



The Sleepy Hollow Legend



Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Parent Teachers Association (PTA)

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NEW PTA WEBSITE and NEW PTA EMAIL DISCUSSION LIST!!

In order to promote and facilitate communication among members of the Sleepy Hollow Elementary School community, the brand new PTA web site also hosts a brand new email discussion list. This discussion list will allow us to ask questions and share information for everyone's benefit. There are three ways to interact with the email discussion list: 1) You can subscribe so that you can view all messages on the web site and freely post your own messages; 2) You can send messages without a subscription to share information, although you will not receive other people's posts; 3) Or you can reply to messages via the discussion list for all to share.?

You don't have to be a member of the PTA in order to join the discussion list. If you go to the PTA website, www.shespta.org, you will see a box on the bottom left corner that says "Communication." In that box, there is a link on the word "Discussion Board." Click on this link to go to the page that will describe the discussion list and its guidelines. The bottom of this page has the link that will allow you to sign up: http://lists.shespta.org/listinfo.cgi/pta_discussion-shespta.org. We welcome everyone's participation!

WELCOME FROM KAYE KORY

Welcome to a new school year at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School! Thank you for trusting us to deliver the education that your children deserve and will serve them as they prepare for college and careers. I assure

you that your trust is well-placed; Sleepy Hollow Elementary School and FCPS offer the very finest education in the country. We live up to our reputation! Those of you who are returning know this well. Families of new students have an exciting academic discovery ahead.

I urge you to become involved in your children's education. Meet your child's teachers. Volunteer in the classroom. Join the PTA. Research shows that students whose parents actively participate in their education achieve at higher levels than those whose parents do not. Please support your child and our teachers to make the most of this educational opportunity.

You have all heard that we are in difficult budget times and will likely have to make budget reduction decisions which will reduce services to all students. I will continue to advocate for equity in these decisions. I expect to be discussing these issues with you at PTA meetings over the coming months. Please call upon me to solve problems, raise questions and to ensure that your voice is heard.

Kaye Kory, School Board Member, Mason District,
571-423-1083

First SHE Assembly: "Fiesta — A Celebration of Life in Latin America!"

The Sleepy Hollow Elementary PTA sponsors several cultural arts assemblies throughout the school year. Our first assembly will be held on **Friday, October 16, 2009** in the gymnasium. Students will experience the music and performance of Latin American Music group, Cantare. The K-2 group will see the performance at 9:30 a.m. and grades 3-5 will see the performance at 10:30 a.m.

The students and teachers will be able to take a "musical journey through Latin America" by listening and learning about three cultures that shaped its music - Indigenous, European and African - while hearing the rhythms and unique instruments from different regions. Cantare will perform a number of songs and introduce students to various instruments.

The cost of bringing performers and special assemblies to our school keeps going up, like everything else. However, the PTA



Mark Your Calendar!

Oct 12	Columbus Day Holiday (No School)
Oct 24	Family Fitness Day (8-10 am)
Oct 28	American Diabetes Walk (new date)
Nov 2-3	Teacher Workdays (No School); Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 3	PTA Election Day Bake Sale

continues to work hard to raise the necessary funding for assemblies throughout the academic year and parents, teacher and students have helped to make this happen. On occasion schools are offered the opportunity to host performing artists without charge to the school. Cantare is coming to Sleepy Hollow Elementary wholly underwritten by the generosity of the Washington Performing Arts Society for which we are very thankful.

WALK FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Mark your calendars for Sleepy Hollow's fourth annual walk to benefit the American Diabetes Association on **Wednesday, Oct. 28**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Kindergarten students will walk a designated route on school grounds, and students in grades 1-5 will walk a route through the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood under adult supervision. Parents are welcome to walk along with their kids!

How to get ready? Students are encouraged to do some chores around home to earn money to benefit the ADA, and they will be permitted to solicit contributions for the ADA from additional sponsors with parental supervision. Watch for information packets to come home soon in the Wednesday folders.

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!

If you are interested in volunteering to help supervise our walkers, please contact **Nancy Witkowski** at 703-379-1176 or nbenac@hotmail.com.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Dust off your recipe box and your pots and pans. The Election Day Bake Sale is just a few weeks away. Be sure to have your signature baked good, soup or dinner casse-



Volunteer Corner

Whether you have a little or a lot of time available, the Sleepy Hollow PTA needs you! We have volunteer opportunities in every size — a few hours, a few days, or more!

? ? **Reflections.** Contact Amy Del Valle at 703-562-6081 or by email to ADeValle@FDIC.gov, if you are interested in helping out with this program.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact PTA Volunteer Coordinator **Brenda Poole** (contact info below).

role on our table. All the proceeds benefit our PTA and the special school programs and events it funds.

Look for more information coming home soon in the Wed. folders. As in past years, we will need lots of baked good contributions as well as volunteers to set up, staff the table and clean up! Questions? Contact Terri Lamb at terri.lamb@cox.net or 703-538-6065.

BOOK FAIR COMING NOVEMBER 20

Save the date! Sleepy Hollow will be hosting our annual Fall Book Fair on **Friday November 20th** from 6-9pm at Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Seven Corners Center. The entire store, including music and gift departments, will be open to Book Fair shoppers. A percentage of the net sales from the fair will go to our school library, so our children will continue to benefit from these proceeds this year and for years to come.

Do some holiday shopping and maybe pick out a book from your teacher's wish list, all while supporting the wonderful Sleepy Hollow library and our amazing media staff! We have a fun evening planned and hope to see you on November 20th! More details to come! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Alison Oleson at Alison@charlotteberlin.com, 703.941.1202.

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