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Letter from RMSPTA President

by Magan Davidson-Nadwodny

Dear Ridgely Families,

Welcome Back!

Well, there is no denying that school is back in session! For those of you who are new, welcome to Ridgely! I hope that your family has made a successful transition and that your child has settled into school during his/her first month.

As the newly elected PTA president, my family is also new to Ridgely. I am proud to take the reins of a well run organization and to lead a dedicated group of parents, faculty and volunteer board.

I am inspired by the level of commitment that our volunteers continue to show and I can't thank them enough for their time and support.

The PTA not only plans events and activities throughout the year but also financially supports many teachers within their classroom and with grade level programming and supply needs. 100% of our fundraising efforts returns to fund RMS related programs.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year. Remember that it is not too late to join PTA and to support Ridgely Middle School. Sign up and get involved today!

FEAR THE DEER and have a great year!!!

OCTOBER

4-8 Nat.'l Bullying Prevention
Awareness Wk

6 3-5pm
Mid-Term Conferences

11 6th Grade Pictures

12 7th Grade Pictures

13 8th Grade Pictures

13 6:30-8:00pm
Dulaney Open House

15 **Prof. Development Day
& MSTA Convention
Schools Closed for
Students**

25 5pm
School Improvement
Team Mtg

25 7pm
PTA General Meeting

28 3-5pm
Boo Bash-6th Grade
Students

29 **1st Marking Period Ends,
Schools close 3 hrs. Early
for students**

NOVEMBER

2 **General Election Day
Schools Closed**

13 10am-3pm
RMS Craft Fair

15-19 American Education
Week

15 Distribution of Report
Cards

DULANEY HS OPEN HOUSE

Dulaney High School is pleased to present its second annual **OPEN HOUSE** on October 13, 2010 from 6:30-8:00 PM. The goal of this fall's open house is to provide prospective parents and students the opportunity to explore first-hand the excellent academic and extracurricular programs that Dulaney offers the community.

The evening will begin with a presentation for all parents and students in the auditorium of the high school at 6:30 pm. Parents and students will then be free to explore the school and visit classrooms as well as to speak directly to administrators and members of the DHS PTSA (Satellite Cafeteria) as well as to the Department Chairs of all academic departments (Classic Cafeteria and Gymnasium).

*Please join us for this
exciting evening!*

Any questions concerning the event may be directed to Beth Stanley, Assistant Principal, at estanley@bcps.org. You may also contact the main office of Dulaney High School by phone at 410-887-7633.

AREA COUCILS ADDRESS BUDGET NEEDS

Area councils to hold meetings to address county school system budget needs

Who:

The five Education Advisory Councils of the Baltimore County Public Schools system have begun hosting annual pre-budget meetings for the FY 2012 operating budget and FY 2013 capital budget.

What:

The meetings are intended to solicit public input about budget priorities for BCPS.

Public comment will help county school officials craft an FY 2012 operating budget proposal and an FY 2013 capital budget proposal.

When & Where:

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.
Central Area Advisory Council –

Operating budget meeting:
Thursday, October 14, 2010,
6:30 p.m. at Cromwell Valley
Elementary School, 825
Providence Road, Towson.

Capital budget meeting: Thursday,
April 14, 2011, at West Towson
Elementary School, 6914 N.
Charles Street, Towson.

NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN PTA

It's not too late to join Ridgely's PTA! Dues are only \$10 per person. Please send in a check made out to Ridgely MS PTA to your child's homeroom teacher in an envelope with your name and your child's name on it. We would like to have 100% participation!

RMSPTA Membership Committee

HOMEROOMS BENEFIT FROM YOUR PTA MEMBERSHIP

All PTA members who join by October 31st will be entered into a drawing for prizes to be given away in each homeroom.

Any homeroom with 100% participation will be awarded an extra surprise, benefitting the students of the homeroom.

Join today!

RMS SPIRIT WEAR

Order forms featuring new RMS Spirit Wear will be available soon. Orders will be taken through the middle of November. Look for more information during American Education Week November 16-20 and at the craft fair on November 13th.

PTA® Reflections unleashes your artistic talents

Dance Choreography

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Film Production

Musical Composition

Literature

Visual Arts

2010–2011 Theme: **“Together We Can”**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Deadline for entries: TBA

For details, contact **Monica Rafferty** monicaraff@verizon.net.
Interested in doing a film? **See Ms. Beard** in the library about checking out a flip camera.

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PTA REFLECTIONS

*Unique handmade items
from over 100 local artisans*

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**Ridgely
Middle School
121 Ridgely Road
Lutherville**

29th Annual

Craft Festival

& Silent Auction

Saturday

November 13, 2010

10am until 3pm

featuring:

holiday items
home furnishings
furniture & handbags
jewelry & candles
accessories & quilts
embroidered pieces
pottery & woodwork
painted screens & glass
American Girl Doll
clothes and more

admission \$2

Free for students

8th grade and below

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29th Annual Craft Fair - How You Can Help...

Dear Friends and Families of Ridgely Middle School,

Happy Holidays! I am inviting you to attend our Ridgely Middle School 29th Annual Craft Festival & Silent Auction this year to be held on November 13th from 10 am to 3pm. This is a fun day and a great way to do some holiday shopping. We will have over 100 great crafters with some very unique handmade crafts that make wonderful gifts.

*The RMS PTA has this one big fundraiser and it is less than one month away! Your **help is needed now** in several ways. Please take a few minutes and consider how you maybe able to help make this event a huge success:*



•**Take 5 minutes and send an email to friends & family to attend on November 13th**

•**Donate to the Silent Auction or Acquire an Item from a business that you support.**

See Form Below

Contact Lynn Waugh-Orlando at lynnewaugh@gmail.com or 410-365-0056

•**Donate to Dessert table** – Cakes, cookies, candies are needed (more info to follow)

•**VOLUNTEER** - Kay Hardisky
Hardisky@verizon.net

•Go to **www.ridgelymiddlepta.com** and click on Craft Fair for Advertising flyers and Silent Auction forms (available after October 7th)

Thanks for your help and we look forward to seeing you on November 13th!

Kay Hardisky
2010 Craft Fair Chair
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PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR EACH ITEM DONATED – COPIES ARE ACCEPTED (Please print or type)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Company Name: (if applicable) _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Web site: (if applicable) _____

DONATED ITEM

Name of Item Donated: _____

Cost or Fair Market Value: _____

*Complete Description of Item: _____

**If your item contains multiple services or products please detail in description.*

SERVICE GIFT CERTIFICATE INFORMATION REQUEST

If you are donating a gift certificate for a service, please include the following information in the certificate or letter.

Name of product or service

Description of what is included and what is excluded

Name of person to contact for further information

Name, address and full contact information of your company

Instructions on how to redeem item

Include any additional information such as a photo or description brochure as appropriate

Date of expiration (if any)

DELIVERY OPTIONS: (Check one)

_____ I, or a representative of my company, will bring the above listed item(s) to Ridgely Middle School to be turned in at the main office by October 19, 2010*.

_____ Please have someone contact me to arrange pick up of my item(s) at (phone) _____ or (email) _____.

**If after October 19, 2010 please email Lynn Waugh-Orlando at lynnewaugh@gmail.com in order to make arrangements for your donation.*