

The PTA Refrigerator Page

Meadow Hall Elementary School PTA



Meadow Hall Community Needs to Speak Up to the City

One of the items covered at January's PTA Meeting was the need for our community to get actively involved in **requesting funds from the City of Rockville for an expanded gymnasium**. Originally, the City had offered a \$200,000 grant, as they had for two other elementary schools located in the City when they added their gyms. Unfortunately, through some SNAFU, the money was put in the 2010 budget and MCPS needs to have the funds in hand this financial year. (Christina Ginsberg, President of the Twinbrook Community Association, came to us last night with the very strong recommendation that we make known, in no uncertain terms, that we want the money that was basically promised to us. There is now a \$300,000 amount that is on the table and up for grabs. We need letters, e-mails, public testimony, favors called, connections reached a.s.a.p. if we want to make sure we get the best possible facility for our kids and our community. Remember, the gym offers additional recreational facilities to the entire City. Right now, kids in summer basketball camps have to travel all over the county. This gym is needed and since it is being built, we should work to make it the most fully functional space we can!!! (Please let me know if you are interested in supporting this cause. We will be taking suggestions and forming strategies in the coming weeks to try and get our voices heard. It is important that we hear from the newest comers — in all their languages — as well as the old hands. It's not just the more the merrier — it's the loudest squeaky wheel!!!

I have gotten on the schedule to speak before the Mayor and the Rockville City Council on Monday during their Citizens' Forum. The forum is held at **City Hall at 111 Maryland Avenue in the Mayor and Council Chambers beginning at about 7:10 p.m.** The subject will be to ask for the funding of the extended gymnasium that had originally been set aside for us in 2010.

Please come on along to lend your support — bring the kids and the grandfolks! We need to let the City know we have something to offer in return for their funding this project — that we are a proactive, concerned community of families that are the true backbone of this City! Signs and smiles are welcome! Hope to see you Monday night! —Susan Writer, President, Meadow Hall PTA

Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, January 10 we'll be holding a **Dinner Out fundraiser at Quiznos Subs** at Bauer Drive (near the Safeway across from Wood). Just mention you are from Meadow Hall and give yourself a night off from cooking!

On Friday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. we'll hold our annual **Pizza Bingo Night**. This family fun event will feature preordered pizzas from a local restaurant, guest Bingo callers, inexpensive Bingo cards, and of course prizes for the lucky winners. If you would like to donate items to be given as prizes — new books, unopened toys/games, and other items appropriate for our young players — they may be brought to the school's Front Office, or dropped off at either Susan Writer's home at 623 Edmonston Drive or our event Chair Sue Aubertin's at 1107 Maple Avenue. Please call Sue at 301-340-7092 or Susan at 301-309-2486 before dropping anything off. As always, thanks for your support!!!

Support RHS with a Trim:

The owner of the Rock Creek Barber Stylist (Rock Creek Village Center- 5558 Norbeck Road) has once again agreed to generously donate \$1.00 per haircut to the Rockville HS After Prom Party. You **MUST mention** the RHS After Prom Party fundraiser when you get your haircut. The barber will put the dollar in a canister that is specifically for this fundraiser. Please support this fundraising effort.

Lots Of News this week....

Please turn this page over for Morning Reading Club and Spirit Wear Information!

**50 years
Meadow Hall
1957-2007
The celebration is coming
May 12, 2007!**

Plea to City Hall:

Mon., Jan 8, 2007

City Hall: 111 Maryland Avenue in the Mayor and Council Chambers beginning at about 7:10 p.m.

Quizno's Dinner Out:

Wed., Jan 10, 2007

Pizza/Bingo:

Fri., Jan 26, 2007

MHES All-Purpose Room
6:30pm

PTA Meeting:

Tues., Feb 6, 2007

4pm, MHES Media Center

In Sympathy...

The PTA extends it's deepest sympathies to long-time staff member Cindy Livingston and family on the death of her husband, Ernest Livingston on Wednesday, January 3, 2007. Services will be held at Rockville United Church on Sunday, January 14 at 4pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, PO Box 1132, Fairfax, VA 22038-1132 and the American Kidney Foundation, 6110 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852.