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## Meadow Hall PTA Newsletter

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### **BOOK FAIR FAMILY EVENT ON SATURDAY**

Our Spring Book Fair is in full swing! Come join us on Saturday, April 17, at the Media Center in Meadow Hall from 11 am to 2 pm for our Book Fair Family Event. We have a wide selection of books for the children, and parents can come see for themselves what books their kids want to buy. Come browse and find books that can help your child get and stay connected with reading. The Book Fair continues until April 21.

### **BOXTOPS UPDATE**

Our Spring Break Boxtop Collection drive has brought in more than 1200 boxtops so far, allowing us to exceed our 5000 boxtops goal for a school-wide popcorn party. We are scheduling the popcorn party for Wednesday, April 21. Our next goal is set at 7500 boxtops, at which point our PTA president will lose all of his hair during a school assembly or event. So if you haven't already done so, fill up those ziplock bags sent home with boxtops and send them back to school. Go Mustangs!

### **BABA JAMAL KORAM IS COMING**

The students at Meadow Hall have voted on our last cultural arts performer for the school year. With the money collected through the "pennies for pounds" weight loss challenge and a partial grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, the PTA has been able to allocate the additional funds to welcome Baba Jamal Koram to school on April 20. Mr. Koram is a master storyteller who brings African and African American cultures alive through folklore, fables, and stories. He has mesmerized audiences at such places as the National Storytelling Festival, the National Black Storytelling Festival, and the Kennedy Center. He is also a visiting Artist in Education with the Maryland State Arts Council and the Virginia Commission for the Arts. We are sure the children will enjoy this performance.

### **GET INVOLVED**

The PTA is calling on parents to consider running for a Meadow Hall PTA Board position for the upcoming school year. If you are interested or think you may be interested, please contact Dainia Langsam ([langsam2@verizon.net](mailto:langsam2@verizon.net)) or Alan Morocho ([amorocho@comcast.net](mailto:amorocho@comcast.net)). Alternatively, you may fill out the nomination form sent home the week before Spring Break. The PTA is grateful for your support.

### **HAIR CUTTERY SCHOOL DONATION PROGRAM UNTIL MAY 15**

Don't forget about the flyers sent home with a coupon at the bottom. For every service at the Hair Cuttery, they will donate \$1 to Meadow Hall, but you need to turn in the coupon at the time of service. The program runs until May 15, and additional coupons can be obtained from our website at [www.mhespta.org/hair.pdf](http://www.mhespta.org/hair.pdf). There is no limit to the number of coupons that may be used!

### **STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK COMING SOON**

Staff Appreciation week is coming up May 3-7, 2010. Students will have an opportunity to decorate banners and write thank-you cards for all staff. Help show your appreciation to the Meadow Hall staff. If you are able to volunteer even ½ hr of your time before or after school April 26 – May 7, please contact Teresa Hortin at [hortins5@yahoo.com](mailto:hortins5@yahoo.com) or 301-838-3196.

### **Events and Dates-**

**April 17**  
Saturday Book Fair Family Event,  
11 am – 2 pm

**April 20**  
Baba Jamal Koram: The Story Man  
9:30 am – 10:15 am

**April 22**  
Take you Child to Work Day  
(Please send in a note to school prior to this date for absence)

**April 23**  
Meadow Hall Sock Hop  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Awareness Dance  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm