be cut to meet the decreased funding; perhaps Mad Science, classroom enrichment, or others. Budget comments will be accepted in May; the final budget will be voted in at the last PTA meeting in June.

**Nellie Ross, recording secretary, suggested pursuing funding from the corporate community by pitching "scholarships" to be bought by businesses.** For example, a PTA committee would target several businesses whose product lines are aligned with a particular funding request. Perhaps Mad Science could be supported by science-related businesses.

Additionally, families could be asked to contribute to specific PTA programs or contribute to certain programs through a new web site option on the Sequoyah home page. Increased PTA membership was also encouraged with the expectation of more volunteer and monetary participation. Many attendants also support increased promotion of Sequoyah programs provided by the PTA.

**Andrea Troutner, 1<sup>st</sup> VP programs, presented the proposed slate of 2006-07 PTA officers:**

**Andrea Troutner, president**

**Sue Martin, 1<sup>st</sup> VP programs**

**Michelle Hicks and Wanda Drake, 2nd VPs fundraising**

**Jeff Freedman, treasurer**

**Lindy Guerra, recording secretary**

**Jean Sommerville\*, corresponding secretary**

**Officers will be installed at the final PTA meeting in June.**

Respectfully submitted, Nellie Ross, recording secretary.

\*Editor's note: The sudden resignation of Jean Sommerville in response to an unexpected family matter prompted Laura Weiner to come forward to fill the open Corresponding Secretary position.

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### *Carta de la Presidenta y la Directora Junio del 2006*

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#### Un mensaje de Bobbie:

¡Ha sido un gran año! El personal ya esta ocupado planeando para el próximo otoño. Para su información los cambios de personal que sabemos hasta ahora son: Sarah Sirgo se traslada a Sally Ride como Directora Interina; Jodi Moran to Daly, Derek Manon to White Oak Middle School y Megan Kenst junto con Allison Hamrick van a abrir las escuelas nuevas del norte del condado. También extrañaremos a la Srta. Klaffka que se acaba de casar y nos ha dejado en Abril.

¡Felicitaciones a la Sra. CATIE Droter, quien se jubila después de 20 años enseñando!...

**Por favor marquen sus calendarios con estas fechas importantes: 6 de Junio a la 7:30 es la última reunión del año de la PTA, en la cual se nombrarán a los nuevos funcionarios y finalizaremos el presupuesto de 2006/7 (en el Media Center). La despedida de 5° Grado se realizará durante el día el 13 de Junio a las 9:30 a.m. el equipo de 5° Grado encabezado por la Sra. Beard tiene planes especiales para nuestros egresados. La Ceremonia de Premios para K-4 Grados será el miércoles 14 por la mañana (el último día de escuela) a las 9:30 a.m. La escuela terminará con salida antes a las 1:00 ese día.** El personal de la escuela será homenajeado con una fiesta especial del final de año esa tarde, auspiciado por la PTA.

Nuestros maestros y personal quieren agradecer a los padres y a los miembros de la PTA por todo el apoyo provisto durante todo el año. Toma mucha gente y muchos recursos para tener una escuela exitosa, y sabemos que muchos de nuestros programas especiales, incluyendo pero no limitados a, Programa de Artes Culturales, almuerzos de apreciación a los maestros, supervisión de los viajes de estudios, recreos, fiestas de aula y de la escuela, eventos (como el Musical, ¡Kate eres maravillosa!) y nuestra Orientación para Jardín de Infantes para los niños entrantes, no pueden haberse concluido sin su ayuda. Gracias a todos ustedes del BAR-T quienes rastrillaron, limpiaron y en general embellecieron los canteros de flores de la escuela. Estamos entusiasmados de encontrar más oportunidades para trabajar con uds. El año entrante.

#### Mensaje de Pat:

A todos los Padres de Sequoyah, Personal, Estudiantes y afiliados: ha sido un privilegio y un honor ser la Presidenta de la PTA estos últimos años. Juntos hemos pasado por muchas transiciones-incluyendo cambios en liderazgo, en el programa del condado y la participación de la comunidad. Gracias a su compromiso a hacer lo mejor para nuestros estudiantes cada día, somos más fuertes ahora, más organizados y mejor preparados para ayudar a nuestros niños y personal a tener éxito en el trabajo de educar a nuestro niños. Gracias a todos y cada uno de ustedes que no dieron su tiempo, talento, energía y/o dinero para hacer a Sequoyah lo mejor que puede ser. Les debemos gratitud a todos los presidentes de comisiones, miembros de la junta, padres voluntarios y miembros del personal que hicieron lo máximo con nuestros fondos y usaron su creatividad, bondad y solvencia de problemas para proveer tantos programas valiosos par nuestros niños que de otra manera no hubiesen estado disponibles dentro del presupuesto del Condado. Por la energía y el entusiasmo de los líderes que emergieron para arremangarse las mangas, a probar algo nuevo y de hacerlo exitosamente. ¡Gracias! Ha sido una experiencia maravillosa y con gratitud del corazón les deseo a cada uno la oportunidad de ganar el título de Pasado Presidente de la PTA de Sequoyah.

Recuerden que el año que viene, la escuela comienza el lunes 28 de Agosto. (En esa mañana también habrá un desayuno especial para los padres nuevos de Sequoyah). Estén pendientes por la carta del verano, que será mandada a sus hogares, para detalles del año entrante.

¡Las dos les deseamos un verano relajante, renovador y divertido!

Sinceramente,

Pat Chapin  
Presidenta de la PTA

Dra. Bobbie Jasper  
Directora

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### Lista de contactos y descripción de comités de la PTA de la Escuela Primaria Sequoyah 2006-2007

La campaña anual de "PTA Nacional cada niño. una voz" 2006-2007 (en inglés, National PTA every child. one voice), La asociación le otorga una afiliación con la PTA Nacional, Estatal, del Condado y con la PTA de la Escuela Local(Sequoyah). Primero, esta tarjeta le permite completos privilegios de voto en las reuniones mensuales de la PTA. Segundo, con lo recaudado de los pagos de socios se suplementa el costo de los programas listados debajo. Tercero, provee un beneficio directo al enriquecimiento educacional de la experiencia de su niño/a en Sequoyah.

Asistencia adicional con cualquiera de estos comités será siempre muy apreciada durante todo el año escolar. Hay algunas posiciones abiertas esperando a padres voluntarios para que estos programas continúen este otoño que viene. Para más detalles o si quiere ayudar con un proyecto determinado, por favor llame a los contactos de la comisión directamente ¡Para enterarse mejor en como apoyar a la escuela de su niño/a ahora mismo!

**Art Fever-Fervor del Arte**-Coordina los asistentes de Fervor del Arte para el programa de enriquecimiento de arte (presentaciones de arte a las clases de todos los grados mensualmente por 15-20 min.). Es una buena forma de ayudar en las clases de sus niños. **Susan Bernstein, (301) 208-9348**

**Author's Program-Programa de Autores**-Selecciona y coordina las visitas a nuestros estudiantes de los autores publicados. **Jean Sommerville, (301) 924-0128**

**Before/After School Care Liaison-Cuidado de Antes/Después de la Escuela**-Monitorea los programas de antes/después de la escuela del Bar-T de Sequoyah. **Karen Ehrlich, (301) 330-4145**

**Book Fair-Feria del Libro**-Maneja el recaudo de fondos del otoño y primavera de la Feria del Libro del Otoño y Primavera. Coordina los asistentes de la Feria del Libro. **Tam Miller, (301) 260-0804** y **Ellen Motley, (301) 987-0892**

**Building and Grounds-Edificio y Parquización**-Maneja el programa de Edificio y Parquización en conjunto con el personal de Edificio y Mantenimiento de Sequoyah. **Karen Ehrlich, (301) 330-4145**

#### **Bulletin Board-Cartelera:**

**1) At Home Reading-Lectura en casa**-Colabora con el Departamento Especialista en Lectura de Sequoyah para exhibir los nombres de los estudiantes que participan en el programa mensual de lee en casa. **Joy Buchanan, (240) 683-5444**

**2) Birthday-Cumpleaños**-Coordina los padres de diferentes grados para crear, preparar y demostrar en la Cartelera, los Cumpleaños de cada mes, en el vestíbulo de la escuela. **Lauren Robbins, (301) 987-2360**

**3) PTA-Asociación de Padres y Maestros**-Coordina mensualmente en la cartelera, la demostración de materiales y/o fotos con la Junta Ejecutiva y los presidentes de comisiones de programas de la PTA. **Karen Al-Faleh, (301) 947-7675**

**Chess Club-Club de Ajedrez**-Coordina la preparación, publicidad e inscripción para el Club de Ajedrez antes y/o después de clases. **Linda Kuserk, (301) 330-3926**

**Conquista tus Sueños**-Coordina el Programa de Apoyo Hispano para promover una mejor comunicación con y entre las familias. **Isabel Seyed-Ali, (301) 926-7259** y **Lindy Guerra, (301) 527-2316**

**Copy Club-Club de Copias**-Coordina con los participantes del programa Conquista tus Sueños la copia de documentos aprobados por el Personal y la PTA, según sea necesario. **Presidencia VACANTE**

**Corporate-Corporación**-Promueve los programas y rastrea los beneficios monetarios que Sequoyah recibe de la participación familiar en estos programas.

**1) Box Tops-Tapas de Cajas**-Monitorea la colección de las tapas de cajas de General Mills (cereales) **Andrea Cameron, (301) 208-6522** y **Co-presidencia vacante**

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**2) Supermarket (Giant/Safeway)-Supermercados (Giant/Safeway)** Monitorea y colecciona el registro anual de Giant/Safeway para los bonos usando el número asignado. **Deby Dicello, 301-762-0809**

**Cultural Arts-Artes Culturales**-Coordina las presentaciones y las asambleas aprobadas por el condado para los programas del nivel primario. **Linda Kuserk, (301) 330-3926**

**Directory-Guía Telefónica**-Produce la Guía Telefónica anual de Sequoyah, incorporando avisos vendidos para pagar el costo de imprenta. Coordina la distribución de una copia para cada familia de Sequoyah en el comienzo del año escolar. **Sally Mills, (301) 926-2470 y Ginny Crichton, (301) 869-5512**

**Family Nights/School Spirit-Noches de Familia/ Espiritu Escolar**-Coordina las Noches de Familia y los eventos de Espiritu Escolar para el personal y los estudiantes de Sequoyah durante el año escolar. **Presidencia VACANTE**

**Spring Dance-Baile de la Primavera- Presidencia VACANTE y Coordinador/a de entradas del Baile de la Primavera Jackie Koehn, (301) 924-4990**

**Talent/Variety Show-El Show de Talento-Andrea Dumas, (301) 330-9633**

**Family Resource Center-Centro de Recursos Familiares**-Coordina la donación de útiles escolares y ropa a los estudiantes necesitados. **Magda Tranamil, 301-604-1212 y Alta Gracia Gonzalez, 240-631-8162**

**Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES)- Idioma Extranjero en la Escuela Primaria**-Coordina la preparación, publicidad e inscripción para las clases de idioma para antes y/o después de clases en Sequoyah. **Catherine Stephens, (301) 921-4652**

**Gifted & Talented Liaison-Dotados & Talentosos**-Un enlace de la PTA para nuestro personal de Comisión de GT **Sherrell Nicholson, 301-990-8190 y Wanda Drake, 301-990-6694**

**Gift Wrap-Papel de Regalo-Maneja** el recaudo de fondos de Papel de Regalo en Septiembre y Octubre. Coordina los asistentes de Papel de Regalo para la colección, organización y distribución de los pedidos de Papel de Regalo. **Michelle and Jacques Croom, (301) 990-0626**

**Hands-on Science-Manos en la Ciencia**-Coordina la preparación, publicidad e inscripción del programa práctico de enriquecimiento Manos en la Ciencia para después de clases en Sequoyah. **Mamta Osborn, (301) 948-5355**

**Health & Safety-Salud y Seguridad**-Coordina anualmente las actividades del Mes Nacional de Nutrición en Marzo y es el enlace con la Enfermería de Sequoyah para promover salud y seguridad en nuestra escuela. Actualiza la Cartelera de la Enfermería. **Laureen Robbins, (301) 987-2360, Emily Matusek, (301) 987-5412 y Andrea Troutner, (301) 990-8226**

**Hospitality-Hospitalidad**-Coordina las asistentes de Hospitalidad con los eventos mayores, como el Almuerzo del Personal de Vuelta a la Escuela, Picnic de Vuelta a la Escuela, Desayuno de los Padres Nuevos, Sorpresas Sociales para el personal y un Almuerzo de Final de Año para el Personal Adicionalmente, provee refrescos cuando se necesitan para las funciones de la PTA. **David Dennison, (301) 987-0070, Mamta Osborn, (301) 948-5355, Sue Martin, (301) 926-6509, Rita Starost, (301) 208-8843, Linda Burrell, (301) 963-4079, Wanda Drake, (301) 990-6694 y Sherrel Nicholson, (301) 990-8190**

**International Night-Noche Internacional**-Coordina la Noche Internacional. **Susan Bernstein, (301) 208-9348, Yati Moeller, (301) 527-1633, Jean Sommerville, (301) 924-0128 e Isabel Seyed-Ali, (301) 926-7259**

**Kindergarten Round up-Rodeo de Jardín de Infantes**-Coordina la bienvenida de los niños de jardín registrados durante la Orientación de Jardín de Infantes con el personal de Sequoyah. **Marissa Bailey, (301) 519-3977 y Rita Starost, (301) 208-8843**

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**Market Day-Día de Mercado-Market Day**-Maneja mensualmente el recaudo de fondos de las comidas congeladas del conveniente Market Day y coordina asistentes de Market Day para las ventas y el retiro de los pedidos en la cafetería desde Septiembre hasta Junio. **Ivette Sherman, (301) 330-5151 y Co-presidencia vacante**

**Membership-Asociación**-Coordina la inscripción en la PTA durante el año escolar. **Tam y Mark Miller, (301) 260-0804**

**NAACP Liaison-Enlace con la NAACP**-Disemina información de la NAACP, obtenida en reuniones asistidas del Condado y del Estado, en la PTA y/o en la Gaceta Signal de Sequoyah. **Shawn y Michelle Hicks, (301) 774-5740**

**Newsletter (Signal)-Boletín Informativo**-Produce el Sequoyah Signal mensual desde Agosto hasta Junio inclusive. Coordina el diseño y editado del Signal, con la PTA y la Directora, antes de la distribución mensual de la gaceta a todos los estudiantes y personal. **David Baker, (301) 519-2227 y Enlace del personal y Signal VACANTE**

**Parents-in-Parenting/Special Needs-Socios en Crianza/Necesidades Especiales**-Coordina un programa para asistir a padres con problemas que ocurren a nivel escolar primario. Los Voluntarios asisten encontrando personas que den charlas en diferentes tópicos de interés. **(Socios en Crianza)**. Provee recursos bibliotecarios a familias con estudiantes identificados con necesidades especiales y coordina suscripciones a publicaciones apropiadas y/o la asistencia a las reuniones **(Special Needs)**.

**Jean Sommerville, (301) 924-0128**

**Recycling-Reciclado**-Coordina el recaudo de fondos "Reciclado para los Estudiantes"(cartuchos de tinta de impresora). **Wanda Drake, (301) 990-6694**

**Reflections Art Program-Programa de Arte Reflexiones**-Coordina la competencia nacional de artes culturales en literatura, música, fotografía y artes

visuales. Maneja las participaciones juzgadas en la escuela, Estado y nivel nacional. **Presidencia VACANTE**

**Restaurant Nights-Noches de Restaurante**-Coordina los eventos cuatrimestrales de recaudo de fondos de la Noche Familiar de Restaurante. **Tina Webb, (301)924-9322**

**School Tool Box-Caja de Útiles Escolares**-Maneja la compra de útiles escolares para la Tienda de la Escuela Sequoyah disponible para los estudiantes antes de clases, de cero a un mínimo margen de ganancia. **Presidencia VACANTE**

**Silent Auction, Raffle and Promotional Advertisements-Subasta Silenciosa, Rifa y Avisos Promocionales**-Coordina y maneja el recaudo de fondos de la Subasta Silenciosa/Rifa del Baile de Primavera y las publicidades para la guía telefónica. **Linda Kuserk, (301) 330-3926**

**Spirit Wear Clothing Sales Coordinators- Coordinadores de Venta de Ropa Spirit Wear**-Coordina la promoción, venta y distribución de la línea de ropa del logo de Sequoyah. **Cindy Batz-Arnold, (301) 869-9033**

**Staff Appreciation-Apreciación al Personal**-Coordina las actividades de apreciación para el personal de Sequoyah en varias épocas del año. **Susan Bernstein, (301) 208-9348 y Yati Moeller, (301) 527-1633**

**Technology-Tecnología**-Provee asistencia con las comunicaciones electrónicas, actualizaciones del sitio de web y proyectos escolares relacionados. **David Dennison, (301) 987-0070**

**Translation-Traducciones**-Traduce la correspondencia aprobada por la PTA y el personal las reuniones, según se necesite, para la comunidad de Sequoyah.

**Marina Connor, (301) 208-9136**

**Yearbook-Libro del Año**-Coordina y Maneja la producción, distribución y venta anual del Libro del Año. **Elisa McGuire, (301) 977-0827**

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### Reunión de la PTA de la Escuela Sequoyah 2 de Mayo del 2006 7:30-8:50 p.m.

**Asistencia:** Susan Bernstein, Esther Caceres, Andrea Cameron, Pat Chapin, Michelle Croom, Wanda Drake, Andrea Dumas, Jeff Freedman, Bobbi Jasper, Linda Kurserk, Sue Martin, Kathleen McInnis, Tam Miller, Ellen Motley, Nellie Ross, Lori Rowe, Rita Starost, Andrea Troutner, Laura Weiner, Anastacia Wooden.

**Pat Chapin, Presidenta** abrió la sesión con presentaciones y reconoció la participación del equipo de Primer Grado. El equipo de Primer Grado fue representado en su totalidad.

Las actas de la reunión de la PTA de Mayo fueron aprobadas sin ningún cambio.

**Andrea Dumas, Coordinadora de Voluntarios**, pidió voluntarios para el Sr. Martin para ayudar con el Field Day para los grados más altos. ¡Muchos asistentes entusiastas harán que el primer Field Day del Sr. Martin sea un éxito! Por favor disfruten de un día divertido con los niños.

**Pat agradeció de todo corazón a Tal Miller y Ellen Motley por presentar una feria del libro de primavera de primera clase**, que seguramente será la que ha tenido mejor esfuerzos. También agradeció a Sarah Hochuli por organizar todas las noches de restaurante, la más reciente en el Outta The Way Café. Mencionó que esperamos tener una noche en el Silver Diner el 18 de Mayo. Pat también dijo que Jean Sommerville, presidenta de comisión Socios en Crianza, fue seleccionada para recibir un premio de excelencia en Padres en Educación Especial de la MCPS el 8 de Mayo, (siguiendo una nominación que fue sometida por el personal y la PTA de Sequoyah) en honor a sus extraordinarios esfuerzos a beneficio de niños con necesidades especiales. ¡Felicitaciones Jean!

**Jeff Freedman, Tesorero, dijo que hay \$16,322.57 en la cuenta corriente de Sequoyah** que incluye ahora la actividad de Sock Hop. En todo caso, el monto no incluye la exitosa feria del libro llevada a cabo en Mayo.

**Pat dijo que la PTA recibió un cheque de Concrete General (Compañía de Mark Miller) por \$200** para ser usado por los estudiantes en el Media Center.

**Bobbi Jasper, Directora, dijo que las evaluaciones de K-2 en comprensión, fuertes y necesidades están completas. La de los Grados 3-5 está en progreso. Las listas de clases para el 2006-07 se están compilando.** Una quinta clase de Jardín de Infantes se ha creado para el año entrante; se han inscripto más estudiantes de Jardín de lo anticipado. La inscripción total para el año entrante está proyectada a 450.

**Andrea Troutner, 1° VP de Programas, dijo que hay algunas posiciones claves de liderazgo todavía vacantes.** Andrea invitó a los maestros de Sequoyah a aceptar dichas posiciones. Por favor considere cuidadosamente su habilidad para contribuir al liderazgo de la PTA.

**Además, Andrea sugirió agregar una posición que enlazará lo destacado de evaluaciones e instrucción en el Boletín Informativo Signal cada mes;** se le ha pedido a un maestro de Sequoyah que considere esta conexión importante.

**Las posiciones de liderazgo disponible son: Presidencia de Comisión del Club de Copias, Co-presidencia del boletín informativo, presidencia de Noche de Familia, presidencia de Caja de útiles Escolares, Presidencia y Co-presidencia del Baile de la Primavera y más.**

**La Sra. McInnis, Segundo Grado** dijo que el currículo actual se enfoca en la lectura para realizar una tarea, poesía, escritura para el Té de Autores, fracciones matemáticas y más.

**La Dra. Jasper felicitó a Linda Kurserk**, por ser nominada coordinadora del racimo de escuelas para el Consejo del Condado de Montgomery de PTAs (MCCPTA). Halagando el estilo de liderazgo de Linda y su apreciación total del enlace PTA/Personal para tener éxito en todos los grados. La Dra. Jasper expresó su confianza en la habilidad de Linda para articular y conducir las dediciones para le beneficio de Sequoyah y las necesidades del racimo al MCCPTA. Se eligieron tres coordinadores de racimo para representar a nuestra área.

**Tam Miller, Co-presidenta de la Feria del Libro, dijo que la feria de la primavera trajo alrededor de \$1,800 para la PTA**, vendiendo \$7400 en libros en general. Sequoyah recibirá \$740 en libros de Scholastic. Además, Tam agradeció a la Tropa Brownie 6020 por vender refrescos a beneficio de la PTA, recaudando \$56. Esta Tropa Brownie tiene 8

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miembros: Sierra Croom, Lily Miller, Emma Owen, Mae Ross, Morgan Ross, Claire Ryan, Meredith Stephens y Jaclyn Troutner. Además, los boy Scouts de Sequoyah entretuvieron a muchos asistentes de la feria haciendo mantequilla y demostrando técnicas de seguridad.

**Sue Bernstein y Yati Moeller, Co presidentas de Apreciación al Personal**, planean una semana completa de eventos para demostrar la enorme gratitud de la PTA a todo el personal de Sequoyah., culminando con un almuerzo del personal el 12/5.

**Marissa Bailey, presidenta de la Orientación de Jardín de Infantes**, planea un evento con mucha asistencia, esperando a más de 75 estudiantes nuevos de Sequoyah. Todos los voluntarios serán apreciados en asistir y proveer bocaditos para las clases de los más jovencitos y sus familias.

**El musical de la primavera, School House Rock, se llevará a cabo el 11 y 12 de Mayo con actuación de niños de Sequoyah. Kate Murphy, la extraordinaria maestra de música de Sequoyah**, ha creado una gran anticipación para el evento. Además, voluntarios han hecho disfraces, manejado la promoción y comunicación y han organizado a los entusiasmados participantes.

**Lori Rowe, co-presidenta de la ropa de Spirit Wear dijo que las familias de Sequoyah han comprado \$1083** en mercadería. La PTA, para ahorrar en el presupuesto, ha decidido no continuar regalando las camisetas a los nuevos estudiantes. En vez se les dará un descuento inicial de Spirit Wear o proveer otros artículos más baratos gratis para los estudiantes nuevos.

**Laurie Sweeney, dijo que este ha sido un año muy difícil para el presupuesto de Sequoyah y recibirá ideas inovativas para mejorar el fondo.** Aún algunos programas para el 2006-07 están en peligro. La PTA votó de cortar \$10,000 en expensas para balancear las entradas que han decrecido. Discusiones resultaron en nuevas ideas para el costo y los gastos. Jeff distribuyó dos versiones del presupuesto del año entrante para ser finalizadas en la última reunión de la PTA de este año. Una versión muestra \$42000 en gastos la otra ofrece \$37000. Algunos de los programas serán eliminados para balancear el decrecimiento de fondos; quizás Ciencia Loca, enriquecimiento de aulas u otros. Comentarios del presupuesto serán aceptados en Mayo; el presupuesto final será votado en la última reunión de la PTA en Junio.

**Nellie Ross, Secretaria de Registro, sugirió perseguir fondos de la comunidad de corporaciones presentando “becas” que sean compradas por los negocios.** Por ejemplo una comisión de la PTA apuntará a varios negocios cuyas líneas de productos estén alineadas con ese pedido de fondos en particular. Quizás, Ciencia Loca pudiera ser mantenida por negocios relacionados con ciencia.

Adicionalmente, se les puede pedir a las familias que contribuyan con un programa específico o con ciertos programas a través de un nuevo sitio de Internet en la página de Sequoyah. Fue fomentado que se incremente la cantidad de socios de la PTA con la expectativa de más participación voluntaria y monetaria. Muchos asistentes también apoyaron el incremento de promoción de los programas que so provistos por la PTA.

**Andrea Troutner, 1° VP de Programas, presentó la propuesta lista de funcionarios de la PTA de 2006/07:**

**Andrea Troutner, Presidenta**

**Sue Martin, 1° VP Programas**

**Michelle Hicks and Wanda Drake, 2° VPs recaudo de Fondos**

**Jeff Freedman, Tesorero**

**Lindy Guerra, Secretaria de Registro**

**Jean Sommerville\*, Secretaria de Correspondencia**

**Funcionarios serán instalados en la Reunión final de la PTA en Junio.**

Respetuosamente sometido por Nellie Ross, Secretaria de Registro

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### A Farewell Message from Mrs. Sarah Sirgo

Dear Parents and Sequoyah Community Members,

As I enter the last few weeks as Assistant Principal of Sequoyah, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to everyone for their support and commitment to our school's success. When I came to Sequoyah in 2003 I had no idea how much I would grow and learn. As some of you know, I will be moving onto a new position in MCPS next year. Starting July 1st I will become the Principal Intern at Sally Ride Elementary in Germantown, Maryland (Seneca Valley Cluster) and a new Assistant Principal will take my place at Sequoyah. Although I will embark on a new journey, I did not want to miss the opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the parent community for all you have done to make me feel welcome and appreciated. It is a bittersweet departure and I can't help but smile at what we have accomplished together. I want to extend a special thank you to not only the teachers and students of Sequoyah, but to the parents and extended school community. Your sense of spirit, commitment to your children, and desire to provide the best education possible is evident in all that you do. Thank you again and I look forward to crossing paths with you and your children in the future.

Those having torches will pass them on to others. -Plato

Sincerely,  
Sarah Sirgo