



Rolling Terrace News

www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/rollinges/ptamenu.html

Welcome Back! From Your PTA President

Dear Rolling Terrace Families and Staff,

Welcome back to school! The PTA's mission is to support students, families, and staff in order to make Rolling Terrace a successful multicultural and academically enriched school. To accomplish this goal we need everyone to be involved. There are many levels of involvement--from membership to chairing a committee, helping out at special events, going to monthly school leader-

ship team meetings, volunteering in the classroom -- every minute helps! Even if you can't volunteer regularly, you can help your child(ren) with homework, check the Wednesday folder every week, and remind your friends of important dates and meetings. The PTA recognizes that families and staff lead busy lives and that there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish everything. However, we believe that if every member does a little bit

of work, we can accomplish a lot more. Please consider joining the PTA and learning about the programs that we provide for families, students, and staff. Feel free to call me, 301-592-0341, rtpta_pres@yahoo.com. We can find a volunteer opportunity that will fit your life and interests. Together we can make a difference!

See you soon,
Nora Cartland, PTA President

A publication of the Rolling Terrace PTA

Sept. 2007

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 27th 7-9 P.M. PTA Board Meeting
Friday 28th Early Release Day

OCTOBER

Monday 1st Deadline For Sally Foster Orders
Tuesday 2nd 7 P.M. PTA Meeting – All Welcome
Friday 5th - 7 P.M. Family Fun Night
Monday 8th – Creative Adventures Sign Up Deadline

Wednesday 10th - 6:30-8:30P.M. P.J. Reading Night K-2

Friday 12th Hispanic Heritage Assemblies At School

Tuesday, 16th - International Dinner: 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1-2 Grades

Thursday 18th - International Dinner 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. 3rd, 4th And 5th

Friday 19th No School

Thursday 25th - 7 P.M. PTA Board Meeting

Friday 26th – Geo Bowl Packets Deadline, Home-room Teachers

INTERNATIONAL DINNER!

Participate by bringing a dish from your country of your origin. It should be enough to serve 8 people. Please label food and mark serving utensils with your name. If you would like to help, contact Carol, 301-585-0026, carol.bergman@verizon.net



Important Deadlines:

Elementary School Highly Gifted Centers Applications Due Nov. 9.

Middle School Magnet Programs Applications Dec. 7.

Middle School Magnet Consortium Choice Form Due Dec. 7.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

A round of thanks to all those who came out to support RT Sunday, Sept 16 at the Takoma Park Folk Festival – their efforts help us raise \$\$.

Katie Sebastian, James Robles, Michelle Roscoe (teacher), Sara Duke, Carol Bergman and daughter, Ceci Bergman (student), Tom Jacobson, Nancy Friesen (teacher), Lisa Hack, Becky Smith and son, Wesley Hopkins (student),

Roberta Pracher, Victoria Roberts, and Tim Johnson, Ginger Geertsama and Christi Parsons

Thanks as well to those who served the Staff Breakfast at the opening of the school year! Much appreciated!

And Thank You **Silver Spring Starbucks** for their donation of coffee at our Back to

School Staff Breakfast! Teachers and School Staff don't just spring into action on air and water alone!

And a Huge Thank You to Heather Skilling who put together that fabulous **Family Handbook!** Look for it in the backpacks. Please refer to this invaluable guide as you navigate the school year and all that RT offers.

ARE YOU A PHOTOGRAPHER?

5TH GRADE NEEDS A PHOTOGRAPHER TO HELP DOCUMENT SCHOOL EVENTS.

Please contact Nora Cartland at 301 –592 - 0341

SALLY FOSTER: OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER

In years past we have raised upwards of \$10,000. These funds help pay for everything your PTA sponsors including field trips, the Book Fair, The Geo Bowl, International Dinner, Hands on Science, the list goes on and on.

This year's deadline for all purchases is Monday October 1st. You can also buy Sally Foster online, so don't delay. Questions? Ask Alma Orellana or Simone Harris. And that's a

WANT THE SCOOP? (Before Everybody Else?)

Would you like to help put out our PTA Newsletter? We are looking for someone to take on our **Distribution** – but we also need help in translating, formatting, and editing. On a personal note, I have loved working on the Newsletter. It has brought me closer to the school, and to all the wonderful people and events that make RT so special. But this is my son's last year! Interested?

Call Jenny Apostol DiPaul at 301-891-2385.

Creative Adventures, Expanding Artful Horizons

INVOLVED PARENTS = SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Get ready for some fun in art! Explore new creative ideas! Drawing, painting, crafts, and much, much more! Monday afternoons, 3-4:30 p.m. October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 19, 26.

It's only \$100 for 6 weeks, and partial scholarships are

available. This program is sponsored by the PTA.

Questions? Call Debra Brink at 301-270-4335 for more info!

Make checks payable to Creative Adventures and return with registration form to the PTA c/o Debra Brink by Octo-

There are no shortage of ways to get involved at our school. If you are interested in helping our with a PTA sponsored activity, please contact our vice presidents: Victoria Roberts, 301-562-1150, or Tonda Bean, 201-384-9106.

See a Schedule of Parent Informational Meetings for the **Highly Gifted Center** and Magnet Programs at: <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/dates.shtm#workshop>

What do YOU know about Kharkiv?*

The RT PTA is sponsoring the GEO BOWL, a complementary geography curriculum – this year focusing on the Americas, and Africa. While the program is optional, the school is encouraging students to par-

ticipate.

If you would like to help with this program or if you have any questions, or did not receive a Geo Packet, please contact Katie Sebastian at kdls123@comcast.net, or call 301 891 3653. Or Nancy Segal,

at nancy.segal2@verizon.net or 301 270 3593. The deadline for students to hand in their Geo Packets is Oct. 26th!

*Kharkiv? Why, it's the second largest city of Ukraine, of course.

Coming and Going: New Rules for Pick-up and Drop-

Arrival: “Kiss and Go”

Drop off your children for breakfast in the All-Purpose Room at RT starting at 8:20AM. Children are allowed into classrooms at 8:40AM and classes start at 8:50AM. In order to start all classes on time, the school would

prefer that parents drop their children at the front door, and let Staff assist them to class. If you do come in, please sign in at the front office and wear a Visitor's badge.

Dismissal

Classes end at 3:05 p.m.

Please pick up Kindergarten children by the lower playground. First grade also dismisses onto the

lower playground.

Second grade dismisses at the front entrance.

Third through Fifth grades dismiss by the bus circle (on Barron) by the side of the building.

Please arrive a few minutes early to allow for parking.

And Drivers: Watch for little people and don't forget to Turn Right

FREE MONEY!

SOME PAINLESS WAYS TO RAISE \$\$ FOR ROLLING TERRACE



1. Register your **Giant Bonus Card** for the **A+ BonusBucks** program (you **MUST** sign up for this program every school year, Giant discards the previous year's signups). The 2007-2008 A+BonusBucks program runs from **October 5, 2007-April 3, 2008**. Register at www.giantfood.com - **RT ID # is 00918**. Don't know your 12-digit Giant card number? Call the program's hotline at 1-877-366-2668 and Giant will register you.



2. Register your **Safeway** card for its school rebate program at www.escrip.com The program is handled by **eScrip**, not by **Safeway**—you cannot sign up at **Safeway** stores. Enter **RT ID # 6559057** and fill out a short form. You must have your Safeway card number; call 1-877-SAFEWAY first if you don't. If you signed up for this program with eScrip since 2002, you're listed in eScrip's database, but **everyone must renew every school year** at the eScrip site for the Safeway funding to continue. **Be sure that your students' current schools get your support** by going to the My eScrip link to update your school choices. Safeway's school-year program goes from **October 1-May 31**; there's also a special **seven-week summer program**, "10% Back to Schools."

3. **Save Snider's receipts all year.** They can be dropped off in the school's front office. Any 2007 receipts should be submitted by mid-January 2008, then continue to save receipts from 2008. RT earns 1% from your purchases.



Get your Target® Visa® or Target® Card and start helping your school.

APPLY TODAY >

4. Enroll your **Target Visa** card in the **Take Charge of Education** program. Enter the requested info for Rolling Terrace Elementary at www.target.com and the school gets a percentage from your purchases. **This program does not require an annual renewal, but be sure to update your school selection if you originally signed up for this program at a different school.** Shop online at target.com with your Target Visa card that you've registered with eScrip and double your rebate!

5. RT's ID number for this program is **70047456**, and the cashier can look up the school's number-- but please remember to mention this program at check out so that RT can benefit. **The program runs all year long at all Office Depot stores!**



Office Depot is proud to support our schools and communities through the **5% Back to Schools program**®. This program gives you an opportunity to help local schools receive credits for **FREE** supplies when you shop at Office Depot for student school supplies.

6. **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - EARN MONEY ALL YEAR.** Just clip the Box Tops Coupon on many grocery items, and bring them into school - there's a coupon deposit box near the front entry.