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Recognition and Thank Yous

Hospitality Committee

Thank you to all the parents who donated soup, corn bread, drinks, and desserts for the "Souper Bowl" staff appreciation party on February 1. We really appreciate your willingness to donate items which provided a great lunch for the staff at Sequoyah. Everyone was very appreciative of the lunch!

Thank you!

The Hospitality Committee

SES Fundraiser Team

The SES Fundraiser Team would like to thank Danielle Rice for her hard work in chairing the Modell's Team Weeks and Gift Cards fundraisers.

Bingo Night was an exciting event for our SES Families. Special thanks go to the committee chairs Andi Dumas and Laura Weiner, and the committee members Sue Martin and John Dumas. Thank you also

to everyone who donated items, and especially to Marion Baker, who asked for and received contributions from local businesses!

SES Fundraiser Team would like to thank our Corporate Fundraisers Chairs Sarah Hochuli for supporting Giant/Safeway programs and Andrea Cameron for supporting the Box Tops program.

Ivette Sherman is the chair for the Market Day program and we appreciate her hard work and dedication to this fundraiser. Thank you!

The SES Fundraiser Team thanks everyone that supported our PTA's activities in the past months and we thank you for your continuing support in the upcoming months.

Yours truly,
Wanda Drake
Vice President of Fundraising

Thank you!

First Annual Carnival

Sequoyah's first annual Carnival will take place on June 1st. Volunteers are needed to assist with planning, setup, activities during the carnival, cleanup, and more!

Please contact David Dennison to donate your time and talents.

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Calling All Photographers!

We are collecting candid pictures from Sequoyah sponsored events to go in the yearbook. If you have digital pictures from a class party, field trip, dance, Bingo Night, etc., please label them and email them to Jennifer Crocker at joncrocker@aol.com.

Parents' Checklist

- Place Market Day orders by Feb 13 (Internet orders by noon Thurs. Feb 14). Pick-up is Wed. Feb 20, 7pm - 8pm
- For information on emergency school closing and early dismissals, check the following sources:
 - MCPS Channel 34
 - www.mcsp.k12.md.org
 - 301-279-FORD(3673)

Take Note: School Schedule

School Holidays – No school

Tuesday, Feb 12 (Election Day) – BAR-T CLOSED

Monday, Feb 18 (Presidents' Day) – BAR-T CLOSED

Friday, Mar 21 thru Friday, Mar 28 (**Spring Break**)

Early Release Days

Wednesday, Feb 27

Save the Date

Valentines Day Classroom Parties: Thursday, Feb 14 beginning at 2:15pm. Contact your child's teacher or room parent to help with the fun!

Sequoyah Yearbook Orders: 2007-2008 yearbook orders will be taken beginning Tuesday, Feb 19. Order forms will be sent home and are due back by Feb 29. The cost is \$20 until Feb 29, and will increase for orders received after that date. Checks may be made payable to Sequoyah Elementary.

Restaurant Night: Weds. Feb 27, 5 – 9pm. Please join other Sequoyah families at Ledos on Muncaster Mill Rd.

Readers' Corner

I want to encourage you and your child to keep on reading during the winter months. One way to do this is your child's participation in our Read at Home program. Many teachers are incorporating their homework assignment with Read at Home.

Students in upper grades have assignments to read and do a written response which counts towards their Read at Home acknowledgement. In the primary grades, many teachers still send home the familiar Read at Home collection sheets. Either way, please help your child on the

Author's Program

Special thanks to the Sequoyah PTA for providing funds for authors and illustrators to meet with every grade this year.

In November, Janet Morgan Stoeke thrilled Kindergarteners and 1st graders with her Minerva Louise stories and illustrations. The students were amazed while watching her draw and hearing how she developed her characters.

On January 17, Author/Kids Post Sports Columnist Fred Bowen braved the snow to share his writing processes with the 4th and 5th grades. Author Pamela Duncan Edwards and Author/Illustrator Henry Cole entertained the 2nd and 3rd grades on January 18 and gave vivid descriptions on how books are made; from the initial drafts to printing.

The staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the visits and learned many new writing strategies.

Box Tops Reminders

Please turn in your Box Tops to Mrs. Cameron before the end of February. Even if you have not filled up a form completely, send in your box tops before Feb 29 so that Sequoyah can receive credit for the school year.

Donate small toys, particularly Beanie Babies, for use in Sequoyah's Box Top program. Students receive prizes when submitting the Box Tops their family has collected, and the demand for Beanie Babies has exceeded the supply.

Sports Zone Spring Dance and Silent Auction:

Friday, March 14th 6:30 to 9:00pm. Dress in your favorite sports gear, bring your family, and join your Sequoyah friends for an action-packed, fun-filled night!

To Be Announced

The Cultural Arts Chair is making arrangements for two possible shows in the upcoming months.

The Alphabet Soup: This performance emphasizes healthy choices for Healthy Kids (March)

The Earth Day Guy/Sing to the Heart of the Earth (April)

path to excellence by encouraging a nightly reading habit.

I have just purchased more books for the Stallion Bookstore and am giving stallion book bucks for completion of Read at Home sheets or the teacher's notation that your child has completed his or her monthly reading assignments.

Thanks for all you do!

Beth Deigan

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We are so fortunate to have a PTA that recognizes the value of sharing authors and their books with our children.

Janet Reber and Andrea Cameron,
PTA Author Program Chairs

SGA Sound Bytes

Our SGA is holding its annual Valentine's Day Sale on February 11, 13, and 14. We are selling Mini Face Heart Erasers (25¢), Valentine pencils (25¢), Classic Candy (50¢), Valentine Bracelets (\$1.00), and Valentine Necklaces (\$2.00).

On March 17, 2008, we will have our Annual St. Patrick's Day Hunt. Stay tuned for more fun activities!

Hope Randolph

Student Council Secretary