

# Burning Issues

## President's Message

### Be a Part of the PTA and our School

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. The

national PTA was founded in 1897 based on the belief that the education of children is the shared responsibility of the school and home. Our chapter's by-laws state that our mission is "to bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth, and to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education."

At Burning Tree we live this mission by having an active involved parent group and a strong partnership among parents, staff and students. There are many ways for every family to be a part of this partnership.

**Make it a point to come to PTA sponsored events throughout the year.** The PTA does many different things, from sponsoring programs for the enrichment of our students, to raising money for the betterment of the school, to helping to build a stronger community among our BTES families and among our BTES families and our staff. During the next few weeks, for example, the PTA will sponsor a new parent get-together on September 23rd, the Back to School Picnic on September 25th, a Students with Accommodations (SAC) parent get-together on September 29th, and Walk to School Day on October 7th.

To learn more about these events, please read related articles in this newsletter and visit our PTA website at [www.BurningTreePTA.org](http://www.BurningTreePTA.org). Make sure to purchase a PTA calendar so you don't miss an event. Many thanks to Lisa Sanfuentes for such a terrific job creating this years PTA calendar (to order a calendar, download a school spirit shop order form at our website). **You can also be involved in your child's classroom by being a room parent.** If you have a child(ren) in K-2 contact Kim Bayard ([kimberly.n.bayard@frb.gov](mailto:kimberly.n.bayard@frb.gov)) and for grades 3-5 contact Dorene Rosenthal ([dorene@verizon.net](mailto:dorene@verizon.net)) to

find out more about opportunities in your classroom. (Continued on p.2)

### Walk to School Day FOOTnotes

Wednesday, October 7, will be Burning Tree's 9th time participating in International Walk-to-School Day. It's a fun opportunity to meet other families, get exercise, teach pedestrian safety and protect the environment, all of which are Walk-to-School Day goals. Last year, a total of 242 adults and children walked together to Burning Tree!



Trader Joe's has kindly agreed to bring healthy snacks again this year, and the County will also provide its usual give-aways for the kids. Bus-riders, Kiss-and-Riders, walkers and younger siblings are all welcome to join the walk (all children must be accompanied by an adult).



Look for details in the coming weeks; meanwhile, try walking to school whenever you can -- it's healthy for your family and for the environment. See you October 7!

### Staff Appreciation Lunch

Thank you for all the people who took time out to set up, serve and clean up at the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. The many generous donations of sodas, water & desserts were greatly appreciated!

*Kathy Chelst, Beth Martino & Anne Ruskowski, Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs*

## Beautify BT - October 10th!

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## President's Message *(Cont'd. from p.1)*

**Another great way to get involved is to attend our monthly PTA meetings.** Important information as well as issues affecting our children and our school are discussed and often voted on at these meetings. Remember you must be a current member to vote and you need to re-join the PTA every year. If you need a membership form, visit our website. By joining the Burning Tree PTA you also join the Montgomery County Council of PTA's (MCCPTA), the Maryland State PTA and the national PTA. These organizations work together to provide the best possible learning environment for every child. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday night of almost every month. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00pm;** after the business portion of the meeting, **there will be a presentation by Mrs. Richter on the reading curriculum.** Babysitting for children age 4 and above is provided and the business portion of the meetings generally does not go over one hour.

**Make sure to stay involved at Burning Tree by reading our PTA publications.** The PTA produces the *Weekly Update* which provides brief information and flyers on upcoming events and programs and includes a two-week calendar on the first page. In September the Update will come home in your child's backpack. Beginning in October, the Update will be sent to you electronically via BTNet every Thursday. The *Burning Issues* newsletter provides more in-depth information about special events and continuing programs at Burning Tree as well as information about MCCPTA and our larger community when appropriate. *Burning Issues* is also where we thank our huge number of volunteers. Both the *Weekly Update* and *Burning Issues* are available on the website. **BTNet is the PTA sponsored list-serve.** BTNet is used for announcements and reminders about PTA or school related events and meetings, inclement weather closings, requests for volunteers, and information relating to PTA business, school affairs, and educational/advocacy issues. For all other issues, there is the "Community Update" published each week on BTNet for an exchange of information on topics such as tutors, child care, missing items, community performances, vacancies on sports teams, etc. We are fortunate that former BTES parent Jay Kaufman puts together the Community Update each week. Items can be sent to him at his email address, [jfk@kaufmanhome.net](mailto:jfk@kaufmanhome.net).

If you have any comments or suggestions or want to suggest topics for PTA meetings or this newsletter, please contact either me, Cindy Campbell, PTA President at [CampbellHannegan@comcast.net](mailto:CampbellHannegan@comcast.net) or 301-469-0252 or Ellie Abramowitz, PTA President-elect at [ellie.abramowitz@verizon.net](mailto:ellie.abramowitz@verizon.net) or 301-365-0543. I look forward to working together with you and your family this year so that Burning Tree will continue to be the special school that it is!

*Cindy Campbell, PTA President*

## Volunteer Corner

A Huge Thank You to Cheryl Liu and Laura Weiss for setting up the School Supply Kits on Friday the 28th prior to the Open House. Ellen Singer, Amy Eisner and Delia Tetelman were also on hand to set up and distribute all unclaimed kits to the appropriate classrooms for students to have on their first day of school. We appreciate all your help in making sure these kits were so readily available that day!

We are still in need of volunteers to help Ms. Loftus, our gym teacher, with the Fitness Frogs program. Fitness Frogs is a voluntary program during recess that helps students' value regular exercise as an important part of every day, and helps them take personal ownership of tracking their fitness progress. Depending upon the students' grade level, each student who participates has a goal of running, jogging, or walking a certain number of laps per week during recess. Ms. Loftus would love to have some parents participate by cheering the students on with encouraging words. If interested, please contact Lisa Segert at [lbsegert@verizon.net](mailto:lbsegert@verizon.net) for more information.

Calling all Pyle students!! The PTA is currently recruiting Pyle students willing to help with childcare during our meetings throughout the year and earn SSL credit in the process. Please contact Elissa Ginsky at [eginsky@aol.com](mailto:eginsky@aol.com) to let her know your availability.

*Lisa Segert, VP of Volunteers*

## Beautify Burning Tree

Enjoy the lovely autumn weather and help Burning Tree too. Join us for our Annual Fall Clean-up on Saturday October 10th from 9am to 12 noon and help us weed, rake, spread mulch and generally clean up the outside areas of the school.

Bring the kids to help and enjoy catching up with friends while you work!

No experience necessary. Tools and Gloves available, but extra tools always useful if you have them.

Coffee and snacks provided.

*Christine Brake & Allison Ellis, Landscape and Grounds Committee Co-Chairs*

### **Putting the FUN in FUNdraising...**

The fundraising programs at Burning Tree Elementary School are fun, friend- and family-oriented events. Whether you help organize these events, participate in them, or both, they are a great way to get more involved in the Burning Tree community. They are also critical to raising funds for the many special programs we have here at Burning Tree.

Many thanks are due to BTES's former VP of Fundraising, Ellie Abramowitz, who led programs that, together with your donations and PTA dues, purchased incredible new technology for our Media Center and classrooms and a host of other teacher equipment and supplies. The money raised by the PTA last year also funded the beautiful new interior painting of our school, and annual favorites such as the artist-in-residence, international night, and cultural arts assemblies.

Below is a list of our 2009-2010 fundraisers, the dates, co-chairs and a brief description of each event. Please mark your calendars now and plan to get involved! If you have questions, or would like to help with these events, please contact me (JulieGarcia@aol.com or 202 390 4579) and I can connect you with the appropriate co-chair.

Thanks in advance for your involvement!

*Julie Garcia, VP of Fundraising,*

### **“Fill Our Pond” Fundraising Campaign**

On-Going; Cocktail Party on Saturday, March 20th

Co-Chairs: Cristina Arumi, Elise Browne Hughes, Lisa Lerner, Lisa Norwalk

We are hoping to repeat last year's success with another check-writing campaign in place of a full auction night. Don't worry, though, we will also have an adults-only social evening that includes an auction for the wonderful teacher and staff outings. You will have a chance to bid on the outings, enjoy delicious food and even better company. Perhaps there will

even be a repeat performance by the impromptu BTES Parents' Band!

### **Greenraising Sale**

Tuesday, September 8th to Monday, October 5th

Co-Chairs: Cindy Nickerson and Kristen Truitt

This wonderful new fundraiser replaces our fall Sally Foster sales with environmentally safe products that also support fair trade. During our designated time period (September 8 to October 5), the BTES PTA will receive 40% of all purchases made either online or through the catalog - as long as you select Burning Tree Elementary School as the beneficiary affiliate. During the course of the year, you can continue to shop and designate BTES and the PTA will receive 25% of your purchase price. Please peruse the catalog or website, and send the link to friends and family who might be interested.

[www.greenraising.com](http://www.greenraising.com) Be sure to designate Burning Tree ES as your "affiliate" online.

### **Bingo Night**

Thursday, October 15th (no school on Friday!)

Co-Chairs: Barbara Butrica, Kristen Farren, Tracey Fitzsimmons

This is a fun-filled community activity for Burning Tree families! Bring the family to Pyle Middle School where your family can play several rounds of Bingo with other BT families and win lots of cool prizes! And don't worry about dinner - Potomac Pizza will supply lots of their delicious food!

### **Original Artwork**

Monday, November 9th to Monday, November 16th

Co-Chairs: Britta Battaile and Marianne Katinas

Turn your child's original artwork into a picture on greeting, cards, a pillow, a mug, a luggage tag, and so much more - and we'll all see the proceeds grow for BTES! These make perfect keepsakes as well as wonderful holiday gifts.

### **Book Fair**

Tuesday, December 8th, 9am – 11pm

Co-Chairs: Rachel Bottone, Sharon Curry, and Elizabeth Padgett

For one day only, Barnes & Noble in Bethesda will donate a percentage of their sales to the BTES PTA. This is the perfect place to start your holiday

shopping, with Barnes & Noble's wide selection of adult and children's books and gift items. Be sure to start your evening with one of our wonderful "Dine Out" partners, Nest, Mama Lucia, Baja Fresh and Cosi, all of whom will donate a portion of their proceeds this evening to BTES!

## Plant Sale

Saturday, April 24th

Co-Chairs: Mary Kunst and Cathy Schupak

Make your yard beautiful while contributing to the Burning Tree PTA! Buy your spring and summer annuals at this fundraiser. The plant sale offers the highest quality plants and flowers at a lower cost than area nurseries, and your purchases benefit our school!

## Spring Fair

Saturday, May 8th

Co-Chairs: Barbara Butrica, Tami Chambers, Lynn McUmbert

Looking for a fun way to spend the afternoon? Burning Tree's annual Spring Fair is always full of fun and surprises, and lots of yummy baked goods! There are activities for children of all ages, from inflatables to carnival games, crafts and the beloved cakewalk. We always need more volunteers for planning, and to help staff the booths and activities for the kids – please contact Julie Garcia or any of the co-chairs if you are interested.

## Dine Out With Burning Tree

Tuesday, October 20th - California Tortilla in Cabin John;

Tuesday, December 8th – Nest, Mama Lucia, Baja Fresh and Cosi

Tuesday, January 26th - City Lights and Burger Joint

Wednesday, January 27th - Burger Joint

Tuesday, April 20th - Ledo Pizza on River Road

Wednesday, April 21st - Ledo Pizza on River Road

Co-Chair: Nancy Sandler

Leave the cooking to someone else for a night! Dine out with other Burning Tree families at area restaurants who will donate a percentage of that night's proceeds to Burning Tree.

## School Spirit Shop -- On-Going

Co-Chair: Karen Johnson

If you missed the August Open House, watch out for other opportunities to shop at our School Spirit Shop. Items for sale include logo items like tee-shirts and sweat shirts, important supplies like pencils and school planners and of course the ever-important PTA calendar which lists school events and holidays, and all proceeds benefit the BTES community. Many thanks to Laura Weiss who "manned" our Spirit Shop for many years, and good luck to our new helmswoman Karen Johnson!

## Shop for our School

(Giant/Safeway/Target/OneCause)

On-Going Co-Chair: Amy Lenkin

You can make a financial contribution to our school and our sister school Broad Acres from purchases that you otherwise make at a variety of local and online retailers. OneCause.com, Giant, Safeway, eScrip, and Target all participate in cash-back programs for our school. Please read the related article in this newsletter to learn more about these programs. You can also find more information and learn how to register on the PTA website under the PTA Programs Tab, Fundraising Column, Shop For Our School. If every family took 10 minutes to do this, our school could earn thousands of dollars! New this year! American Plant will donate 10% of its proceeds on October 1st to BTES. Shop at any of their locations for your fall planting or Halloween decorating needs and benefit our school.

## Greenraising Fundraiser Underway

Don't forget that our Greenraising fall fundraiser ends Monday, October 5. Please be sure to get your orders in, as Burning Tree will receive 40% of all catalog AND online sales completed by the 5th. Take advantage of Greenraising's varied offerings of 100% post consumer waste wrapping papers in a rainbow of patterns and colors, reusable gift bags, tasty treats, jewelry, pet supplies, reusable water bottles, shopping bags and more! Catalog orders will be delivered to the school in time for the holidays!

There are even MORE great environmentally friendly items available online. Go to [www.greenraising.com/index.aspx?AFID=1342](http://www.greenraising.com/index.aspx?AFID=1342) or visit [www.greenraising.com](http://www.greenraising.com) and select Burning Tree Elementary School from the dropdown menu on the top right of the page to place your online order today!

QUESTIONS? Contact Kristen Truitt  
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*Did you know that the average child produces 67 pounds of lunch trash per school year? Your orders for reusable sandwich wraps, lunch bags, or a complete trash free lunch kit support our school and reduce the amount of trash in landfills and incinerators. Go to [www.greenraising.com/index.aspx?AFID=1342](http://www.greenraising.com/index.aspx?AFID=1342) and place your order today!*

**SHOP FOR OUR SCHOOL....**

Want to make a financial contribution to BTES without spending a dime?

Many of the places that you already shop at will donate a percentage of your purchase to BTES and our sister school, Broad Acres. These programs don't cost you a thing and if every BTES family participated BTES could earn thousands of dollars! Please don't miss out on this easy way to financially support our school! Read below and see how easy it is to sign up and participate...

**OneCause.com**—OneCause.com is the new home to Schoolpop.com. Just about every store you can think of is located here- stores like Sports Authority, Banana Republic, Children's Place, Barnes and Noble- to name a few! Just register at [www.onecause.com](http://www.onecause.com) (it takes about 3 minutes!) and every time you make a purchase at a participating retailer on line, BTES gets a percentage of the sale. There is NO extra cost to you- and it can add up to BIG bucks for BT! Attach the OneCause reminder to your computer to remember to shop there.

**Giant A+ Bonus Bucks**-- Register at Giant or on [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) and every time you buy groceries BTES will get a percentage! You can register up to three schools and Giant will divide the

contributions. BTES's code is #666; you can also help Broad Acres by entering #867 as a second school. Remember, even if you designated your school(s) last year, **YOU MUST REDESIGNATE AGAIN THIS YEAR.** (You can also fill out the blue SHOP FOR OUR SCHOOL...Giant A+ BonusBucks Program flyer sent with your child's teacher assignment and Amy Lenkin will register for you!)  
**Safeway eScrip**--Earn money for BTES by signing up for eScrip and registering your Safeway card. Register at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and specify BTES (#6480304). Broad Acres' school number is 151722171.

**Shop on-line at eScrip.com** —Earn up to 10%, or more, when you shop at the eScrip OnLine Mall. Make your online shopping count! Go to the eScrip Online Mall at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to see all of the great stores that participate!

**Target Take Charge of Education Visa Card**--Do you use a credit card that doesn't give you anything back? Get a Target Visa card and a portion of your charges will be donated to BTES! Application forms for the card are available at Target stores and at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com).

For more information contact Amy Lenkin at 301-365-4123 or by e-mail at [amylenkin@millerandlong.com](mailto:amylenkin@millerandlong.com).

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## BTES 'Mini-College' Before & After School!

The PTA is thrilled to sponsor our wonderful after (and before) school offerings this year. We have more classes than ever before, making your day easier and your child's even more enriched. Morning sessions run from 8 to 9am and afternoon sessions run from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Take advantage of these opportunities before they fill up:

### Session 1:

**MONDAYS, Session 1** (10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 12/7, 12/14)

**Mystery Academy (Grades 1-5)** Note that this class begins later and will have a unique schedule due to No School on various Mondays. Abracadabra! Students of the Mystery Academy learn a wide variety of magic tricks and presentational skills, as well as dramatic presentation, comedy, manual dexterity, and positive ideals. We have carefully selected class material to be challenging yet within the reach of most students, using the best of the "classics" of magic as well as some new "cutting edge" material. The sleight of hand, secrets, and apparatus used in the class are no different than those used by many top professional and famous magicians around the world. Room TBA, \$160, minimum 7 students.

**TUESDAYS, Session 1** (9/29-12/1)

**Net Games (Grades K-5)** Join P.E. teacher Ms. Loftus for badminton, volleyball and racquetball on full-sized and mini courts. Equipment provided, rotational choices, guaranteed fun! Gymnasium, \$100, minimum 7 students, maximum 20.

**Ultra Sports (Grades K-2)** Do you love to play sports? Then you'll love Ultra-Sports! Each week we'll play a different sport or game including: basketball, soccer, flag football, kickball, capture the flag, tag games and MORE! Get moving with games like Bump and Bite, Knights and Dragons, the Numbers Game, and Safe Base. We'll work on teamwork, sportsmanship and fitness, all while having FUN. Meet in lobby near main office, \$160, minimum 7 students.

**Tennis (Grades 1-5)** Join former MCPS teacher Verlinda Willis on the courts! She will run drills, teach technique and have fun until winter comes..... Meet on tennis courts, \$100, minimum 6 students.

**WEDNESDAYS, Session 1** (9/30-12/2)

**Lacrosse for Girls (Grades 1-3)** Here is a perfect chance for girls to learn the basic skills with Ms. Askin, a former Indiana U club team member! We will learn how to pass and throw, catch and scoop, and also participate in some small-sided games which involve shooting on a goal. Lacrosse is gaining more popularity and enthusiasm up and down the east coast and all high schools in the county have teams. Students will be supplied with everything they need to participate; **THEY EVEN GET TO KEEP THEIR STICK!** Meet on Blacktop, \$145, minimum 7 students, maximum 12.

**Alice in Wonderland Musical (Grades 4-5)** Note that this class begins on NOVEMBER 11, culminating in performances on April 30th and May 1st, 2010

**BE A STAR!** Join the cast of this year's musical production that chronicles Alice's madcap adventures! Roles of various sizes are plentiful, all grade 4-5 students may participate but must be able to attend rehearsals and performances; auditions will simply determine casting. Larger roles might require additional rehearsal times, with details to be provided before auditions. Room 17A, \$200 for 2 sessions. Students wishing to join the stage crew (set design, props, stagehands, etc.) should register for the Alice in Wonderland Set Design and Stage Crew club, which will meet on Tuesdays, beginning in Session 2.

**Young Rembrandts (Grades K-5)** The Young Rembrandts curriculum is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques, and vocabulary. We believe that drawing is the bedrock skill required for future artistic success. Students are given skills to express their creativity, and we believe that all students can –and should – learn to draw. Lessons are taught in a positive and nurturing environment which brings out the best in each child. You'll see increased abilities, learning skills, self-confidence and self-esteem. And most of all it will be FUN! All grades, room TBA, \$160, minimum 7 students.

**Blacktop Sports (Grades 3-5)** Knock it out of the park with a big kick and motor around the bases, focus on teamwork and sportsmanship, join in on Fast Break Hoops and learn basketball skills, test your skills and MORE blacktop busters! Just an extra hour of exercise a week could significantly cut obesity and the Surgeon General has reported that less than 20% of school students receive adequate

physical education every week. Meet in lobby near main office, \$160, minimum 7 students.

**THURSDAYS, Session 1 (10/1-12/3)**

**Chess (Grades K-5)** Note that this class meets mornings from 8 to 9am Dmitry Vekilov was born in St.Petersburg, Russia. At the age of 12, he was the youngest chess student to reach Master level play at this time. Currently maintaining his Master status, with a USCF rating of 2295, he remains very active in the world of chess.. He successfully coached the George Mason University chess team to a state championship; resulting in an overall increase of student ratings by hundreds of points. This class will combine instruction and drills, explaining different strategies, and why certain moves are made. At the start of class, the instructor will determine the level at which a student is playing, his/her strengths and weaknesses, and specific parts of their game needing improvement. Students then progress through their lessons at a pace appropriate to each student's individual ability. Room TBA, \$160, minimum 7 students.

**Jump Bunch (Grades K-1)** From the music to the activities and equipment, every aspect of Jump Bunch has been carefully researched and developed to be both fun and beneficial to the development of young minds and bodies. Today, children all over the country enjoy a wide variety of their programs which introduces children to a wide range of sports; helps build coordination, self-esteem and a life-long love of sports and camaraderie. Room 17A, \$160, minimum 7 students, maximum 15.

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**FRIDAYS, Session 1 (9/26-12/4)**

**Golf with Mrs. Shapiro (Grades 1-5)** The Burning Tree Links are officially open! Take advantage of this fabulous opportunity to enjoy this popular sport with our 5th grade teacher! Meet in Mrs. Shapiro's room, \$100, minimum 7 students, maximum 12.

**Interact Story Theatre (Grades K-3)** Their "Creative Kids" program is a series of literature-based drama classes. In each class, our teaching artist works with students to act out books and original works.....and maybe even put on a final performance show! Room 3, \$160, minimum 10, maximum 18.

**Session 2:**

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**TUESDAYS, Session 2 (1/12-3/16)**

**Stage Crew & Set Design *Alice in Wonderland* (Grades 3-5)** Note that this class runs for nearly 1½ sessions, culminating in performances on April 30th and May 1st, 2010 Be a part of the action without having to act! Learn how to design and create sets for BTES' production of Alice in Wonderland from a former scenic artist. Your art teacher worked as a scenic artist for Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago and wants to pass her scenic art secrets on to you. We will create a stage blueprint or a "set elevation", a working stage model, a large back drop, movable scenery, and props to enhance and assist the production. There will also be opportunities to work as stage hands during the live performance. (Students who are involved in Alice on Wednesdays may also join Stage Crew and Set Design.) \$150, Art Room, minimum 7 students.

**Net Games (Grades K-5)** Join P.E. teacher Ms. Loftus for badminton, volleyball and racketball, and other net games you can think of on fullsize and mini courts. Equipment provided, rotational choices, guaranteed fun! Gymnasium, \$100, minimum 7 students, maximum 20.

**WEDNESDAYS, Session 2 (1/13-3/17)**

**Beading Bonanza! High Quality Materials! (Grades 3-5)** One session only! Join 2nd grade teacher Ms. Askin for a fun, interesting, and hands-on creative class in beading. We will explore the tools and supplies needed for beading as well as make projects according to the interests of the group. Some projects might include but are not limited to, necklace making, bracelet making, keychain making, and maybe even earrings! No experience necessary, however patience is key! \$130, Room 14, minimum 7 students.

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**YOU Design the Art! (Grades K-5)** Did you know that our P.E. teacher, Ms. Loftus, is very artistic and crafty??? Decorate your own clothes, or whatever interests you, beginning with design on paper and all the way through to the big finish. One baseball hat AND one tshirt included in fee! Art Room, \$120, minimum 7 students.

**Tennis (Grades 1-5)** Join former MCPS teacher Verlinda Willis on the courts! She will run drills, teach technique and have fun until winter comes..... Meet on tennis courts, \$100, minimum 7 students.

**Stage Crew & Scenery Design Alice in Wonderland (Grades 3-5)** continued from Session 2, culminating in 4/30 and 5/1 performances.

**WEDNESDAYS, Session 3 (4/12-6/9)**

**Blacktop Sports (Grades 3-5)** Knock it out of the park with a big kick and motor around the bases, focus on teamwork and sportsmanship, join in on Fast Break Hoops and learn basketball skills, test your skills and MORE blacktopbusters! Just an extra hour of exercise a week could significantly cut obesity and the Surgeon General has reported that less than 20% of school students receive adequate physical education every week. Meet in lobby near main office, \$160, minimum 7 students.

**Lacrosse for Girls (Grades 1-3)** Here is a perfect chance for girls to learn the basic skills with Ms. Askin, a former Indiana U club team member! We will learn how to pass and throw, catch and scoop, and also participate in some small-sided games which involve shooting on a goal. Lacrosse is gaining more popularity and enthusiasm up and down the east coast and all high schools in the county have teams. Students will be supplied with everything they need to participate; **THEY EVEN GET TO KEEP THEIR STICK!** Meet on Blacktop, \$145, minimum 7 students, maximum 12.

**Alice in Wonderland Musical (Grades 4-5)** continued from Session 2, culminating in 4/30 & 5/1 performances.

**THURSDAYS, Session 3 (4/13-6/10)**

**Chess (Grades K-5)** Note that this class meets mornings from 8 to 9am Dmitry Vekilov was born in St. Petersburg, Russia. At the age of 12, he was the youngest chess student to reach Master level play at this time. Currently maintaining his Master status, with a USCF rating of 2295, he remains very active in the world of chess.. He successfully coached the George Mason University chess team to a state championship; resulting in an overall increase of student ratings by hundreds of points. This class will combine instruction and drills, explaining different strategies, and why certain moves are made. At the start of class, the instructor will determine the level at which a student is playing, his/her strengths and weaknesses, and specific parts of their game needing improvement. Students then progress through their lessons at a pace appropriate to each student's individual ability. Room TBA, \$160, minimum 7 students.

**Lacrosse for Boys (Grades 1-2)** Here is a perfect chance for boys to learn the basic skills with Ms. Askin, a former Indiana U club team member! We will learn how to pass and throw, catch and scoop,

and also participate in some small-sided games which involve shooting on a goal. Lacrosse is gaining more popularity and enthusiasm up and down the east coast and all high schools in the county have teams. Students will be supplied with everything they need to participate; **THEY EVEN GET TO KEEP THEIR STICK!** Meet on Blacktop, \$145, minimum 7 students, maximum 12.

**Yoga with Mrs. Salcetti (Grades 2-5)** this respected craft reinforces a sense of awareness and a thoughtful attitude, reduces stress and increases concentration to improve mental activity! Room 8, \$100, minimum 7 students, maximum 12.

**Jump Bunch (Grades K-1)** From the music to the activities and equipment, every aspect of JumpBunch has been carefully researched and developed to be both fun and beneficial to the development of young minds and bodies. Today, children all over the country enjoy a wide variety of their programs which introduces children to a wide range of sports, helps build coordination, self-esteem and a life-long love of sports and camaraderie. Room 17A, \$160, minimum 7 students, maximum 15.

**FRIDAYS, Session 3 (4/3-6/5)**

**Golf with Mrs. Shapiro (Grades 1-5)** The Burning Tree Links are officially open! Take advantage of this fabulous opportunity to enjoy this popular sport with our 5th grade teacher. Meet in Mrs. Shapiro's room, \$100, minimum 7 students, maximum 12.

**Interact Story Theatre (Grades K-3)** Their "Creative Kids" program is a series of literature-based drama classes. In each class, our teaching artist works with students to act out books and original works.....and maybe even put on a final performance show! Room 3, \$160, minimum 10, maximum 18.

**REGISTRATION FORM** at back of newsletter can be delivered or sent to Joan Wolf, 7005 Rainswood Ct. Bethesda, 20817, or backpack via Harrison Chiverini, 5-Flicker -- **not in PTA box**, thanks!

## BTES 'MINI-COLLEGE' BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL! REGISTRATION FORM

(Deliver or send to Joan Wolf, 7005 Rainswood Ct. Bethesda, 20817, or backpack via Harrison Chiaverini, 5-Flicker.....not in PTA box, thanks!)

Student Name:

Parent Email (print clearly, please):

Emergency Contact Phone:

Grade & Teacher:

Class Name(s) & Session(s):

**Total Enclosed (checks payable to BTES PTA):**

After School Activities Agreement and Waiver

The parent or guardian of participant \_\_\_\_\_ assumes all risks associated with participation in the ASA program. The members of the After School Activities Committee, BTES staff, the BTES PTA and/or the County assumes no liability for injury or damages arising from participation in the program. The participant consents to emergency treatment if deemed necessary. Neither the club instructor, the BTES PTA, BTES staff or the After School Activities Committee are responsible for the students once they have departed the school property after the scheduled activity. Payment must accompany Registration Form for placement on the roster. No refunds will be issued after the first class, irrespective of student's attendance.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

September 29, 7pm

## Get Together for Parents of Students with Accommodations

### Hosted by

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*The Students with Accommodations Committee (SAC) is a new committee in the Burning Tree PTA that will be a voice for students with accommodations, their parents and their teachers in the PTA and the school. The SAC will gather feedback from parents and teachers and develop practical action items to help our students navigate the extra challenges they face. We will build a community of support and dialogue among parents and staff. The Committee needs your feedback. Please email me questions, suggestions and comments, or drop them in the PTA Box with my name on it. Hope to see you at the Parent Get-Together on 9/29!*

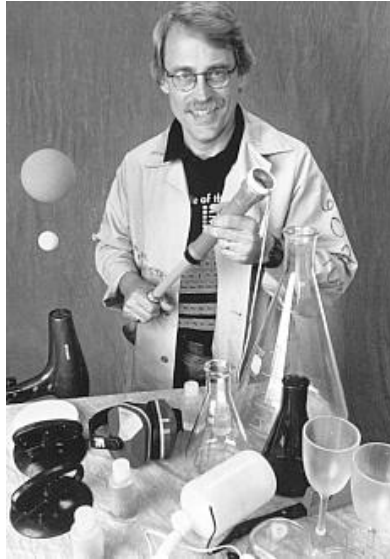
SAC Chair - Delia Tetelman - [deliatetelman@gmail.com](mailto:deliatetelman@gmail.com), 301-502-1904

♥ Students with accommodations include those with IEPs, 504s, ESOL, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, severe allergies and any other concern for which accommodations are necessary in school.

## Cultural Arts ROCK This Year at BTES!

The PTA is pleased to announce its enriching lineup for the year:

### **October 21, 2009 Mike Offutt's Ultimate Science Show**



is an unusual demonstration of oddities and seemingly magical "tricks," with explanations of the scientific principles which make these remarkable feats possible!

This fast-paced demonstration is guaranteed to be fun, educational and memorable for all who participate ... the perfect program to awaken a child's natural interest in science.

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### **December 18, 2009 Urban Artistry**



We are the growing reflections of the street legends, strangers, and visionaries who had a story to tell about their cultures in hope that someone would see, remember, and hear their voices through dance. They look deeper than Hip-Hop Culture to see the many genres of movement that have their own cultures, with different types of music that shared a common understanding. Years of research have opened the doors to a wealth of historical content, vocabulary in movement, along with the freedom to diversify. With this, came Urban Artistry's dancers, who will share their talent with you.

## May 20, 2010 Fabulous Chinese Acrobats



These skilled acrobats will present an amazing, fantastic, colorful program. Each group has three or four acrobats and an interpreter who will share facts about Chinese culture, customs and school life. The art of Chinese acrobatics combines both physically and spiritually. Coupled with an acrobat's immense athletic strength and impeccable balance and timing is the Asian philosophy of inner strength, which focuses the body and mind to work in perfect harmony. Each individual acrobat's physical and philosophical strength combines with that of the fellow members of his or her troupe in magnificent displays of balancing, juggling, dance, comedy and magic.

You are invited to share in BTES' cultural adventure! Showtimes are 9:20am (K-2) and 10:20am (3-5). Ask you kid what they liked best!

Joan Wolf-Chiaverini  
Cultural Arts Chair