



Chippy Chatter *September 2009*

Charles Carroll Elementary School PTA

☞ Important Dates ☜

Thurs. September 17th
PTA General Membership mtg.
7PM Media Center

Market Day Online
Order until 12 noon on 9/17
www.marketday.com

Friday, September 18th
Spirit Wear orders are due

Mon. September 21st
Texas Roadhouse Restaurant
4-10PM Fundraiser

Wed. September 23rd
Market Day Pick-up
7-8PM Cafeteria

Thurs. October 1st
Fun Run
(Rain date Oct. 2nd)

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President's Message



Welcome all to the new school year, already incredibly in its fourth week. For those of you new to Charles Carroll, *Chippy Chatter* is PTA's monthly newsletter created to keep you informed of PTA news and events. So let's get started... So far in response to the PTA parent packets that every family received at the start of the school year, over 100 of you have signed up to be members. That's awesome! Membership is open all year, but if you sign up by Thursday, September 17th, your name will be entered into a drawing to win an embroidered Spirit Wear polo shirt for your child. The drawing will be held at the end of our first PTA general membership meeting this Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 PM. PNC Bank representatives will be our guests that evening to introduce their student banking program. And once again this year Celebree has graciously agreed to provide childcare during the meetings free of charge. Please plan to join us, and please, plan to *join* us. Membership forms were included in the parent packets, can be found on the PTA bulletin board in the hall to the left as you enter school, or can be obtained online at www.carrollk12.org/cce/pta/. Thanks for your support, it does make a difference!

Fun Run

Physical Education teacher Bryan Trumbo hit the ground running on his arrival to Charles Carroll, and among other things, has been busy planning our school's first annual Fun Run. The Fun Run is planned for Thursday October 1st, with a rain date of October 2nd. You should have already received a sponsor envelope for each child. Please remember that sponsor envelopes are due back by September 30th, without the money. Sponsor money is due following the Fun Run, and no later than October 16th. We hope to raise much needed funds for technology resources for our school. All the information you need relating to the Fun Run can be found inside your child's sponsor envelope.

Chippy Directory

Each year PTA creates a student directory so that families of Charles Carroll students can reach each other. You have to sign up to be included in the directory, and only those included in the directory will receive one. The deadline to send in your sign up form is Friday, September 25th. These forms were included in the parent packets at the beginning of the year. For more information contact Lisa Dorman, chair, at ldorman@aol.com.

Is Your Student Creative and Imaginative?

Then the PTA **Reflections** program is a great opportunity for them!

Reflections is an Arts program that encourages kids to complete a project in 1 of 6 artistic areas. Each project reflects the theme for the year. This year's theme is *"Beauty is..."*

Your student can choose Visual Art, Photography, Literature, Dance, Film, or Music. Every student who participates will be recognized at a special ceremony and may have the chance to enter their submission in Regional, State, and even National competitions!

An interest survey will be coming home soon!

If you are available to help with the Reflections Program or a possible family event to work on art projects, please contact:

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Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear orders are due no later than Friday, September 18th. Due to minimum quantity requirements, we can't be sure we'll have enough orders later in the year to be ordering again. If you want Spirit Wear, now's the time to order. Forms for this were also in the PTA parent packets, and are available at the PTA bulletin board. Orders will be distributed approximately 3 weeks after the deadline. Please contact Elaine Caprarola, chair, for more information.



Labels Benefit Students

Three times a year students have the opportunity to win an ice cream sundae party, 1st place, or Popsicle party, 2nd place, if their homeroom collects the most labels for our school. The first opportunity is from now until the end of November. In addition to Box Tops we also accept Campbell's, Philly Swirl Rising Star, Project A+ Tyson's, and Home Team Rewards. These labels bring in much needed "free money" for our school and all funds directly benefit the students of Charles Carroll. Keep cutting and keep them coming. Please place labels in a baggie and put your child's name and homeroom on the bag. There is a collection box in each classroom, as well as one in the school's office. We often receive labels with extra packaging still surrounding them. Labels need to be completely cut from packaging in order for us to submit them. Look for the totals to date in next months Chippy Chatter.

Did You Know?

Did you know that PTA provided your school's playground equipment? Did you know that every year PTA provides each student with a birthday book to commemorate their special day? Did you know that PTA funds the many Cultural Arts programs students enjoy and learn from each year? Learn more about what PTA does for your school, and even how you can get involved. September 17th, 7:00PM, Media Center. Hope to see you there!