

# Burning Issues

## Congratulations to the 2009-2010 PTA Board of Directors!

The PTA elected a new Board of Directors at Tuesday's meeting. Congratulations to:

- Cindy Campbell, President
- Ellie Abramowitz, President-Elect
- Pam Janssen, Treasurer
- Julie Garcia, VP for Fundraising
- Lisa Segert, VP for Volunteers
- Patti Klepp, VP for School-Based Programs
- Kerry Sporkin, VP for Community-Based Programs
- Ira Feldman and Sharon Tompkins, MCCPTA Delegates
- Surya Shah, Recording Secretary
- Yvonne Van Lowe, Corresponding Secretary/Membership

I would like to thank the new Board for their service to Burning Tree Elementary School.

*Lisa Sanfuentes, PTA President*

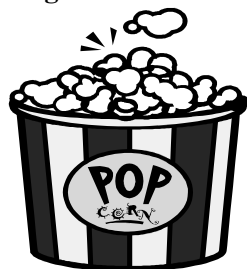
## FUNdraising News

### Spring Fling Movie Night, Saturday, May 16th, 5:30-10:00 pm Rain or Shine

It's hard to believe that the first ever BTES Spring Fling Movie Night is next week! Make sure your family is part of this fun event - it combines the best of the Spring Fair with the fun of an outdoor movie, **Hotel for Dogs!** Movie admission is only \$5 per person (which



includes a free bag of popcorn) and preschoolers get in free. In addition to our old favorites, like Bag-O-Mania and Cakewalk, we are excited to have some new activities, like the 24-foot Inflatable Giant Slide and the giant inflatable 5-



sided World Sports Games! The sports game will let your children test their skills at football, baseball, basketball, soccer and frisbee/darts. MANY thanks to our BTES parent Dr. Charlie Weiss and his Bradley Hills Animal Hospital for sponsoring this amazing inflatable!

Hot off the presses – announcing the lineup of the Teacher Challenges! 5:30 pm Mrs. Granof Cup Stacking and Mrs. Shapiro Hula Hoops; 6:00 pm Ms. Loftus Wet Sponge Throw; 6:30 pm Mr. Tark's Soccer Challenge; 7:00 pm Hoop it Up with Mr. Wells and Ms. Driscoll Activity-to-be-Announced; and 7:30 pm Ms. Carone Freeze Dance.

Laura Weiss, Tami Chambers, Cindy Campbell and I have all been working hard in planning this fun-filled evening! It's not too late for YOU to help also. Look at the checklist below and make sure you have done some (or all) of the following (and thanks in advance for your support):

- **Volunteer your time** the day of the fair. Please contact Tami Chambers ASAP to be scheduled to volunteer at the Fair ([tambra.chambers@comcast.net](mailto:tambra.chambers@comcast.net));
- **Donate one or two or ten (!) Bag-O-Mania** goodie bags. Put bags in the Bag-O-Mania box in the front lobby;
- **Attend a Bag-O-Mania stuffing party.** Parties will be held Monday, May 11th from 9:30am-12:30pm at the home of Olivia Lai, 8611 Beech Tree Road, 301-365-0417 and Thursday, May 14th from 7:00-9:30pm (ish) at the home of Teresa Halabi, 7508 Leesburg Place, 301-229-4850. This party could be shorter! Please contact Olivia or Teresa for directions or to RSVP - Olivia Lai at [laigill@verizon.net](mailto:laigill@verizon.net) or Teresa Halabi at [More2Much@aol.com](mailto:More2Much@aol.com); (*Continued page 2*)

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•**Donate a cake** or yummy dessert to **Cakewalk**. Send the Cakewalk form to school marked Cakewalk or contact Joan Ishimoto with questions;

•**Bring a donation for our local Humane Society**. In conjunction with the pet theme of the movie, we will be collecting dog/cat beds, gently-used blankets and towels and playful dog and cat toys. Look for the collection box by the ticket sales table;

•Plan to **buy your tickets early** and get a discount. Tickets will be sold on Thursday, May 14th and Friday, May 15th in the school lobby before school (8:45 – 9:15 AM) and at lunch time (11:50am – 1:20 pm). When you buy \$10 worth of tickets in advance you get 4 FREE tickets!



Questions or for more information on how you can help please contact Spring Fling Movie Night chairs: Ellie Abramowitz ([ellie.abramowitz@verizon.net](mailto:ellie.abramowitz@verizon.net)), Tami Chambers ([tambra.chambers@comcast.net](mailto:tambra.chambers@comcast.net)), Laura Weiss ([lauradweiss@msn.com](mailto:lauradweiss@msn.com)) or Cindy Campbell ([campbellhannegan@comcast.net](mailto:campbellhannegan@comcast.net)). Hope to see you there!

### Dine Out at Ledo Pizza

Our two nights of Dine Outs at Ledo Pizza raised lots of “dough” for Burning Tree - \$673 to be exact!! Thanks to all the families who helped out by eating at Ledo’s and to Nancy Sandler for organizing another successful Dine Out! And thanks to Nancy and all of the hungry and generous families who participated in our dine outs this year; we have raised over \$2,000 for Burning Tree!

### Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale held in April, once again led by Lisa Baker and Mary Kunst, was a blooming success! Many BTES families will have beautiful flowers and yummy vegetables in their gardens this year. Many thanks to all who helped with the sale and to everyone who participated by purchasing the plants at the sale. Thanks so much to Lisa and Mary for their hard work!

As the year comes to an end I want to once again thank all of my amazing committee chairs. It was a pleasure working with such dedicated and energetic people! And to all those looking for a fun and meaningful way to become involved in Burning Tree, I also want to invite and encourage you to consider co-chairing one of our many FUNdraising events.

Please contact me if you are (or think you may be!) interested in getting more involved with these events. Thanks!

*Ellie Abramowitz, VP for Fundraising,  
ellie.abramowitz@verizon.net or 301-365-0543*

## Library Gift Program

Looking for a great way to honor a special occasion or person? Consider making a donation to the Burning Tree Media Center! After receiving your donation, our Media Center staff will purchase a book in your child’s area of special interest to be added to the library collection. The book will display a bookplate acknowledging your gift. Through this program you can honor your child, expand our library collection, and benefit everyone at Burning Tree. If you are interested in participating in the Library Gift Program, complete the attached form and return it in an envelope marked “**Media Center**.” This can be done anytime throughout the year, and additional forms are available in the PTA box in the workroom, under Media Center/Birthday Books. Forms are also available at [www.burningtreepta.org](http://www.burningtreepta.org) under “Library Gift Program.” All donations are tax-deductible and 100% of your donation will be spent on the purchase of books for our Media Center. Questions? Call or email Jan Hauck (301-469-7790 [edhauck3@aol.com](mailto:edhauck3@aol.com))

## Plant Sale

Many thanks to all who either helped out or bought plants during our annual Plant Sale Fundraiser. This year's event, held last Saturday on April 25th, was as successful as ever, with over \$2,800 in profit and over 85 pre-orders placed. Now, that's a lot of impatiens and tomatoes!

In addition, we had many members of our community stop by to purchase additional plants. Luckily, we had more people volunteer than ever before and we were pleasantly surprised by how many early risers we have here at Burning Tree who were willing to get up and unload that huge truck at 6:00am and sort all those orders before 8:00. We want to thank all the folks who helped us this year; without you, we couldn't have had such a successful event. Lisa Baker and I would particularly like to thank Darrin Hartzler, Julie Garcia, Pam Gibbs, The Khaghani Family, Jacinta Chuang, Agnes De Gonneville, Kirsten Martin, Cristina Arumi, Anne Ruskowski, Allison Ellis, Greg Baker (and many relatives), Sue Garton, Mariana Borelli, and Rebecca Smith. You truly made

the event a success. We look forward to working with everyone again next year!

## Landscape & Grounds Committee Update

As anyone can tell who drove by Burning Tree this week, our Landscape and Grounds Committee members have been hard at work. The week started with the First Graders trash collection for Earth Day and was followed by Daisy Troop 4900 cleaning up the playgrounds for their Earth Day project. That left cleaned up grounds for the crew on a beautiful Saturday morning. Thank you to the organizers and lead workers for **Beautify Burning Tree**: Pamela Janssen, Allison Ellis and Lisa Norwalk. Also, thank you to all 88 volunteers for their diligent weeding, cutting, raking and planting. School has never looked better. I am always amazed as to how many lawn bags get filled from this morning of hard work.

## Staff Appreciation Week

Thanks to all the wonderful parents who donated items and volunteered their time for the Staff Appreciation Lunch and all the activities this past week! The teachers and staff appreciated all the efforts that the parents at Burning Tree continue to provide them. It truly makes Burning Tree a great place to work! Thank you, thank you!

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

## Mini Relay for Life

**Mini relay for life** to benefit American Cancer Society will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday May 20, 21 and 22. Luminarias will be sold at the Spring Fair on Saturday May 16 and at lunch on Monday and Tuesday May 18 and 19. Luminarias will line the course. Please come join us and support our runners during recess as they run the course. For more info please contact Elissa Ginsky ([eginsky@aol.com](mailto:eginsky@aol.com)).



## Calendar of Upcoming Events



### Friday, May 8 -- No Kindergarten Classes

New K Orientation

### Saturday, May 16 -- 5:30pm – 10:00pm

Spring Fling / Movie Night

### Wednesday, May 20 – Day & Evening

Spring Chorus Concert

### Monday, May 25 -- No School

Memorial Day

### Thursday, May 28

Volunteer Breakfast &

PTA Executive Board Meeting 9:30am

Arts Festival 6:30-8:30pm

### Tuesday, June 2 –7pm

PTA Meeting

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## Burning Tree Library Book Gift Form

Please fill in this form as you wish the information to appear on the bookplate:

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Special interest areas of honoree, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please find my check or money order made payable to Burning Tree PTA for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 minimum) to purchase book(s) for the Burning Tree Media Center.

Person responsible for payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form in an envelope marked “**Media Center.**”

Thank you for your donation to the Burning Tree Library Book Gift Program.