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Message from the RMSPTA President

by Magan Davidson-Nadwodny

Dear Ridgely Families,

PTA would like to thank all families and staff who have become members of the PTA. As of today, approximately 67% of parents and staff are members.

PTA is a great way to support RMS and to stay involved with school events and activities.

Each year the PTA sets a positive goal of 100% membership. Only 33% to go. Be sure to sign up during American Education Week.

The 29th Annual Craft Fair and Silent Auction is almost here Saturday, November 13th, 10am- 3pm.

This is the only major fundraiser for RMS PTA and all of the proceeds directly benefit PTA's ability to fund RMS activity events and school clubs. The Craft Fair is Ridgely's social event of the year.

Volunteer for an hour or two and you will meet other great parents and students of Ridgely. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. For volunteer information contact Kay Hardisky at: hardisky@verizon.net.

For silent auction donations contact Lynn Orlando-Waugh at lynnewaugh@gmail.com. This years silent auction features a football signed by Ray Rice, front row tickets to the Winter Concert, and front row tickets to the 8th grade farewell! Don't miss it!

NOVEMBER

- 13 RMS PTS CRAFT FAIR
- 15-19 American Education Week
- 15 Distribution of Report Cards
- 17 National Junior Honor Society Induction 7pm
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday-School Closed
- 29 School Improvement Team Meeting 3pm
- 29 PTA Board Meeting 7pm
- 30 Magnet School Application Deadline

DECEMBER

- 1 HELPS Presentation on Sexting 7-9pm
- 3 Interim Grade Reports Distributed
- 8 Winter Musical Concert @RMS 7th Grade 6:30 -8pm
- 9 Mid-term Conferences 4:30 - 6:30pm
- 15 Winter Musical Concert @RMS 8th Grade 6:30 -8pm
- 23 Winter Break Begins end of school day

Tid-Bits

Entertainment Books – we are FAR from the school’s goal and need to sell, sell, sell. They make fantastic birthday, holiday, anniversary, wedding gifts. Even to keep in the car. You never know when it will come in handy!

We can report that the 6th and 7th graders enjoyed and learned a lot during National Bullying Prevention Week, especially during the Bullying Assemblies (made possible by the PTA)

Ridgely was chosen to participate as a host school by the National Middle School Association. On Thursday, November 4, 2010, the National Middle School Association will be sending 50 visitors from around the country and other parts of the world to visit Ridgely and explore its amazing educational program. As a National Blue Ribbon School, who will be celebrating our 50th anniversary during this time, we are thrilled to have been selected as a showcase school.

The Art Department has created 10 bulletin boards throughout the school. There are paper mannequins on display that were created by the students and personalized with their own fashion ideas and hobbies. What a work of art! Great job!

Mrs. Evans reported that the school hosted approximately 250 parent-teacher conferences this month following interims. Overall, it was a big success and thanks to all the teachers for their assistance in making sure that students’ strengths and weaknesses are identified and that parents, teachers and students can work together to achieve improvement.

Finishing touches are being put on the school directories and they should be coming out sometime during the second week of November.

REFLECTIONS

Come one, come all and bring your talents! It’s time to be a part of Reflections this year and show everyone what you can do - whether its through film production, visual arts, literature, musical composition, photography or dance choreography. This year’s theme is “Together We Can”. So get your entries ready.

deadline

Submitted to:

Ms. Frey's office by 2:45 on December 1

See Website to download forms.

Sultana, a Native American Program, will be coming to Ridgely again this year. More information to follow.

RMS SPIRIT WEAR

Order forms featuring new RMS Spirit Wear will be available soon.

Orders will be taken through the middle of November. Look for more information during American Education Week November 16-20 and at the craft fair on November 13th.

Ridgely staff and students, show us those smiling, funny, goofy, spooky, weird faces! Not yours, but your jack-o-lantern!

If you carved a pumpkin this year, send us your digital photo and we will display it on our PTA website for all to see. (*Pumpkins only. We cannot post photos with people due to privacy regulations*). Email to: mnadwodny@medlawlegalteam.com

Don’t forget to bring in those mittens and gloves by November 12th for the **Warm Hearts = Warm Hands** project going on now.

See Flyer in this issue.

Bonjour! November 4th-11th is National French Week. Have you joined the French club?

American Education Week

Having trouble keeping up with your child in Algebra? Wondering what the Latin teacher is doing to make your child crazy for Greek & Roman times? Here is your chance to experience Middle School again! Ridgely Middle School is celebrating American Education Week November 15th – 19th.

Parents, Grandparents and guardians are invited. Come and go to class with your child.

Can't take the whole day off? Just come for a couple of classes or have lunch with them.

VISITATION DAYS

6th Grade
Tuesday, Nov 16th

7th Grade
Wednesday, Nov 17th

8th Grade
Thursday, Nov 18th

You can also visit on Monday and Friday. Stop by the PTA table when you come in and pick up your membership cards or join while you are there.

The PTA will offer refreshments in the conference room.

AEW Celebrates America's Educators

NEA's American Education Week (AEW) spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

Our annual tag line, Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility, reflects the Association's calling upon America to provide students with quality public schools so that they can grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21st century.

In 2010, the 89th annual American Education Week will take place November 14–20. American Education Week - History.

The National Education Association was one of the creators and original sponsors of American Education Week. Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education.

In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

The first observance of American Education Week occurred December 4-10, 1921, with the NEA and American Legion as the cosponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a cosponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938.

Other co-sponsors are the U.S. Department of Education and national organizations including the National PTA, the American Legion, the American Association of School Administrators, the National School Boards Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the American School Counselor Association, the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National School Public Relations Association, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

American Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving.

Imagine going through last winter without gloves or mittens.



Sadly, many Baltimore-area adults and children do not have the financial resources to purchase a new pair of gloves or mittens for protection from the snow and bone-chilling cold weather. In addition, many of these individuals remain homeless throughout the winter months.

But now, you can help.

Join Greater Chesapeake Hand Specialists and Ridgely Middle School in our **Warm Hearts = Warm Hands project**

Please donate new or gently used gloves or mittens before November 12th for distribution to local organizations that serve the needy in Baltimore County and Baltimore City.

ALL SIZES AND SHAPES ARE WELCOME - Adult gloves greatly appreciated.

DELIVER THE ITEMS TO:



HAND • WRIST • ELBOW • SHOULDER

1400 Front Ave. • Suite 100
Lutherville, MD 21093
410-296-6232

WWW.CHEESAPEAKEHAND.COM

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A National Blue Ribbon School

121 East Ridgely Road
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[HTTP://RIDGELYMS.BCPS.ORG](http://RIDGELYMS.BCPS.ORG)

BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Assistance Center of Towson Churches • Eastern Family Resource Center
Our Daily Bread • Villa Maria School at St. Vincent's

GOT BOOKS?

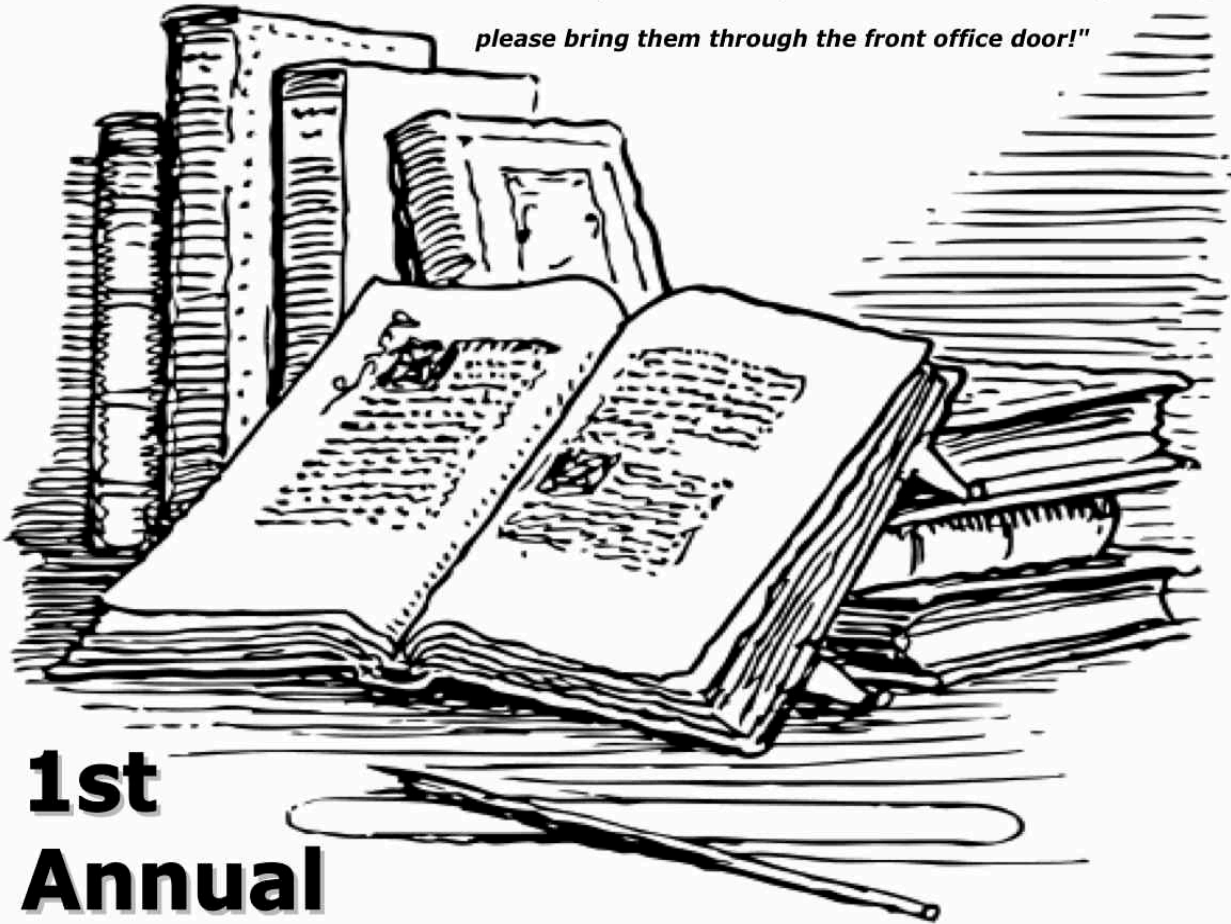
"Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses of old, used books yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your shelves and more.

Send these, the homeless, dust ridden books to me,

please bring them through the front office door!"



1st Annual

Ridgely Middle School Used Book Sale

**Proceeds Will Benefit RMS
Technology Fund & SGA**

**Sale held at RMS PTA Craft Fair
11/13/2010**

10am-3pm

book sale table will be located by office entrance

Beginning Monday, October 11th,
Donations of gently used children's, young
adult's and adult books, DVDs and video tapes
will be accepted in the school office
(Lynncrest parking lot)
between 8am - 3pm

For more information contact:
Ms. Beard at cbeard@bcps.org



PTAreflections.org

PTA[®] Reflections unleashes your artistic talents

Dance Choreography

Photography

Film Production

Musical Composition

Literature

Visual Arts

2010–2011 Theme: **“Together We Can”**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Deadline for entries: TBA

For details, contact Monica Rafferty monicaraff@verizon.net.
Interested in doing a film? See Ms. Beard in the library about checking out a flip camera.



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PTA REFLECTIONS

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Ridgely

Middle School

121 Ridgely Road

Lutherville

Unique handmade items

from over 100 local artisans

29th Annual

Craft Festival

& Silent Auction

Saturday

November 13, 2010

10am until 3pm

featuring:

holiday items
home furnishings
furniture & handbags
jewelry & candles
accessories & quilts
embroidered pieces
pottery & woodwork
painted screens & glass
American Girl Doll
clothes, food and more

admission \$2

Free for PBCS STaff
w/ id
students 8th grade
and below

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29th Annual Craft Fair - How You Can Help...

Dear Friends and Families of Ridgely Middle School,

Happy Holidays! I am inviting you to attend our Ridgely Middle School 29th Annual Craft Festival & Silent Auction this year to be held on November 13th from 10 am to 3pm. This is a fun day and a great way to do some holiday shopping. We will have over 100 great crafters with some very unique handmade crafts that make wonderful gifts.

*The RMS PTA has this one big fundraiser and it is less then one month away! Your **help is needed now** in several ways. Please take a few minutes and consider how you maybe able to help make this event a huge success:*



•**Take 5 minutes and send an email to friends & family to attend on November 13th**

•**Donate to the Silent Auction or Acquire an Item from a business that you support.**

See Form Below

Contact Lynn Waugh-Orlando at lynnewaugh@gmail.com or 410-365-0056

•**Donate to Dessert table** – Cakes, cookies, candies are needed (more info to follow)

•**VOLUNTEER** - Kay Hardisky
Hardisky@verizon.net

•Go to **www.ridgelymiddlepta.com** and click on Craft Fair for Advertising flyers and Silent Auction forms (available after October 7th)

Thanks for your help and we look forward to seeing you on November 13th!

Kay Hardisky
2010 Craft Fair Chair
410-308-0826 / Hardisky@verizon.net

Ridgely Middle School PTA

121 Ridgely Road, Lutherville, MD 21093

PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR EACH ITEM DONATED – COPIES ARE ACCEPTED (Please print or type)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Company Name: (if applicable) _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Web site: (if applicable) _____

DONATED ITEM

Name of Item Donated: _____

Cost or Fair Market Value: _____

*Complete Description of Item: _____

**If your item contains multiple services or products please detail in description.*

SERVICE GIFT CERTIFICATE INFORMATION REQUEST

If you are donating a gift certificate for a service, please include the following information in the certificate or letter.

Name of product or service

Description of what is included and what is excluded

Name of person to contact for further information

Name, address and full contact information of your company

Instructions on how to redeem item

Include any additional information such as a photo or description brochure as appropriate

Date of expiration (if any)

DELIVERY OPTIONS: (Check one)

_____ I, or a representative of my company, will bring the above listed item(s) to Ridgely Middle School to be turned in at the main office by October 19, 2010*.

_____ Please have someone contact me to arrange pick up of my item(s) at (phone) _____ or (email) _____.

**If after October 19, 2010 please email Lynn Waugh-Orlando at lynnewaugh@gmail.com in order to make arrangements for your donation.*