



January 31, 2012

## Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

- 1/31 Spring Show Auditions 2:45 pm Room 313
- 2/1 Action Collaboration Team Meeting 5 pm Room 117
- 2/2 First Thursdays Family Education Series 6 pm Cafeteria
- 2/3 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Assemblies (times below)
- 2/4 Basketball Game 1 pm at Cristo Rey
- 2/4 Baltimore Dance Crews Project Workshop 1-2 pm Gym
- 2/9 1 pm Hot Chocolate Social for Volunteers
- 2/9 Parent and Community Advisory Board Meeting 6:30 pm at 200 E. North Ave.
- 2/11 4th Grade Flew Market 9 am—1 pm Cafeteria
- 2/11 HOPPP Meeting 10 am
- 2/11 Baltimore Dance Crews Project Workshop 1-2 pm
- 2/11 Basketball Game 4 pm

**Spring Show Auditions:** Students in grades 4th to 8th are invited to audition for the Spring Show Musical. Auditions will be held on January 31st starting at 2:45 pm. Please meet outside Ms. Coleman's classroom on the third floor of the main building. We need dancers, singers, and actors. If you want to sing, please prepare a short song for the audition.

The **2nd Quarter Honor Roll Assemblies** are on Friday, February 3rd in the Cafeteria. The times for the assemblies are: 1st & 2nd Grades @ 8:00 - 8:45; 3rd - 5th Grades @ 9:00 -9:45; Middle School @ 1:15-2:30

**Flea Market to benefit 4th Grade trip to Medieval Times** Saturday 2/11 - Call/email Jennine at [410-960-0724](tel:410-960-0724)/[jenninea@aol.com](mailto:jenninea@aol.com) to donate items, volunteer, or purchase a table for \$10.

**Have a heart; give blood!** Blood Drive at PPPCS: Friday, February 17 12:00-6:00 pm. More details coming soon! Appointments taken every 15 minutes. Sign up by contacting Greg Heid – 410.941.9395 or email [gheid@pppcs.org](mailto:gheid@pppcs.org) A single blood donation may help up to three different people. Whatever your reason for giving blood, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life. In addition to helping up to three other people with your donation, you will receive a mini physical to check your: Pulse, Blood pressure, Body temperature, Hemoglobin

## HOPPP Happenings

- **The next HOPPP meeting is Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m.** This is a POTLUCK BRUNCH - bring your favorite dish to share. A speaker on Maryland 529 college investment plans will be on hand to give you information and answer your questions. Childcare will be provided.
- **Please note the March HOPPP meeting has been moved from Tuesday, March 13 to Saturday, March 10.** This will be a HOPPP and Skate! Bring the family to the meeting and afterwards head to a free ice skating session with us at the Mimi DiPietro Rink in the park.
- **Save the date!** A performance celebrating Black History Month co-hosted by PPPCS and HOPPP will be taking place February 17 at Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School. More details to follow.
- **Valentine's Day Box Tops for Education Cupcake Party Contest:** The class that turns in the most Box Tops by February 10th will win a classroom party.

## Field Trips

- 2/7 Chesapeake Arts Center: 6th Grade



## Important Information

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners! Adam Pence (1st place), Jason James (2nd), and Marquel Averrette (3rd) Look in February's Bird's Eye View for pictures!

Are you interested in car-pooling to and/or from school? If yes, please contact ESOL Para-educator Nick Cabrera at NCabrera@pppcs.org or 410-558-1230, ext. 336.

## Classes and Opportunities for Adults

**New Baltimore Medical Systems classes** for Latino moms who are pregnant or have children under 2 in Spanish. The classes will focus on good eating habits and how to shop inexpensively and healthfully. Thursdays at 10 in the Family Resource Room until March, beginning this Thursday!

**Family Health and Fitness Club** This club is open to all families who are interested in learning about healthy eating and fun ways to be active with their children. The club meets on Mondays from 3-4:30 in the Family Resource Room. Contact Ms. Kiphorn at RKiphorn@pppcs.org to sign up today!

**Mis Raices:** Please join Mis Raices, our educational and support group for Latino families, every Wednesday at 8:00 am in the Family Resource Room for friends, support, and ways to be involved in our community!

## Volunteer News and Opportunities

- We'll be holding a Hot Chocolate Social for all parent volunteers (and wanna-be volunteers!) in the Family Resource Room at 1:30 until dismissal on Thursday, February 9th! Come mingle with other parents and chat over a cup of hot cocoa.
  - Don't have time to make a regular commitment? Come make photo copies or help cut out laminated materials for the hardworking teachers at PPPCS.
  - Help at recess! Ensure our students' safety crossing the street and in the park during recess daily 11-1:20.
- For information about the PPPCS Volunteer Program, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Katie Filkins - (410) 558-1230 or VCoordinator@pppcs.org*

## After-School Opportunities

Attention Parents! **Would you like your child to have a little extra help with homework?** Homework Coach works to promote strong study skills and homework completion. For more info on how your child can be part of the Homework Coach program, please contact: Lyndsay Tufts (410) 558- 1230 ext. 380 LTufts@pppcs.org

## Opportunities in the Community

**AUDUBON ADVENTURES IN JANUARY** *With the Patterson Park Audubon Center To participate, please RSVP at 410-558-2473 or PPAudubon@gmail.com*

**TRICKY TREES SAFARI IN PATTERSON PARK** *Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:30 pm Meet at the Pagoda Free! Fun for the whole family! Closest to E. Pratt St. and S. Patterson Park Avenue* Learning to identify trees is fun, but once the leaves are gone for the season, it's tricky! Join us for an informal family safari to identify trees and their importance to birds in the park. This program is followed by Nature in the City with Billy B at the Creative Alliance. Please register in advance.

## It's Cold Outside!

Be sure to send your student to school with a warm coat and shoes, as we have recess in the park as often as possible. If you need assistance in getting warm outerwear for your student, please contact our Main Office.

For information about weather related closings, please visit <http://www.baltimorecityschools.org> or tune into local TV (Fox, ABC, CBS and NBC) and radio stations (88.1 fm).