

Quantum Quest

Albert Einstein High School PTSA

October 2008

NOTICE: PTSA Meeting Change: October 1 – Chris Barclay, Board of Education (BOE)

There will be a special PTSA meeting on Wednesday October 1 instead of the usual third Tuesday. Einstein parent and County BOE member Chris Barclay will speak on the responsibilities and challenges facing the Board. This will help prepare us for what Einstein representatives will discuss at the Board's community forum at Einstein on October 16, 7-9:30 pm. (See important survey on page 3). The October 1 meeting will start at 7 pm with informal discussion with committee chairs and officers, then a 7:15 call to order and new business, and 7:30-8:30 Chris Barclay will speak and take questions. See you there! (Spanish translation will be available) ■ *Molly Jackman, PTSA President*

Counseling Services Extravaganza Grades 10-12, Parent Information Meeting

Thurs., Oct. 2, 7 pm, auditorium

Find out what the counseling department can do for your student

No school

Thurs, Oct. 9—Yom Kippur

Mon, Nov. 3—Teach Professional Day

Tues. Nov. 4—General Election

Homecoming Game Fri., Oct. 10 6:30 pm

Homecoming Dance Sat. Oct. 11, 8-11 pm

PSATs Thurs., Oct. 15, 7:25-10:30 am

For sophomores and juniors

Fall Play Nov. 6, 8, 14, 15 - 7 pm, Auditorium

9th Annual College Fair, Oct. 13, 6-8 pm. Main St.

Plan to attend Einstein's 9th annual college fair!

Meet representatives from more than 90 colleges and universities from across the country. Whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, it's never too early to start

thinking about your future.

The Fair is a great opportunity to learn about colleges first-hand and to ask admissions representatives about how to apply, campus life, degrees offered, special areas of interest, scholarships, financial aid, and more. For

more information, contact Sambia Shivers-Barclay at [Sambia](mailto:Sambia.Shivers-Barclay@ed.gov).

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J.J. Pryor at

jjpryor@comcast.net, or

Cindy Frank at

cfrank@umd.edu ■

La Novena Feria Anual de Información sobre las Universidades en la Escuela Albert Einstein

Lunes, 13 Octubre 2007, 6:00 a 8:00 PM

Haga planes para asistir a la feria, la mayor en la historia de la escuela. Todos los estudiantes y padres están invitados.

Vengan a conversar con los representantes de más de 90 universidades. Más representantes están confirmando su presencia todos los días. Hable con los representantes acerca de asistencia financiera,

requisitos de admisión, la vida estudiantil, incluida deportes y artes, la cantidad de estudiantes por clases, los cursos ofrecidos y la vida en los dormitorios, incluyendo la comida.

Alumnos del último año: hagan preguntas acerca de las universidades para ayudarles a decidir a cuales aplicar.

Alumnos de los grados 9, 10 y 11: Uds. pueden pensar que la universidad esta muy lejos todavía pero llegara mas rápido de lo que piensan. Comienzan a planificar AHORA. Visite el Centro de la Carrera y encuentre Rosalie DeOto, el Colegio y la Carrera Coordinador Central. ■

See page 4 for the list of colleges coming to the October 13 fair.

STAFF PORTRAIT: Linda Jasper, Assistant Principal

Susan DeFord

Linda Jasper, Einstein's newly promoted assistant principal, has several college degrees and wide-ranging experience that includes military service and corporate management. But she remembers when she was a high school graduate with few prospects, earning \$2.65 an hour in Prince George's County.

"You go to work every day, but you can't go anywhere," said Jasper, a 1982 graduate of Suitland High School. "I didn't have a degree, I didn't have a future."

Jasper readily shares her story with students at Einstein, where she's beginning her fifth year. She arrived with Principal Jim Fernandez' new administration in 2004, working in staff development. She became an assistant administrator in 2007, and began this school year with a promotion to assistant principal.

Jasper's office is adorned with burgundy and gold knick-knacks, evidence of a diehard devotion to the Washington Redskins. She's a familiar figure at Einstein athletic events, dressed in slacks and Ti-

tan gear, and claims Einstein's 1,600-plus students as her own. Jasper believes Einstein students are showing stronger school loyalty, partly in reaction to last spring's incident when several students were arrested for bringing weapons into the building.

"There's been a real turnaround as far as pride is concerned," she said. "That's exciting to see."

Jasper, 45, oversees operations of several departments, helps evaluate staff, and coordinates student testing. As public information officer, Jasper is the "Voice of Einstein" during morning announcements and in prerecorded telephone messages that are automatically sent to households in the school community.

Education is Jasper's third career. After high school, Jasper took classes at Prince George's Community College, but wanted more schooling. She joined the U.S. Air Force, which paid for her first degree in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois. She served several years in the Air Force as an aircraft mechanic, then became a management analyst for Pitney Bowes, Inc., the global mailstream

technology company.

Volunteer work in the schools drew her to education, and at the age of 30, Jasper quit her corporate job and enrolled full-time at Elon College in Burlington, NC. She pursued a double major in English and physical education, and earned her degree in 1995.

She returned to Maryland and landed her first teaching job at Julius West Middle School, where Fernandez was principal. She arrived extra early for her first day and was sitting in the cafeteria when Fernandez walked in and demanded to know why she was late.

"I didn't know he was kidding," she said. "I was terrified." That encounter was the beginning of their professional collaboration and friendship.

Jasper went on to teach English at Magruder High School and later earn a master's degree in special education, but she knows that much has changed since her time in the classroom.

"Education is more test-driven," she said. "It's gotten much more scripted every day."

Jasper aims to be a high school principal, shouldering the job's long hours and myriad responsibilities. She'd even like to relocate in Einstein's administrative suite, sitting in the chair that Fernandez now occupies.

"My goal," she said, "is to be in Office No. 1, instead of Office No. 7." ■

Stay on Top of Things at Einstein

Check our school's award-winning Web site at <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/einsteins/>.

It was named best high school Web site in 2008 in the Montgomery County School System.



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AEHS PTSA Priorities Survey 2008-2009 School Year

What should the priorities of the PTSA be this year—where should we put most support and emphasis on behalf of the Einstein community? Your response will help guide us and also better inform us for the community forum coming up October 16 (see below).

Fill out the form below and return it to Gordie Brenne, VP for School Improvement, no later than **October 7th**. Email your top 3 to gwbr@erols.com, fax this to (301)588-7206, or mail it to 1112 Woodside Parkway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. ■

Unranked Priorities	Rank Top Three: 1, 2, 3
Academic Achievement- passing courses, math and reading proficiency	
Academy Programs at Einstein- Finance, VAPA, other	
College Preparation- SAT/ACT Exams, AP/IB courses	
Counseling and Guidance- course selection, college help, mental health	
Extracurricular Activities for All Students- sports, clubs, drama music	
Outreach Staff for Students & Families	
Safety	
Suspensions- Loss of Credit reduction, positive behavior problem responses	
Tutoring	
Vocational Education- building trades, automotive, cosmetology; medical careers, hospitality	
Other:	

Board of Education Community Forum October 16th

Parents, staff, students and community members are encouraged to testify at community forums sponsored by the Board of Education. Each person will have 3 minutes to speak on priorities for the 2009-2010 school year. The next forum will be Thursday, October, 16, from 7-9:30 pm at Einstein. Those who wish to testify need to call the Board on September 25 or soon thereafter to get a testimony slot. The Board's number is 301-279-3617 or 1-800-735-2258 (Maryland Relay). We want a huge turnout at this meeting, and hope to have many parents testify about priorities that matter to them. Please call or email me ([301-588-7206](tel:301-588-7206) or gwbr@erols.com) if you plan to testify so that we can be sure to have someone speak to each of the major issues we've identified. And thanks for filling out the survey above. ■

Gordie Brenne

Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

*Give a Little Time...
Make a Big Difference*

Students interested in earning SSL hours with community organizations must first make sure both the organization and the opportunities they offer are pre-approved for SSL.

Organizations tagged “Approved SSL MCPS” and Opportunities tagged as “MCPS SSL Approved” are listed at www.mcpsssl.org.

Organizations and opportunities not listed at www.mcpsssl.org must be pre-approved using MCPS Form 560-50.

Students may address hunger and homelessness in Montgomery County by preparing bag lunches and dinners in their homes for delivery to homeless facilities. This is an exception to the guideline that all service must occur in a public place. Check out the details at the Questions and Answers section at www.mcpsssl.org.

Students may earn a maximum of 8 service-learning hours within a 24-hour period.

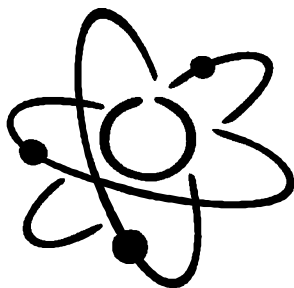
Einstein’s SSL Coordinator is Ms. Scollick ■

Scheduled College Visits in the Career Center

Seniors please see Ms. DeOto in room 114 to sign up to meet with these admission representatives.

(Check weekly for updates.)

- **University of Tampa** - Wed October 1, 2008, 8:15 am
- **John Carroll University** - Thu October 2, 2008, 10:00 am
- **Old Dominion University** - Mon October 6, 2008, 9:30 am
- **Johns Hopkins University** - Mon October 6, 2008, 10:00 am
- **Ithaca College** - Mon October 6, 2008, 10:30 am
- **Towson University** - Tue October 7, 2008, 8:30 am
- **Miami University, Oxford, Ohio** - Tue October 7, 2008, 10:00 am
- **Lebanon Valley College** - Wed October 8, 2008, 9:30 am
- **Albert Einstein College Fair** - Mon October 13, 2008, 6:00 pm
- **Kent State University** - Tue October 14, 2008, 10:15 am
- **The University of Memphis** - Tue October 14, 2008, 11:00 am
- **Montana State University, Bozeman** - Thu October 16, 2008, 12:00 pm
- **The George Washington University** - Mon October 20, 2008, 10:00 am
- **Seton Hall University** - Mon October 20, 2008, 1:45 pm
- **George Mason University** - Tue October 21, 2008, 9:00 am
- **Beloit College** - Tue October 21, 2008, 10:30 am
- **Montgomery College, Rockville** - Wed October 22, 2008, 9:00 am
- **Rosemont College** - Wed October 22, 2008, 11:45 am
- **Frostburg State University** - Tue October 28, 2008, 9:15 am
- **Washington College** - Wed October 29, 2008, 9:00 am
- **Morgan State University** - Thu October 30, 2008, 10:45 am
- **Fairleigh Dickerson** - Thu October 30, 2008, 1:00 pm
- **Skidmore College** - Fri October 31, 2008, 11:15 am
- **University of Buffalo** - Mon November 10, 2008, 8:45 am



Colleges Coming to the October 13 College Fair

Allegany College of MD	Lenoir-Rhyne College
American University	Lincoln University
Bates College	Loyola College MD
Bentley College	Manhattan College
Boston University	Mary Baldwin College
Bowie State University	Marymount University
Carleton College MN	Michigan State
Champlain College	Millsaps College MS
Clark University, MA	Middlebury College
Clemson University SC	Morgan State University
Colgate University NY	Mount Holyoke College
College of Notre Dame of Maryland	Mount St. Mary's College
College of the Holy Cross	Northeastern University
Columbia University	Oberlin College
Concord University WV	Ohio State
Coppin State College MD	Otterbein College
Corcoran College of Art & Design	Penn State University
Davidson College NC	Providence College
Dickinson College	Purdue University IN
Drew University NJ	Radford University VA
East Carolina University	Salisbury
Elizabethtown College PA	Sarah Lawrence College
Fairleigh Dickinson	St. John's College
Florida Inst of Technology	St. Mary's College MD
Franklin and Marshall College PA	State University of New York
Frostburg State University	Towson University
George Mason	University of the Arts
Georgetown University	University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus
George Washington University	University of Baltimore
Gettysburg College	University of Buffalo
Goucher College	University of Connecticut
Hamilton College	University of Maryland, College Park
Hampton University	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Haverford College	University of Michigan
High Point University	University of Notre Dame
Howard University	University of Redland, CA
Indiana University, IN	University of Scranton
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	University of Vermont
Iona College NY	Vanderbilt
Johnson & Wales	Wake Forest University
Juniata College	Washington College
Kenyon College	Washington & Lee
LaFayette College	Wesleyan University
Lawrence University	

African-American Parents Council Update

The African-American Parents Council held a potluck on Sunday, Sept. 7th, in Wheaton Forest Park. We had a small but dedicated turnout on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. By happenstance, all parents who attended the potluck were parents of boys. While the boys enjoyed playing basketball and football, the parents discussed issues concerning students at Einstein. Our thanks to the PTSA for sponsoring the potluck.

The discussion included:

- High school assessments and how to prepare our children for them.
- Voter registration for those who turn 18 by Election Day, Nov. 4. Any one eligible must register by October 12th.
- Teaching our children to handle being approached by law enforcement, especially since young Black males are approached by police at a much higher rate than other groups.
- What we can do to be role models, where we can volunteer so we are visible to our children, and how we can mobi-

lize our men/fathers to mentor.

- How sports should not be used as a punishment, but should be used as a way to keep kids feeling successful.
- How parents need to seek more access from teachers/counselors, and how an Af-Am parent group can support that.
- Ways to help our children feel wanted and important.
- Conscious/unconscious non-verbal communications that children read.
- The need to set high expectations but individualize methods to reach them for each student.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. at Einstein, in Room 168.

For further information about joining or participating in the African-American Parents' Council, please contact: Wanda Watson, Wanda_F.Watson@mcpsmd.org; Virgie Barnes at nikonay@msn.com; or Mary Peterson at miheywood@comcast.net. ■

UPCOMING PARENT EVENING MEETINGS Counseling Department

October 2-Counseling Services Extravaganza Grades 10-12, Parent Information Meeting, 7 pm, Auditorium

October 13- College Fair at Albert Einstein High School, 6-8 pm Cafeteria/ Main Street

November 13- Financial Aid Night, 7 pm, Cafeteria

DEPARTAMENTO DE CONSEJERÍA Horario de Reuniones Por Las Noches Para Los Padres

2 de octubre - Extravaganza para los Padres de los Estudiantes de los Grados 10 – 12, Reunión de Información Organizada por el Departamento de Consejería, 7 pm, Auditorio

13 de octubre - Información Sobre las Universidades, 6-8 pm Cafeteria

13 de noviembre - Cómo Financiar la Educación Superior de sus Hijos, 7 pm, Cafeteria

AEHS Photos Available!

You can now view and order AEHS photos online!

Visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteins/> and click on "Photo Gallery" to go to Einsteins.smugmug.com. There you can browse the more than 4,000 images taken by Einstein students and staff at Einstein events, and support the Einstein photo program by purchasing prints.

The photos you see were taken with expensive photographic equipment and represent hundreds of hours of volunteer time. To help continue this program, proceeds from the site are reinvested into the photo program and provide enrichment opportunities for many Einstein students.

Print sizes up to 8x12" can be ordered directly from SmugMug at prices as low as \$1 for a 4x6" print. Larger prints can be made for you at school. If you would like to order a larger print, please follow in ordering instructions provided on the SmugMug website.

Check back often for new photos of recent Einstein events. ■ *Deb Ferrin*

Subsidized Physicals Add 46 More Athletes

A record 46 student athletes came to an in-school clinic Monday night, August 25, to get physicals so that they could play sports this fall. All AEHS fall sports had candidates at the clinic.

AEHS Athletic Director Brady Blade worked with the Boosters to get the word out. Special thanks go to Dr. Al Solomon, who rushed from an operation to spend more than two hours at Einstein, examining each sports candidate. We also extend our appreciation for the efforts of nurses Pat Wellington and M'Lou Stevens. Booster volunteers came through big time, like always, and we say thanks for the efforts of Cindy Frank, Connie Raab, David Moore, Shannon Billings, Thomas and Kelly Giblin and Gordie Brenne, who helped launch this health clinic initiative last year. Our fall sports season is getting off to a great start thanks to the stand-out work of our parent volunteers, coaches and administrators! ■

*Susan DeFord
Booster President*

Update from the Performing Arts Coalition of Einstein

On Back to School Night we introduced the new colorful banner for PACE, the Performing Arts Coalition of Einstein. PACE is a parent group supporting the performing arts (music, choral, dance, and theater) in a manner similar to the way the Einstein Boosters support athletics.

This year PACE and the Boosters will collaborate to showcase both the performing arts and athletics during school events. Watch for an Einstein vo-

calist to sing the national anthem at home football games!

Did you know that PACE contributed over \$500 to each of the performing arts programs last year? Teachers were able to purchase equipment, pay competition entry fees, or support individual student projects. Much of PACE's income comes from the baked goods and snacks sold at theater and musical performances

throughout the year.

PACE is in need of a new cadre of volunteers for the upcoming year, including assistance with planning the Spring Jazz Band Swing Dance and providing goodies to sell during performances. Contact Sue Edwards, PACE President, at ssedwards@starpower.net or phone 301-758-7876 to help out. ■

Become a Booster in 2008-2009

The 2008-09 Booster Club Membership Drive is in full swing! Join today and help us support Einstein's student-athletes.

This year, the Boosters plan to provide subsidized sports physicals, improve Einstein athletic facilities, and award college scholarships. The Boosters are always looking for volunteers to help with these efforts, in addition to needing people to work at the concessions stand during games and help with our annual Spring Mulch Sale.

As a membership incentive, we will raffle 4 tickets and a parking pass--donated by Malcolm Wil-

son--for the Redskins v. Browns game on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 4:15 pm.

Join the Booster Club by October 10 and become eligible to win. All new members will be entered in the drawing--and the greater your membership commitment, the more chances you have to win:

- Super Titans (\$100) – 4 Drawing Entries
- Albert's Entourage (\$50) – 3 Drawing Entries
- Rootin' Red (\$25) – 2 Drawing Entries
- True Blue (\$10) – 1 Drawing Entry

We will draw the name of

the lucky winner during halftime at the Homecoming football game on Friday, October 10th, when the Titans take on Northwood HS. You do not need to be present to win, but we hope you will join the spirited students, parents, and other fans in the bleachers for this exciting game!

Forms are available on the Einstein website in the Parents section--Booster Club. <http://montgomery-schoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/einsteins/parents/AEHSBoosterMembershipForm2007.pdf>

Sign up today! ■

Shannon Billings

Top 10 Reasons for Joining Extracurricular Activities

1. **Make New Friends-** win or lose, you'll meet people who may not share a class with you.

2. **Learn More than Required Courses-** extracurriculars are like an elective, learn something new and have fun while doing it.

3. **Get to know Teachers-** doing something together with faculty outside of the classroom, you get to see a different side of people who want to help you.

4. **Improve Academic Performance-** stretch and grow by doing more; participation increases performance according to school and other studies.

5. **Develop Leadership Skills-** every activity has an organization that needs your help to run.

6. **Learn Team work-**

objectives can't be achieved without others.

7. **Apply Lessons of Sportsmanship and Ethics-** competition teaches how to succeed by playing within the rules.

8. **Learn How to Persevere and Dedicate Yourself-** success isn't automatic; test and strengthen your commitment to achievement by learning how to juggle demands on your time that compete with school work.

9. **Be Self-reliant-** by doing school sponsored activities you can learn to do things on your own without depending on your parents to organize activities for you.

10. **Increase School Spirit-** without you and the extra things you do, the school is just two dimensional. ■

Voter Registration

A 17 year old may vote in the 2008 Election, provided he/she will be 18 years old on or before November 4, 2008, is a United States and Maryland resident, and has registered to vote before the deadline. A Voter Registration Application must be completed in person or be post-marked by Oct. 14th at 9pm .

A registration application can be found at www.elections.state.md.us/pdf/2007_English_InternetVRA.pdf or register in person at any Board of Elections office, Dept. of Motor Vehicles, college campus, or Dept. of Social Services. You must provide a Maryland driver's license, MVA ID Card number, or Social Security number to register. ■

Looking for Athletic Events?

If you are interested in attending football game, tennis match, cross country meet, or other athletic event, here's how you can find out what is going on when:

- **Einstein's calendar** – go to <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteins/> and look at the “full calendar” on the upper right.
- **The Booster club** – join (see page 6) and you will get a printed calendar of athletic events for every Einstein sport for the entire year.
- **The MCPS Athletic Events web site** – Use the database on this page <https://fm.mcpsmd.org/athletics/home.php> and click on “search for athletic events” to find more sports for Einstein (or any other high school) and generate the full schedule for that sport for the season. Or go to the main site at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/athletics/sports.shtml>, choose sport, and find out what the events are in the sport in the county every day of the season. ■

Parents: Help Make the College Fair a Success!

Contact Sambia Shivers-Barclay at Sam-bia.Shivers-Barclay@ed.gov to volunteer for any of the following positions:

Promotion

- Hand out fliers at various AEHS events and during a.m. drop off and afternoon pick up.
- Decorate the Main Street bulletin board.
- Put up welcome posters and other decorations.
- Assist with other ways of promoting the event.

Day of the Fair

- Donate food for the reception for College Representatives.
- Help set up the reception or clean up.
- Set up college display tables.
- Sign in college representatives and escort them to their tables.
- Sign in students attending the fair.
- Clean up after the fair.

Thank You! ■

Stay Connected with the Happenings at Einstein by Joining Our Email Lists!

Parents are encouraged to sign up for both email groups.

AEHS Bulletin is a school information-only group. To sign-up to receive email from this group, send a message to aehs_bulletin-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

AEHS Discussion is a forum for members to post questions, provide information, and get answers from other parents or PTSA members. Sign up by sending an email to einsteinh-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

If you sign up for either listserv, you can either receive individual emails or get a single daily "digest" of the day's messages. Go to groups.yahoo.com to manage your email settings.

Please remember that these are parent listservs. School-specific questions are best answered by calling Einstein directly at 301-929-2200.

Questions? Contact the listserv moderator, Dan Keating, at aehsbulletin@yahoo.com or 301-603-8162. ■

PTSA Mini-Grants Are Back for a Fourth Year!

This month begins the fourth year of the AEHS PTSA Mini-Grant Program. This program provides funding to AEHS teachers, staff, and students who wish to provide a service or program for the AEHS community. Details on how to apply for funding will be posted on the PTSA listserve and the school Web site, and each teacher will receive an application form.

If your student or teacher has an idea for a project that would benefit all or a significant portion of the AEHS community, encourage them to let us know. We may be able to help make it happen! A committee of students and teachers will review the applications and award the grants.

Enterprising teachers and students used their mini-grants last year to:

- Launch a lunchtime intramural soccer program open to all students.
- Support the Einstein mentoring program where teachers are formally designated as mentors for specific students.
- Help the Dance Program build a costume collection for classes and performances.
- Support a SAT Words of the Week contest and a Poetry Slam where students share their own poetry or read poetry written by others.
- Purchase simple scientific calculators for geometry classes and SAT testing.
- Support for layout and design paper for *The Nucleus*, AEHS's student newspaper.
- Develop a program to encourage students to prepare and practice for the High School Assessment (HSA) Tests, which are required to graduate.
- Fund the purchase of a portable etching press that can make high-quality prints for display in the school and the community.
- Support the WEB DuBois Honor Society's EXCELLENCE IS THE EXPECTATION Tutoring Program. This is a peer-tutoring program during lunch that encourages students facing academic challenges to get assistance from members of this African-American honor society.

honor society.

These efforts--born of the enthusiasm and creativity of our students and staff--make Einstein a more dynamic and interesting community.

You can help in two ways: 1) encourage applications; and 2) make a donation to the PTSA and designate the funds for the mini-grants program. (Send your checks to AEHS PTSA, 11135 Newport Mill Rd. • Kensington, MD 20895.)

This could be the best, and biggest, mini-grants year ever!

Please contact Carla Kish at (301) 681 2949 or at ckish@margolingroup.com for more information.

Parent Support Workshops

For help, information, and support, check out these resources.

On school issues:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/department/s/parentacademy/>

On parenting:
<http://www.mccpta.com/parentclasses.html>

Get Groceries, Support Einstein!

Snider's Super Market on Seminary Rd. in Silver Spring generously supports local schools and community organizations with a 1% cash back program for all purchases at the store. Save your Snider's receipts and help Einstein! Tell your neighbors, too! Store receipts from 2008 are now be-

ing collected. Please place all of your saved Snider's receipts (2008 only!) in the PTSA box at school, or mail, or drop them by the home of Debbie Brody at 1706 Corwin Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20910. ■

Help Wanted

seeking Parent and Student Gift Wrap Volunteers

Parent and student volunteers are needed to help make our Gift Wrap Concession at Westfield Shoppingtown Wheaton a fundraising success again this year. The concession runs around the Christmas holidays and Valentine's Day, and it the leading fundraiser for the PTA. Funds go to the Afterprom, an all-night, alcohol-free party that keeps our kids safe.

Parents, contact Christine Grewell at (301) 565-3270 or CillyGoose@aol.com. Student volunteers, contact Wanda Watson at (240) 460-6874 or

Wanda_F_Watson@mcpsmd.org. Students can receive Student Service Learning hours for their work. Thanks!

Help with the After Prom

Parents are needed to help plan and execute the Class of 2009 After Prom. This celebration is fun and safe and open to all seniors, whether or not they attend the Prom. Parents of all grades are encouraged to help. Please contact parent Chris Grewell at (301) 565-3270. Thank you!

Einstein has an active Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA). Help keep us strong. Join today!

Return to: PTSA Membership, Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Mill Rd., Kensington, MD 20895.

Name _____

Student name(s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Street address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

E-mail _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Additional phone numbers _____

Dues: _____ \$15

Contribution: _____ \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other

Total Enclosed: _____ Make checks payable to AEHS PTSA. Thanks!

Your donations help fund staff appreciation events, the College Fair, the after prom, the Mini-Grants Program, this newsletter, and more. The PTSA holds meetings the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm on subjects intended to help parents, students, and the Einstein community in general.

Calendar

October

- 1** PTSA Parent Roundtable, 7 pm, Mtg, 7:30 pm, cafeteria
- 2** Counseling Services Extravaganza Gr. 10-12, Parent Information Mtg, Aud. 7 pm
- 3** Interims mailed
- 7** Make-up pictures, undergraduates, all day, aud.
- 8** Booster mtg, 7 pm, room 130
- 9** No School for students and teachers- Yom Kippur
- 10** Homecoming Game, 6:30 pm
- 11** Homecoming Dance, 8 pm
- 13** College Fair, 6-8 pm
Jr Parent IB Mtg, Cafeteria, 8 pm
- 15** PSATs, 7:25 am
Senior Panoramic Picture, Stadium Bleachers, 8:30 – 9:30 am

October, continued

- 17** MSTA Convention-no school
MCPS Latin Dance Competition, Auditorium, 6-9 pm
- 22** VAPA Showcase Auditorium, 7-10 pm
- 23** Academy of Finance Pinning Ceremony, Cafeteria, 8-10 am
- 28** Freshman IB Parent Meeting Cafeteria, 7-8 pm
- 31** First marking period ends

November

- 3-4** No school, Teacher Professional day. General Election
- 6, 8** Fall Play, Auditorium, 7-10 pm
- 11** Report Cards Distributed
- 12** Booster mtg, 7 pm, room 130

November, continued

- 13** Financial Aid Night Cafeteria, 7-8:30 pm
- 14,15** Fall Play, Aud., 7-10 pm
- 18** PTSA Parent Roundtable, 7 pm, Mtg, 7:30 pm, cafeteria
- 25** Jazz/Dance Concert Auditorium, 7-9:30 pm
- 26** Early Release, 11:25 am
- 27-28** No School – Thanksgiving

December

- 12,** Winter One Acts
- 13** Auditorium/LT 7-9:30 pm
- 16** Winter Instrumental Concert Auditorium, 7-9:30 pm
- 18** VAPA Art Show Auditorium Lobby, 7-8:30 pm
Winter Choral Concert Auditorium, 7-9:30 pm
- 24+** Winter Break (back Jan. 5)

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