



THES PTA Newsletter

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March 7, 2017

Family Bingo & Silent Auction

March 24, 2017

6:30 PM - 8 PM

Join us for our first annual Family Bingo & Silent Auction Night! Space is limited, sign-up to play Bingo today.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d44a4ad29a5fb6-bingo>

(Note: Only those who registered on Sign-Up Genius will be able to play bingo.)

Silent Auction Sneak Peak

Here's a sneak peak at 2 items available for bid at the Silent Auction on March 24.

- Steve Smith, Sr. Autographed Photo with Letter of Authenticity from the Baltimore Ravens
- Goldfish Swim School, One Month of Lessons

Want to know the complete list? Visit the PTA Bingo & Silent Auction webpage: <http://thunderhillespta.weebly.com/bingo--silent-auction.html>

Bingo/Auction Night Volunteers

We need a few volunteers to help the Bingo & Silent Auction run smoothly. Please use Sign-up Genius if you are able to help out:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ba4ac28a2ff2-bingosilent>

See page 3 for more info.

The Scholastic Happy Camper Book Fair is coming to Thunder Hill!!

If you come to the Book Fair, wearing or carrying some kind of camping gear, you may be one of two lucky campers" who will earn \$25 worth of Scholastic Book Fair products!

Hope you can come for the great adventure on the following days:

- Wednesday, March 8, 4:00-6:30pm
- Thursday, March 9, 1:00-7:45pm
- Friday, March 10, 1:00-3:00pm

While at the Book Fair, be sure to check the Staff Wish list board to purchase books for your child's classroom library!!!📖

(Please note that ALL children must be accompanied by an adult at the Book Fair. The media center is NOT a drop-off point for ANY children while parents who are in conferences!!!)

Thank you for your support of the THES Media Center!
See you at the Book Fair!!

CALENDAR

- Mar 9 **Deadline for the PTA Grant Fund.** See pages 4-5.
- Mar 13 **PTA Meeting.** 6:30pm. All are welcome.
- Mar 20 **Restaurant Night Out: Tino's Italian Bistro.** Hold the Date!
- Mar 24 **Family Bingo & Silent Auction.** More info on left.
- Mar 25 **What Parents Need to Know: Bullying Prevention and Social Media.** 9-11:15am. Oakland Mills Middle School. See page 6.

STEAM DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The STEAM Committee is asking for volunteers for STEAM Day on Thursday, April 6, 2017. Please use Sign-Up Genius if you are able to volunteer, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4da4a72da2fb6-steam>

BJs Warehouse Membership Sale!

Buy or Renew a BJs Warehouse membership at a discounted price through the PTA. Read the attached flier and complete the attached application on pages 7-8. Return your completed application in a sealed envelope to Abby Wedeking, PTA BJs Membership.

Questions? Email Abby Wedeking
passret.thespta@gmail.com

THE PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The PTA has several immediate and future openings. Please contact Abby Wedeking (president.thespta@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions.

2017-18 School Year

1st Vice President (required position to maintain valid PTA)

This is a PTA Board position. The 1st VP works with the President to coordinate events and activities throughout the school year. This is a year-long Board-level commitment.

2nd Vice President - Fundraising (required position to maintain valid PTA)

This is a PTA Board position. The 2nd VP coordinates our fall fundraiser and explores other fundraising opportunities for the PTA. This is a year-long commitment.

Newsletter Coordinator

Design the weekly PTA newsletter. Coordinate submissions from PTA members and staff. This is a year-long commitment. (Want more info on? Contact Melanie at m.alstonakers@gmail.com.)

BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast Coordinator

Plan the traditional kindergarten breakfast event. The breakfast occurs the second day of school for kindergarten parents only. This is a one-time only job.

Pool and Water Safety: Presentation at PTA Meeting!

Summer is coming! That means pool time and worrying about water safety. Would you like more information and tips about water safety? Join us during our PTA meeting on Monday, March 13 at 6:30 pm for a presentation by Goldfish Swim School. They will give a brief, interactive presentation on safety. Children are welcome to attend as there will be goodies and a visit from their mascot. (You can also bid on ONE MONTH of free swim lessons at Goldfish Swim Schools during our Bingo Night and Silent Auction on March 24!!)

Support the PTA with Amazon Smile!

You can support the THES PTA every time you shop through Amazon Smile. Go to smile.amazon.com and search Thunder Hill PTA. Or use our code 23-7111265.

Like us on Facebook for event and activity updates!
<https://www.facebook.com/thunderhillpta>

Visit the THES PTA website today!
<http://thunderhillespta.weebly.com/>

PTA Grant Fund: Spring 2017

Parents, Students, and Staff: Do you have a great idea you would like to see at Thunder Hill Elementary School? Get creative, figure out the details, fill out a short grant application by NLT (no later than) Thursday, March 9th, and you may be able to see your idea become a reality! See details on pages 4-5.

Thank You!

We had an awesome turn out for Restaurant Night Out at Cheeburger Cheeburger. Thank you to everyone who came and those that carried out food!! This month is another favorite at Tino's Italian Bistro on Monday, March 20th. You can dine in or carry out and it's all day – no flyer needed. We hope to see you there!

PTA SPRING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Be on the lookout for flyers for Spring PTA sponsored after-school activities.

AbraKdoodle-Mondays: 3/20, 27, 4/3, 4/24, 5/1, 8, 15, 22, make-up 6/5 (8 classes)

Club Scikidz-Wednesdays: 3/22, 29, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 10, 17, make-up 5/24 (8 classes)

Sports (grades 3-5) Fridays: 3/24, 31, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 26, 6/2, make-up 6/9 (8 classes)

*Coming soon: specific dates for Sports (grades K-2) Thursdays (8 classes)

Send in Your Box Tops!

Send in Box Tops in baggies or envelopes. Use the collection sheet on page 9.



**JOIN THE PTA FOR
OUR FIRST ANNUAL
SILENT AUCTION
WHICH WILL TAKE
PLACE DURING OUR
FIRST ANNUAL
FAMILY BINGO
NIGHT!**

Friday, March 24, 2017
THES Cafeteria
Doors Open at 6:15 PM

BINGO REGISTRATION

Only those who are registered in Sign-Up Genius will be admitted to play Bingo. There are a limited number of seats, register today!

Register to play at
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d44a4ad29a5fb6-bingo>

Bingo Cards sold at the door.
Cards are 4/\$1 (sold in sets of 4 only).

SILENT AUCTION

Come bid on a wide variety of items. Pay for items using cash, check, or credit (via Square). No pre-registration needed to bid.

Some items available are:
Steve Smith, Sr. Autographed photo, Ubaldo Jimenez Autographed photo, Maryland Science Center passes, Frederick Keys game passes, Goldfish Swim School Lessons, SkyZone Jump Passes, and much more!

For more information and a complete list of Auction items and their value, visit the Thunder Hill ES PTA website at <http://thunderhillespta.weebly.com/bingo--silent-auction.html>
Questions? Email Kelli Davenport at MissK2127@gmail.com or Abby Wedeking at president.thespta@gmail.com



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Guidelines and Criteria: Grant requests should seek to provide opportunities for THES students and their families, including, but not limited to: **educational, social, recreational, and community-building opportunities. Creative or 'out-of-the-box' proposals are welcome.**

1. Applications will be accepted from any THES parent or staff member.
2. Students applying for funds must have a parent or staff as a sponsor of their application.

Submission Requirements: The deadline for submission is **March 9th**. The application form and instructions are attached, but we encourage you to submit applications via Google Docs:

<https://goo.gl/forms/LW9Mlc410pk57BtV2>

*If you are unable to do so, you may also submit applications via email to **tremiw@gmail.com** or in paper format to the PTA mailbox (please send a notification via email if submitted in PTA mailbox).*

Application Review Information: Applications will be reviewed within three weeks after the submission deadline. The Review Committee will consist of (but not be limited to): PTA president or vice president, a school administrator, a teacher or staff person, a parent who is not on the PTA Executive Board, and a student. Review committee members must recuse themselves from reviewing any applications to which they are connected.



Award Information: The number and amount of awards made under this program will depend upon the nature, quality, and quantity of the applications received. Regardless of your application's success, we will notify you of the decision by a month after the submission deadline.

Contact Information: For further information, please contact Grant Program Coordinator at tremiw@gmail.com.

THES PTA Grant Application - Spring 2017

Name of Grant:			
Contact Person:			
Phone Number:		Email:	
Request Amount:			

Description of Grant, to include:

** Please utilize a separate sheet of paper to complete this section and limit your description to no more than two pages.*

1. Purpose of grant (summarize need for grant, purpose behind it, etc.):

2. Goals/objectives (brief explanation details of solution and desired outcomes):

3. Students to be served:

<input type="radio"/> Kindergarten	<input type="radio"/> 2 nd Grade	<input type="radio"/> 4 th Grade	<input type="radio"/> All Grades
<input type="radio"/> 1 st Grade	<input type="radio"/> 3 rd Grade	<input type="radio"/> 5 th Grade	

4. Timeline for implementation:

5. Anticipated expenses:

Total cost of item(s)	Amount being requested	Other / Outside Funding Sources
\$	\$	

Additional budget details:

The deadline for submission is NLT **Thursday March 9th**.
 Please submit applications via Google docs: <https://goo.gl/forms/LW9Mlc410pk57BtV2>
 If unable to do so, you can email it to tremiw@gmail.com or submit paper form to the PTA mailbox.

What Parents Need to Know Bullying Prevention and Social Media

The Council of Elders Community Academy



Saturday, March 25, 2017

9 – 11:15 a.m.

Oakland Mills Middle School

9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia 21045

Representatives from the Howard County Police Department and the Howard County Public School System will discuss bullying and the use of social media. Come learn about bullying reporting and investigative procedures. Additionally, parents will learn about various social media sites students are accessing and how to monitor social media usage.



Please register at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/NNMuB7OjQ6GQEni33>

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1. Get \$15 off our \$50 annual membership fee = pay \$35*

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2. 1 month of membership FREE = get 13 months

3. FREE second membership card for a household member = get 2 cards

Renew ahead of time and 13 months will be added to your current membership at the discounted rate – it will not overlap!

PLUS

**BJ's will donate \$5 of your membership fee
back to our PTA !**

***This is a Special Quarterly Program
It is not available at the store or online***

***Quarterly Schedule: (Sept. 20 – Oct. 7) (Dec 1-16)
(Mar 1-17) (June 1-16)***

Contact the PTA for the application and instructions

*Plus state tax where applicable. Taxes are not applicable in Maryland

To verify your expiration date, check a store receipt or call 1-800-257-2582

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and carry approximately 2,500 more products than our competitors!**

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PLUS get 1 bonus month FREE

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Save \$25 off the \$100 annual Membership fee —
PLUS get 1 bonus month FREE

Every BJ's Primary Member receives a Second Card for a household member at no additional charge.
PLUS YOUR SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION WILL GET \$5 FROM BJ'S!

To qualify for this offer, please:

1. Complete this application in full and return it to your Organization Rep at the address below. Please include a check or credit card payment for the full amount.
2. New Members: Your Membership Activation letter will arrive in 3 — 4 weeks. Bring it, along with a photo ID, to the Member Services Desk at a Club near you to receive your Membership Card.
3. Renewals: Enter your Membership Number in the space provided below. Your current Membership Card will be renewed with 1 bonus month.

Organization Rep: Abby Wedeking Contact Number: 410-313-6922

Offer Expires: Quarterly Address: 9357 Mellenbrook Road, Columbia, MD 21045

All BJ's Memberships are subject to BJ's current Membership Terms, ask in-Club or go to Bjs.com/terms.

Choose Membership Level: BJ's Inner Circle® Membership BJ's Perks Rewards™ Membership

Current Membership # (if applicable) _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Sex F M

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone # _____ Market Code (BJ's use only) Corp16

Email _____

Driver's License # _____ State _____
(Required for check-writing privileges)



If you choose to receive the second Household Card, please complete the following: (Note: Household Cardmember must reside at the same address as the Primary Cardholder.)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Primary Signature — I understand that I am responsible for any checks and actions of the second Cardholder. Please choose your method of payment. (Sales tax may be added. Make checks payable to BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.)

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Credit Card Account # _____ Expiration Date _____ Total Charge _____

Date of Membership Purchase		
____ / ____ / ____	Month	Day
		Year

BJ's Use Only

BJ's Sales Representative's Signature: _____ Club # _____

All applications are sent to our Home Office; processing takes approximately 3 — 4 weeks.

Membership Expiration and Renewals: The month and year in which your Membership expires appear on your register receipts and on your "My Account" page on Bjs.com. Your Membership expires on the last day of the month and year shown. Paid Memberships renewed within two months after expiration will be extended 12 months from the expiration date. Paid Memberships renewed more than two months after expiration will be extended for 12 months from the last day of the month of renewal.

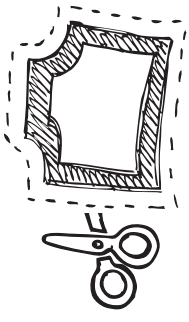
*BJ's Inner Circle® Membership fee is regularly \$50; BJ's Perks Rewards™ Membership fee is regularly \$100. This offer may not be combined with other offers, is not redeemable for cash or transferable, is not available online or in-Club, and is good for new Members and current Members renewing before their expiration date only. Limit one offer per household. Photo identification required when applying for Membership. Plus state and local taxes where applicable or required by law.

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Thunder Hill Elementary School PTA



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- 1** Clip Box Tops.
Don't forget to check the expiration date.
- 2** Tape or glue Box Tops on this sheet.
- 3** Send completed sheet to your school.

