



# Rolling Terrace News

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## Keeping Up with a Busy Winter at R.T.

### **Happy New Year, Rolling Terrace Families and Friends!**

I hope that Winter Break has left everyone refreshed, energized, and looking forward to the New Year. Stay tuned –the PTA is sponsoring wonderful events this semester for all of RTES. If you have not had a chance to come to school, volunteer, or be part of PTA--now is the time!

Diana Combs, our

hardworking secretary sends weekly updates about the events happening at our school on our list serve. Join today by sending us an email at [RollingTerracePTA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:RollingTerracePTA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). This is a wonderful way to stay on top of the latest news. You can also learn what is happening by attending our PTA meetings on the first Tuesday of every month from 7-9PM in the All-Purpose

Room. We provide free babysitting and Spanish interpretation at every membership meeting, so please attend! If you can't make Tuesdays, we also hold PTA Board meetings on the third Thursday of every month from 7-9PM in the International Room. You don't have to be on the Board to come, everyone is welcome.

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## **CREATIVE ADVENTURES!**

### **BACK AGAIN! NEW ART PROJECTS!**

*More FUN for your imagination! Drawing, Painting, Crafts and much, much more!*

**Workshop II - Winter/Spring** Just \$100 for **6 WEEKS** of UNIQUE ART PROJECTS (Partial scholarships available to families in reduced/free lunch program. This program sponsored by the RT PTA)

MONDAY afternoons from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., February 4, 11, 25 and March 3, 10, 17. First through 5th grade. Maximum Class Size 25 students. *In case of school closing there will be one make up class only. If more than one class is cancelled there'll be no additional make ups or refunds, sorry.* Make checks payable to **CREATIVE ADVENTURES, Inc.** and return with registration form to the PTA c/o Debra Brink 301-270-4335 by January 29.

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### **February Events**

**1<sup>st</sup> Family Fun Night** (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.), *Plus Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser* (benefits 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

**4<sup>th</sup> Creative Adventures Begins** (3:00 - 4:30 p.m.)

**5<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting** (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)  
*Please join us!*

**7<sup>th</sup> Math Night 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>** (6:00 p.m.)

**12<sup>th</sup> No School** (Primaries)

**18<sup>th</sup> No School**

**25<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting** (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) *All welcome!*

**27<sup>th</sup> Early Release** (12:35 p.m.)

# Serious Dough Sellers Raise Serious Dough

## *Paper Pushers Hang Too!*

Alma Orellana and Simone Harris, co-chairs of fund raising, are happy to report that the Sally Foster and Cookie Dough fund raiser for 2007 raised over \$11,000.

Students who raised the most dough enjoyed the Pizza Party. The top 2 prize winners are **Tatiana Davidson** who sold almost \$1,200 worth of merchandise and **Shayla Parrott** who sold \$700 worth - way to go!! Thanks to all the parents who helped. We also wanted to thank some specific people who lent an extra helping hand:

Ann Tredway, our Media Room Assistant who was extremely accommodating, helpful, flexible, and so very pleasant during the whole process.

Mrs. Connors, who helped schedule the assembly and facilitate the Pizza party where she and Ms. Morrow helped serve our deserving students.

Our student volunteers who helped check and deliver the items on our pick up days, Connor Rattey, Olujimi Wedeerburn, Lyle Mahy, Jennifer Canales, Karla Orellana, Kiah Mahy, Kristel RodrÃ-guez, (and Denise Rickman and her grandmother, Muhrl Adams who saw a need and filled it on the spot!) As well as Sara Duke and her son, Sascha Schneer, who took time from a very busy schedule. Thank you all!

And to our data entry helpers, Nilam Patel, Anita Weisburger, Cheryl

Please look for Principal Connor's update detailing the "no snowball throwing on school property" policy. And please make sure your child is dressed for the weather, so they can continue to enjoy outdoor time.

If you have a gently used article of clothing or a coat to donate, please consider giving it to Rolling Terrace.

## PTA Gives Grants for Tutoring, Girls' Club, More

The PTA mini-grants committee awarded 13 teachers with \$3,600 in funding to initiate new programs at Rolling Terrace Elementary benefiting teachers and students. The mini-grants committee would like to thank all of the teachers for their creative applications and program ideas. Awards for the mini-grants cycle fund programs such as:

- An Author Study Group, which is part of the reading/language arts curriculum. Children's author Mary Downing Hahn has agreed to speak to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders about her children's book.
- The Extended Day Program, offering tutoring services for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders, focused on math, reading vocabulary and comprehension skills.
- A Bilingual Language Literacy Kit, which will purchase books for children's home libraries, benefiting children in Pre-K and Head Start.
- Purchasing new measurement sets for Math Night, benefiting grades K – 5.
- Unity Girls Club, a school club for girls in 5<sup>th</sup> grade focusing on building self esteem, awareness, respect, tolerance and cultural pride.

A special thank you goes to Principal Connors who secured funding for an additional seven programs, totaling \$1700. We look forward to following up with teachers in the Spring to learn about the successes of these programs. Congratulations!

*For more information on the mini-grants committee, please contact Laura Kriv, [laurakriv@starpower.net](mailto:laurakriv@starpower.net).*

# Many Hands Make for a Much Appreciated Staff

Thanks again to the following parents and students who helped make the Staff Dinners during Parent Teacher meetings in November:

Sharon Montez, Tim Johnson, Nora Cartland, Heather Skilling, Lois Wessel, Rebecca Smith, Nilam Patel, Beth McNair, Marie Broussard, Karen Penn, Judy Wyman, Suzy Cheston, Mary Cush, Carla Temenak, Sara Cartmill, Larisse P. Neal, Ana Alvarez, Augustina Iurna, Juana Vasquez, Jacqeline, Marie Guadelupe, and Karen Outhank, and Gary Cardillo. Also Gabby Orellana, Lila Tovar- Siebentritt, Ben and Peter Geertsema, and Jennifer. It takes a village!

– Ginger Geertseema, Staff Appreciation Coordinator.

**And thank you, Ginger, for bringing it all together!**

## Dates to Save

The 5th-grade team is hosting a **Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser** to raise money for the 5th grade field trip to Philadelphia. Summer Delights in Takoma Park is donating ice cream. We need 5th grade parents to volunteer to bring in toppings and to help out at the event, **Friday February 1st**, 7 pm in the International Room, Family Fun Night. If you can help, please contact Nancy Segal, 301-270-3593, [nancy.segal2@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.segal2@verizon.net)

The 4th-Grade team is planning a **Dance Party Fundraiser** on **Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30. Delicious food will be on offer along with great music to heat up a winter evening of fun for the whole family.

The annual **RT Book Fair** is coming, **March 10-14<sup>th</sup>**! The book fair is a great opportunity for every child, but it takes a lot of organization! If you can help out either in the planning or during Book Fair Week itself, please contact Leigh Sours, 301-548-0015, or Heather Skilling, [heatherskilling@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherskilling@yahoo.com)

## Msg from the Prez, from p. 1

Some coming PTA attractions this Winter and Spring are: Hands on Science after-school program for grades K-3, Creative Adventures in Art, Book Fair, International Festival, Black History Celebration, Family Fun Nights, Folk and Salsa Dance, and Spring Carnival. Each one of these events is an opportunity for students to receive enrichment and for parents to become involved in the school. If you are interested in helping out -- at any of these events-- please contact Nora Cartland at 301-592-0341 or

[rpta\\_pres@yahoo.com](mailto:rpta_pres@yahoo.com) (speaks Spanish) or Diana Combs at 301-972-3214 or [dianacombs@earthlink.net](mailto:dianacombs@earthlink.net).

I also would like to highlight a new parent group at our school. Padres Latinos en Accion or Latino Parents in Action, is a group of parents who meet on the first Friday of every month to discuss issues that are of interest to them. The meeting is held in Spanish with English interpretation in the Family Room from 9-10AM. Padres Latinos en Accion contribute many volunteer hours and have provided meals for the Staff Appreciation Dinners and Coffees, help out during lunch/recess, are members of the School Leadership Team, and have provided testimony to the MCPS Board. You can learn more about Padres Latinos en Accion by contacting Parent Community Coordinator Vilna Bonilla-Kenny, 301-431-7600, [Vilna\\_Bonilla-Kenny@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Vilna_Bonilla-Kenny@mcpsmd.org).

Thank you to all the staff, families, and students who help make RTES a great school. I hope 2008 brings everyone joy, health, peace, and friendship.

*Best wishes,  
Nora Cartland*

# **Volunteer Corner**

## ***Together we can do great things to support our school***

The new playground equipment is awesome and very popular. To the tune of 60-80 kids are on the equipment at once popular! If you've ever considered helping during recess, this is the time to do it! The joy on the children's faces is wonderful, but the pain when they get trampled or pushed by over-excited fellow students is not. The greatest need is from 12 noon on. Please call me if you have any interest! Ginger Geertsema 301-649-7045

And Thanks to all who have donated sidewalk chalk. If anyone wants to donate chalk in the future, they should make sure it comes directly to Karen Mendez, Playground Parent Supervisor.

The November Flea Market generated \$800 towards the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Philadelphia trip! A note of thanks to Lisa Solomon who made it all happen, and to everyone who bought and sold items on behalf of school.