



# PTA Freedom Elementary • Communique

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## Treasurer's Report February 2008

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Balance January 31, 2008:	\$15,757.33
Receipts:	\$461.32
Disbursements:	\$1,165.16
Balance February 29, 2008:	\$15,053.49

*Income:* Apparel: \$45.00, Market Day: \$416.32

*Disbursements:* Apparel: \$184.25, Accelerated Readers: \$17.76 (AR store), Cultural Programs: \$550.00 (M. Groovy science), Classroom Support: \$184.02, Sunshine: \$229.13 (Gift cards + B-day cards)

At the General Meeting the budget was reviewed in regards to all items that are completed. So far the PTA has accrued a surplus of about \$800 which led to the agreement that at this point no new expenditure will be considered.

### Science Fair:

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Fair will take place **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30pm. We need all participating students to submit their scientific question until March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't received the flyer asking for your question please go to Mrs. Ann Thompson (4<sup>th</sup> grade) or e-mail Silke Elsner at [rosi\\_elsner@yahoo.com](mailto:rosi_elsner@yahoo.com). We need to order your t-shirt, medal and display board!

At the Science Fair visiting adult Scientists will be quizzing the students about their projects. Each adult Scientist should visit about three to four students. We are asking all parents, family members or friends of the family with a scientific background to please volunteer to be a visiting adult Scientist. It means a lot to the students to present their hard work to adults who have some experience in that matter. If you are willing to volunteer about an hour for our brilliant junior scientists please return the flyer we had sent out or e-mail Silke Elsner at [rosi\\_elsner@yahoo.com](mailto:rosi_elsner@yahoo.com). Thanks a lot!

### Game Club: Grades 1 and 2

Information will be coming home this week about after school game club for 1st & 2nd graders. It will be every Friday in April starting on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Hershey Park Tickets...Don't Miss this Great Deal!

The PTA will be purchasing Hershey Park Tickets at a great group discount rate. This is a great savings! The tickets are good for anytime during the park's normal 2008 operating schedule. The preview night also applies to this offer. Tickets for ages 9-54 @ \$25.50 (regularly \$45.95), ages 3-8 @ \$23.00 (regularly \$26.95), ages 70+ @ \$18.95. Forms were distributed to each child last week. If you did not receive this information and would like to participate, please contact Jeanne Patterson at 410-549-6987 or e-mail [j5house@verizon.net](mailto:j5house@verizon.net). Pass this great deal on to anyone who may be interested-they are welcome to take advantage of the savings too!

### Movie Night - April 18th

Flyers were sent home for each student to vote on a movie selection. The choices are: Charlotte's Web, High School Musical II, & Meet the Robinsons. Find out soon which movie will win by popular vote and mark your calendars for Friday, **April 18<sup>th</sup>** for family movie night at Freedom.

### Save For America Banking Program Changing to Susquehanna Bank MegaBucks Program

On **March 14<sup>th</sup>** Susquehanna Bank will convert all Freedom students' Save For America accounts to the new Susquehanna sponsored MegaBucks accounts. Parents of students who make deposits to the Save For America accounts will be notified by Susquehanna Bank, by phone, to tell them about the MegaBucks program and their child's account conversion. The MegaBucks program includes a gift for each participating child on their birthday, a monthly children's newsletter, and a monthly MegaBucks day at the bank (near Martins) which will always be the last Saturday of the month. The first MegaBucks day at Susquehanna bank will be Saturday **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 9am-1pm. The bank will have a table set up with goodies for the children and all the children can fill out the slip to enter to win the first quarter prize, a Brain Quest Trivia card set. The drawing for the trivia card set will be on March 31. The bank will have snacks and drinks as well for the children. The biggest change from Save For America to MegaBucks is that, starting on Thursday, March 20, when the children come to the computer lab to turn in their deposit amount, they will no longer enter their deposit amount via computer on the Save

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For America web site. A Susquehanna Bank employee and PTA volunteer will continue to take the children's deposits and provide receipts. If you have any questions about the MegaBucks program please contact Jonathan Chatterler or Laura Oldham at Susquehanna Bank, 1316 Londontown Boulevard, Eldersburg, MD 21784, phone: 410-781-0494.

### **Update on the Freedom Kindergarten Addition**

The Freedom Elementary Kindergarten Addition Construction Documents (the plans used to bid the work) are scheduled to be approved by the Board of Education at the March 26th meeting. Once those documents are approved, the school system will then advertise the job, receive bids, and award the job over the next few months. Construction work will actually start June 2008 and is scheduled to be completed sometime in the summer of 2009.

### **Freedom Grounds Spring Clean Up March 30 @ 1:00**

On **March 30th** at 1:00 the Freedom PTA Grounds Committee will be cleaning up the Freedom School grounds. This will include leaf removal, trash pick-up, weeding, and pruning. Please come out and help keep the school grounds looking great. Don't forget to wear work clothes and bring gloves, rakes, yard tools, and water.

### **Spring Apparel Sale**

A spring apparel order form will come home with your child on **March 14th**. White and blue tie-dyed short-sleeve t-shirts and blue and grey long-sleeve t-shirts will be for sale. The apparel will be delivered by mid April.

### **2nd Annual Oral Spelling Bee – May 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

Don't Get Stung! The Bee Has Come! At the end of March fourth and fifth graders will take a written spelling test. The top spellers from each grade will be asked to participate in Freedom's 2nd annual oral spelling bee on **May 5th** at 7:00 p.m.

### **Accelerated Reader Store**

In February 135 students visited the accelerated reader (AR) store and spent 909 points.



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### **Special Thanks to...**



- Luann Reichenbaugh and Rebbecca Rivard for volunteering to work on the Apparel Committee for 2008-09.
- Nikki Rauser for volunteering to run the Accelerated Reader Store for 2008-09.
- Nicole Smoot for volunteering to organize the family movie nights-thanks!

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### **2008 Second Annual Read-A-Thon...We need your help!**

On Wednesday **March 19th** the PTA Fundraising Committee is having an important fundraising meeting to start to plan the 2008 Read-A-Thon. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Media center at Freedom Elementary school.

We need individuals willing to help coordinate various parts of the Read-A-Thon to ensure its success. We've split up the Read-A-Thon into three parts so that the work is not too much.

The Read-A-Thon has replaced our usual catalog sale. We welcome opinions and ideas, please come and share yours. In order to continue the Read-A-Thon, we need a few more volunteers to help with coordinating various aspects of the Read-A-Thon.

**Audit Committee:** Volunteers are needed for Audit committee. Please contact Amy Daise at [daise390@comcast.net](mailto:daise390@comcast.net)

**Volunteers for the Diabetes Walk:** To be held **May 21st** and volunteers are needed to assist. This event is organized by Health & Gym departments. Please contact the school office if you are interested in volunteering.

**Volunteers Needed for The Accelerated Reader Store:** The store is open every Monday before school in the cafeteria (approx. 8:15-8:45). Volunteers are needed to work at the store. For more information contact Tammy Wikner, [tcwikne@gmail.com](mailto:tcwikne@gmail.com), 410-549-4530.

### **PTA Positions Open for 2008-2009 School Year**

The following PTA Positions are open for next school year: President, and Vice President. If you are interested or would like more information on duties and time commitments of these positions, please contact Amy Daise at [daise390@comcast.net](mailto:daise390@comcast.net).

**Next PTA Meeting April 2nd, 2008 7:00 pm**

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