



PTA Freedom Elementary *Communique*

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March PTA Meeting Update:

Treasurer's Report:

The Read-A-Thon received \$80 last month from an employer match donation.

Piney Ridge Park has asked local elementary schools to make a voluntary contribution of \$50 to help cover the cost of the upcoming "Gone Batty" concert in the park on June 4th. A majority vote approved the request and the funds will be disbursed from the Cultural Events budget. **Piney Ridge Park will be open to the public that evening free of charge!**

Administrative Report:

We are pleased to have progress right on schedule for completion of our kindergarten addition and school renovations. State and county funding will cover the cost of all furniture and equipment with the exception of the primary outdoor learning area/playground. We will be soliciting business contributions and holding some spring fundraiser events. For the past several years we have sponsored a spring fundraiser to benefit a charity, such as the Leukemia Society. We recognize the current state of the economy has placed a hardship on many families. Therefore, our only request for funding support this spring will focus on the primary outdoor learning area/playground. Additional details will be coming home shortly. One of our upcoming Market Day sales will offer special products to benefit this project. As always, we appreciate the overwhelming support Freedom Elementary receives from our school community.

Restaurant Night:

Freedom Elementary PTA will be holding our next night at **Chili's on Tuesday, March 24**. All proceeds raised at this event will be donated to a Freedom Elementary family who recently suffered a tragedy. Please come out to support the PTA and the family.

Box Tops for Education:

At last count, Freedom Elementary families have sent in over **17,000 box tops for a total of \$1750.00!** Way to go FES families! Thanks for participating. **Special thanks to Mrs. Weber's class** for their help in counting the box tops!

Accelerated Reader:

The AR store has new items coming in regularly. The store is now carrying items worth higher point values for all you high achieving readers. Some new items are worth 50, 60 or 80 points. Check it out every Monday morning from 8:15 to 8:45. Don't forget – points do expire! Make sure to cash in your points every month.

Grocery Program:

FES totals at Martin's Food Market are close to \$3,000. Thank you to all the families who have added FES to their Martin's card.

Upcoming Events:

The Science Fair is coming up Thursday, April 2. We have 116 children signed up this year. Due to the large number of children signed up, we are in need of as many parent volunteers as possible. If you have a science background and can help be a judge that night, we would love to have you! Contact Silke Elsner at 410-549-1179 or rosi_elsner@yahoo.com.

Bingo Night is coming up – Friday, April 24. Mark your calendars!

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Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2009

7:00 p.m. in the FES Media Center