

BURNING TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PTA WEEKLY UPDATE

March 4, 2010

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR:

March 4 th	1,000 Healthy Snacks
March 8 th	MSA Testing Grades 3-5 (3/8-3/12)
March 15 th	MSA Testing Grades 3-5 (3/15-3/18)

FOR FLYERS PLEASE GO TO www.BurningTreePTA.org

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IS COMING TO VISIT THE WHITMAN CLUSTER

Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for this important event.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010

The Montgomery County Board of Education is coming to visit the Whitman Cluster.

Where: Bradley Hills Elementary School, All Purpose Room

When: Thursday, March 11, 7 -8PM

Why: Every 4 Years the Board of Education comes to to each cluster to hear from the constituents.

Why It Matters: This is an excellent opportunity to talk in-person, in an informal setting, with members of the Board of Education about matters of concern to our school and other schools in the Whitman cluster. There are multiple capital projects potentially in the pipeline for our cluster, and they need to know we care!

Questions? Contact Lisa Sanfuentes (at lisa.rizzolo@verizon.net), Vicki Herson (@ VickiHerson@gmail.com) or Cindy Campbell (@CampbellHannegan@comcast.net)

HOP ON OVER TO FILL OUR POND PARTY

You've made your donation to our school's Fill Our Pond Fundraising Campaign (or are planning to!), so now it's time to enjoy yourself! Come mingle with other BTES parents and our great staff at the Fill Our Pond Cocktail Party on Saturday, March 20 from 7:30-10:30 at the home of Julie and John Garcia. Look for your "official" invitation in your child's backpack next week and for more details to follow in future Updates. We will also need volunteers to help before and during the party. If you are interested in volunteering, look for a volunteer form coming shortly. Make sure to book your babysitter now and plan to join us for this fun and relaxing evening!

LUNCH WITH A SCIENTIST March 24th, 2010

The **Lunch with a Scientist** is on March 24, and will be as previously planned. The students will stay in their classrooms for lunch and the guest scientist will visit and talk to them. Changes in the scientists' schedule will be made, if needed.

SCIENCE FAIR April 14th, 2010

The **Science Fair** is on April 14, with set-up date on April 13, 5:30-7:30pm. Science Fair Entry Forms should be returned by Thursday, April 8th. We still have approximately 70 show boards for sale. If you need one, please send a note or a show board order form with \$5 and we will deliver it to your child's classroom. Dates when BT teachers will be able to meet with students and help them with their Science Fair projects will be announced later on.

We will need to make a new list of volunteers, so, if you had signed up, please let us know if you can still come. If you hadn't, please check your schedule and consider coming. No science expertise is required!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Katerina Papaioannou michaelkaterinap@gmail.com or Celine Barker celine.maryland@gmail.com

SKATE NIGHT RESCHEDULED!

Burning Tree Skate Night will be Saturday, April 10th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. If you have already paid for your admission and skate rental tickets, you are good to go! If you have already paid, and cannot attend on April 10th, please contact Lisa Sanfuentes at 301-320-6214 or Lisa.Rizzolo@verizon.net

NEW DATES FOR CELL TOWER MEETINGS

On Monday, March 8, from 7:00-8:30 PM, T-Mobile will host a Community Open House at Whitman, where it will share its plans and answer questions one-on-one in an informal setting. This will be an opportunity for individuals to talk directly with T-Mobile representatives, and to follow up on matters raised at the T-Mobile meeting after the November 17 PTSA meeting. The PTSA strongly encourages Whitman community members to attend T-Mobile's open house on the 8th.

For those who wish to learn about T-Mobile's proposal, use the link below to access T-Mobile material: <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/whitmanhs/parents/ptsa/community.shtml> .

On Tuesday, March 16, the Whitman PTSA meeting agenda will include consideration of the proposal. The meeting will allow for further exploration and discussion of this topic among PTSA members, and will be the opportunity for Whitman PTSA members to have input into the decision whether the proposal will be accepted at Whitman.

Questions or comments on the proposal can be conveyed at any time via Whitcom or in an email to whitmanmdptsa@yahoo.com .

Vicky Strella and Sue Kanter, Co-Presidents, Whitman PTSA

ATTACHMENTS



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If you have anything to include in the next Weekly Update, please email Yvonne Van Lowe at yvonne.vanlowe@cigna.com by Tuesday, March 16th at noon.