

Activity	Description	Chairperson	Contact Information
5 th Grade Moving On	Work with school staff to organize the 5 th Grade Moving On Ceremony		
Art Show	On March 19, 2010, the PTA and College Gardens Art teacher, Mr. Cousin, will present an exposition of student work. Art work from all grades is showcased. This year, the Art Fair will be combined with a Family Movie Night.		
Chess	The PTA sponsors an 8-week after-school chess club. The chess club is open to 1st-5th graders. The club will be limited to a maximum of 22 children. Participants must be able/willing to sit for 50 minutes and play chess. Parental involvement is welcome!	Linda Brenner	brenner@ici.org
Creative Kids	Creative Kids is a literature-based after-school drama program conducted in over 50 schools, children's centers, and organizations throughout the DC metro area. Creative Kids works to introduce children to theater and drama tools, encourage reading and language, develop critical thinking skills, team building and self-esteem.	Janel Peters	peters88@verizon.net
Cultural Arts Assembly	The PTA sponsors assemblies during the school year to further students understanding of the diverse populations in our community and around the world.	Wendy Karpel	wendy.karpel@montgomerycountymd.gov
Cultural Heritage Night	This amazing annual PTA event will be held on Friday, April 16, 2010. Last year over 300 hundred students, friends and family members came out to celebrate our school's cultural		dee.falls2@verizon.net maida_babcock@hotmail.com nvankos@juno.com

	diversity. There are displays of traditional clothing, food, music, geography & arts. Students visit tables to explore many exciting cultures. Each table is organized by parents who are knowledgeable about the region. Many parent volunteers are needed to make this a major highlight of the school year!			
Field Day	Field Day is a full day event of fun and fitness. Mrs. Moore, our CGES PE teacher, works with the PTA to organize a wonderful experience for every child.			rosenberg@rcn.com
PTA PROGRAMS CONTINUED				
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FLES	Foreign languages in Elementary School (FLES) classes are offered before and after school.			
Fun Run	The Montgomery Count Road Runners Club DARCARS Young Run is a special, non-competitive running event just for kids 12 and under. It's the largest event of its kind in the region and one of the largest kids runs in the nation. It is designed for every kid to be a winner and to discover that Running is Fun! Three Races are held - set your goal and pick your distance. We will bring our school banners and cheerleaders and show the CGES school spirit!	Linda Brenner & Herb Wong		brenner@ici.org
Kindergarten Orientation	Kindergarten orientation			trevorgardner@comcast.net

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Lego Club		Linda Brenner	brenner@ici.org
Mad Science	The PTA offers the Mad Science after-school program. The program runs for 8 weeks and in the past there have been two classes, one for grades K-2 and the other for grades 3-5.	Katya Kovalskaia	
Math Olympiad		Karen Karapetyan	
NAACP Parent Council		Morrisa Rice, Eliza Namugenyi & Joi Belfon-Valentine	
News Flash	Our weekly PTA <i>NewsFLASH</i> is your "one stop" electronically delivered connection to everything that's happening at College Gardens Elementary School. You do not have to be a PTA member to receive the <i>NewsFLASH</i> , but membership is strongly encouraged as it helps fund all our special activities and programs.	Jen Green	hahleewude@verizon.net
Open House	College Gardens Open House is Friday, August 28th. Come join the PTA when you and your children come to meet their new teacher. We will have information about clubs and programs. You can update your directory information on the spot	Mr. Baxter	ryan_baxter@mcpsmd.org

	and join the PTA to ensure you get your PTA star.		
Piano	The PTA offers after-school piano program.	Pamela Scarano	pamela.scarano@dc.gov
Photocopier Coordinator	PTA information goes home in the Wednesday Packets on green paper. Volunteers are needed to help make copies every week.		dee.falls2@verizon.net
Read Across America	The National Education Association's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.	Anne Marie Foerster-Luu & Thalia Tobin	
Read to Me Talk to Me (K)	This early literacy program for Kindergarten provides a cornerstone critical to building a solid foundation for reading. It forges a partnership between child, parent, and school that revolves around books and language development.	Open	Erin_Gilbert@mcpsmd.org
Room Parent Coordinator	If you're looking for another way to help in your child's classroom and are energetic and organized...being a room parent may be the job for you! In the past, room parents have helped with: scheduling volunteers, holiday parties, photo copying, field day snacks, birthday parties, class funds and many other areas.	Crista Oehler & Sasha Concaugh	coehler2008@comcast.net sasha.concaugh@verizon.net

Science Fair	The PTA sponsors a science expo open to all College Gardens students. This fabulous event is run by PTA volunteers and features local scientists who come the school for the fair to discuss the projects with our young scientists. This fabulous event needs lots of parent volunteers. If you can help; please contact Chris Youstra or Mr. Barnes. The Science Fair is set for Saturday, January 31, 2009.		CAYoustra@aol.com
School Calendar	Work with the Webmaster to maintain the PTA calendar	Jen Green with Gegi Leeger	hahleewude@verizon.net GegiPTA@hotmail.com
School Partnership Committee	A newly established "School Partnership Committee" made up of PTA parents and school staff will determine how to use funds raised from the Giant/Safeway/Target/Box Tops programs. Box Tops will continue to be collected.	Giant & Safeway– School Partnership Committee Box Tops	JulieL0025@aol.com
Website Management	Monitor and maintain the CGES PTA Website	Jen Green	hahleewude@verizon.net
Wednesday Packets	These packets contain information from our PTA, our school and Montgomery County Public Schools. Volunteers are always needed to assist with stuffing packets.	Rachel Navarro	rsnavarro@comcast.net
Staff Appreciation	Plan and coordinate staff appreciation activities such as breakfast/lunch for CGES staff.	Crista Oehler & Sasha Concaugh	coehler2008@comcast.net sasha.concaugh@verizon.net

	Volunteers are needed to provide and serve food for various events.		
Volunteer Coordinator	Distributes the volunteer request form in the fall and sends volunteer lists to committee chairs. Works with staff on the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon in the spring.	Open	
PTA FUNDRAISERS			
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Book Fairs	The PTA will hold one book fair in the fall and another in the spring. The book fairs are scheduled for Nov. 7-14, 2008 and April 17-24, 2009. It takes a lot of volunteers to run the book fair and we are looking for parents who are willing to give an hour of their time to help make the book fair successful. In addition to raising money for PTA programs, the school and teachers receive hundreds of dollars in donated books.	Dave Leeger	dgrleeger@verizon.net
Community Dinners	Eat at local restaurants, enjoy the company of other CGES families and make money for the PTA!	Linda Sankanung	lsankanung@yahoo.com
Directory	Each October the PTA distributes a free copy of the College Gardens directory to all College Gardens families. The PTA sells advertising	Mr. Baxter	ryan_baxter@mcpsmd.org

	space in the directory to offset the printing cost. If you would like to advertise, you know someone who would like to advertise, or you would be willing to help secure advertisers, please contact the Directory chairperson.		
Family Fun Night	The community comes together for a whole school party! Family Fun Night is set for Friday, February 20, 2009 at CGES. A co-chair is needed for this event!	Noreen Kilby	Noreen.Kilby@Sun.COM
Family Movie Nights	Three Family Movie Nights have been scheduled for the 2008-09 school year. Mark your calendars for fun-filled nights on November 7, January 23 and March 20.	Karen Creel	KCreel@thompsoncoburn.com
Gift Card Coordinator	Support your PTA and be a hit with your friends by giving out Chicken Out, Magruder's and Giant gift cards as gifts.		
Picnics	The PTA sponsors two school picnics each year. Our Back-to-School Picnic is set for Friday, September 5 2008. Our End-of-the-Year Picnic is set for Thursday, June 11, 2009. Come and enjoy friends, food, a moonbounce, and more! The events are held outdoors but in case of rain, the indoor school building is used.	Rogers Christopher	jrchristopher@gmail.com
Sally Foster	The PTA earns 50% of all sales credited to our school. This is an	Mary Anne Hays	Maryanne@hays.bz

	important fundraiser for our PTA!		
Yearbook	The yearbook is a parent-produced publication that tries to capture the entire school population through photos taken during the school year. The yearbook committee is looking for parents to join us in using computer software to design and layout this year's book. Training will be provided.	Caroline Conway	conwaycaroline@comcast.net