



The Sleepy Hollow Legend



Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Parent Teachers Association (PTA)

October 2011

Walk for a Great Cause!

Mark your calendars for the school's sixth annual walk to benefit the American Diabetes Association on the morning of Friday, Nov. 4. Kindergarten students will take part in activities on the school grounds, and older children will walk a route along back roads near the school under adult supervision. Parents are welcome to join in the fun!

How to get involved:

- ◆ Students are encouraged to do some chores around home to earn money to benefit the ADA, and they can solicit contributions from additional sponsors with parental supervision. Watch for information packets coming home in the Wednesday folders.
- ◆ Kids and parents alike can save up spare coins for ADA, and dump in a big jug at school.
- ◆ Parent volunteers are needed to help with crowd control at intersections along the walk route.
- ◆ We are looking for a few Cub Scouts to help with our color guard that morning.

Please contact Nancy Witkowski at nbenac@hotmail.com or 703-379-1176 if you'd like to help, or if you have a Cub Scout who'd like to be involved.

Did you know that nearly 24 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes? That's nearly 8 percent of the population. Let's mobilize as a school to help fight this disease, and teach our kids to give back to the community!

Reflections

Submissions for *Reflections* are due to the SHES front office by October 28th! This year's theme is 'Diversity Means....' Rules have changed, so look at the SHES PTA website under Forms and Links where everything is listed.

Got questions? Contact Kim Wilkins at kimberlywilkins@yahoo.com or 703.916.9166.



Mark Your Calendar!

Nov 4	American Diabetes Association Walk
Nov 7-8	No School: Teacher Work Days
Nov 8	Election Day Bake Sale
Nov 18	Barnes & Noble Book Fair
Nov 22	Partners in Print

Odyssey of the Mind Program Coming to SHES!

Ever heard of Odyssey of the Mind (OM)? Well it's coming back to SHES! OM is a team competition effort that introduces children to examine problems without limiting possible solutions. It teaches them to "think outside the box!" and have fun doing it. The program is sponsored by the SHES PTA but needs VOLUNTEERS in order to be successful. The program is available to all children in grades K-6 and teams will be formed based on the number of children interested and number of adult volunteers (parents, relatives, teachers, etc.) who agree to "coach" the teams.

There will be a short informational meeting on Odyssey of the Mind on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 at SHES in Mrs. Lowe's classroom. This meeting will give an overview of the program and detail what is involved in being a team member and coach. If you are interested in participating in OM, you should plan to attend this meeting.

For more information on the program, consult: <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com> or contact Katherine Bates at vicepresident1@shespta.org or Mrs. Lowe at cmlowe@fcps.edu.

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Directory

We have been busily soliciting local businesses for ads to help us fund the 2011-2012 school directory. When you receive your directory in the next several weeks please take notice of the local businesses and individuals who have taken the time, and given so generously by advertising. You will also find a new coupon page where owners have chosen to provide our families with special offers/deals on services or goods they provide. We hope you will take the time to look through the directory when you receive it to determine which of the advertisements and coupons may be most useful for your family and friends.

Thank you also to all of you who helped support the school through the personal ads you submitted for our students, faculty and staff! -Wendy Ward, Vinnie Schroeder and Sally Masri
2011-2012 School Directory Committee

Earn Money for Sleepy Hollow Every Time You Buy Groceries!

It's not too late to earn MONEY for Sleepy Hollow Elementary School! Giant, Harris Teeter, and Safeway each donate a percentage of the money you spend on groceries to SHES. **Register for free or renew just once each school year** and earn money

for SHES all year long. **Please remember that even if you have signed up before you need to relink your card to your school every year.**

Harris Teeter (Together In Education) Go to www.harristeeter.com/community and click on "Together in Education" Sleepy Hollow ID# is 5168

Safeway (eScrip) Go to www.escrip.com and click on "Sign Up" or "Renew". Sleepy Hollow Group ID# is 6564699

Giant (A+ Bonus Bucks) Go to www.giantfood.com/aplus From the menu on the left select "Register Your Card" Enter your bonus card and the first 3 letters of your last name. Sleepy Hollow ID# is 01934

Got Questions? Contact Amy Blaine, Grocery Receipts Co-ordinator at shesgrocerycards@gmail.com.

Silent Auction

Everyone who was at SHES last year knows what a HUGE success our Silent Auction was last spring. We had two amazing and tireless volunteers, Virginia Mayer and Caroline Morel, running the fundraiser with a bunch of helpers before and after the event. Besides the auction being wildly successful for its second year, it was also a lot of fun to go to, bid on items and enjoy the company of our friends, neighbors and SHES teachers.

The auction is a fundraiser for the SHES playground which is ending its useful life. The county provides some funding for the playground but not enough to cover the type of equipment we currently have. In order for SHES to have the same basic set up, the PTA must fund the difference. That means we need to raise approximately \$50k. We are off to a good start with the \$14k earned at last year's auction.

Unfortunately, Virginia and Caroline are unable to chair the auction this coming spring. **We really need another volunteer or two to chair the event.** If no one can do it, we will have to cancel it for spring 2012 and possibly have another direct donation fundraiser designated specifically for the playground equipment. If anyone is willing to chair or co-chair this event or would like more information, please contact Kim Wilkins at kimberlywilkins@yahoo.com or 703.916.9166.



For Your Information...

Join the PTA! It's a great way to support your children, their classrooms, their teachers, and the school overall. Discounts and more benefits are listed on the Virginia PTA website (www.vapta.org). The membership form is at www.shespta.org, then click "Forms & Links". Any questions about membership, contact Jane Cheek, 2011-12 Membership Chair, at cheekj@att.net.

Like the Sleepy Hollow PTA? Then, 'LIKE' us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sleepy-Hollow-PTA/164810473594193>

Dollars for Dolphins —Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Dollars for Dolphins direct donation campaign a success! As of the newsletter submission deadline, contributors donated over \$9000! That is \$1000 over our goal!

Election Day Bake Sale (Nov. 8) needs Volunteers! Whether you can bake or man the tables, we need your help. Contact Brenda Poole at pooleb@saic.com or Linda Carter at jlzcbba@yahoo.com for more info!



Featured Teacher

Meet the Sleepy Hollow Teachers and Staff!

Mrs. Lauren Johns
Fifth Grade Teacher

Mrs. Johns has been at Sleepy Hollow for 8 years!

I was born and lived in Pennsylvania for my first 29 years, then moved to Virginia right after I was married because my husband's job transferred him here.

I became a teacher because my mom was an elementary school guidance counselor and would always tell me these amazing/funny/interesting stories about the students she encountered.

I have a job that allows me to be myself on a daily basis. I'm able to be loud, funny, and spontaneous because of the great kids I have every year in my class.

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