



Weekly Announcements

Patterson Park Public Charter School



February 21, 2012

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

- 2/22 PPPCS Lottery Applications Due for 2012-2013 school-year
- 2/22 HOPPP's Fundraiser at Sticky Rice 3 pm—close 1634 Aliceanna St.
- 2/23 Enrollment Lottery 9 am
- 2/23 Parent and Community Advisory Board 6:30 pm 200 E. North Ave.
- 2/25 Basketball Game 11 am at Cristo Rey
- 2/25 Baltimore Dance Crews Project Workshop 1-2 pm
- 2/28 Board of School Commissioners Meeting 6 pm 200 E. North Ave.
- 2/28 HOPPP's Chat with Chad 7 pm Library
- 2/29 Progress Reports Distributed
- 3/1 Family Education Series 6 pm
- 3/2 Middle School Dance 7-9 pm Cafeteria

The PPPCS Enrollment Lottery for the 2012-2013 school-year is February 23 at 9 am; the public is welcome to attend. New-student Lottery Applications are due February 22. All new students must have a completed application, including siblings of students who already attend PPPCS. For more information, please visit www.PPPCS.org/school/enrollment or visit our Main Office. Remember this is an opportunity for you to strengthen the school community by encouraging applications from families who share PPPCS's values.

1st Thursdays Family Education Series: Piñata Making Mark your calendars for March's Family Education Series on Thursday, March 1st at 6 pm! A free taco bar dinner will be provided and PPPCS families from "Mis Raices" (our education and support group for Spanish-speaking immigrant families) will be leading a workshop in piñata making. Come learn how to make these colorful, treat filled crafts and join the fun! Contact KFilkins@pppcs.org or 410.558.1230, ext. 393 for more information.

HOPPP Happenings

- **Enjoy Sticky Rice and support HOPPP!** On **Wednesday, February 22 from 3 p.m. - close**, Sticky Rice restaurant (1634 Aliceanna St. in Fells Point) will donate 15 percent of its sales to HOPPP. Spread the word, and see you there!
- Pepperoni, sausage or vegetarian delight? Come share a slice with Dr. Kramer and some of our favorite teachers as we **Chat with Chad!** On **Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m.** in the PPPCS library, ask your questions and share your feedback about instruction at PPPCS. **BABYSITTING IS PROVIDED!** Come Chat with Chad!
- The next HOPPP Meeting, **Saturday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.**, will be a "**HOPPP and Skate**". Bring the entire family along for a free ice skating session at Mimi DiPietro Ice Rink after the meeting!

After-School Opportunities

Figure Skating in the City is looking for 20 middle school girls! This is a free program for girls who want to learn how to figure skate! The program is on Fridays, 3-4 pm and began Friday, 2/17. Coach Estelle will meet the girls at school and walk with them to the ice rink in Patterson Park! Parents can call 410-905-2058 anytime for more information and/or to sign-up their daughters.

If you would like to receive PPPCS's newsletters electronically, please email DMattera@pppcs.org. Doing so helps PPPCS save on paper and printing costs.



Volunteer News and Opportunities

- Patterson Park Egg Hunt! We are looking for parents to represent PPPCS by hosting our school table on “Bunny Row,” or preparing a craft or snack to give away to children who visit! This is a great opportunity to spread the name of our school out in the community.
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)! Are you interested in helping to host our CSA site on Tuesday evenings starting in June? Each week we receive produce from One Straw Farm that gets picked up by dozens of shareholders. We need your help to meet the farm delivery truck and greet shareholders! This is a great way to create some much needed visibility for PPPCS (and earn hours if volunteering during the work day is difficult!).
- 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.
- Don't miss our NEW “Volunteer Central!” bulletin board in the front office hallway! Keep a lookout for volunteer opportunities, photos, and announcements! You'll also find a fresh supply of volunteer hour forms and a convenient way to turn them in to receive credit for your hours.

To sign up for any of these opportunities, or for more information about the PPPCS Volunteer Program, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Katie Filkins - (410) 558-1230 x 393 or VCoordinator@pppcs.org

Field Trips

- 2/24: 2nd Grade to Goucher College for *Arts on Stage*
- 3/2 1st Grade: Goucher College

Classes and Opportunities for Adults

Baltimore Medical Systems classes for Spanish-speaking moms who are pregnant or have children under two. The classes will focus on good eating habits and how to shop inexpensively and healthfully. Thursdays at 10 am in the Family Resource Room until March.

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!

Opportunities in the Community

Audubon MONTHLY BIRD WATCHING WALK Saturday, February 25th, 8-9:30 am All ages welcome! Free! Meet at the fountain in Patterson Park, Closest to E. Lombard St. and S. Patterson Park Avenue Bring the family to Patterson Park to learn about birds that visit Maryland in the winter! Audubon's conservation director will be on hand to answer questions about our feathered friends. If you would like to borrow binoculars, drop us an email – we have plenty to share! There is no need to RSVP for this event, just arrive ready to explore!

Audubon TINY TOTS PRESENTS: I DIG WORMS! Saturday, February 25th, 10-11 am Meet at the Pagoda Ages: 2-5 \$5 suggested donation per child, with an adult Tiny Tots is an early childhood environmental education program where kids make a craft, play a game, and read a story. This month, we will find out together about wiggly squiggly worms. We'll meet live worms and find out how to tell which end is the head. We will reveal what worms like to eat and where they LOVE to live. Would a worm like to call Patterson Park home? Come find out! Please register in advance at 410-558-2473 or PPAudubon@gmail.com