



PTA Freedom Elementary® Communique

Welcome Back

Message from the PTA Board

Welcome back everyone! We hope you enjoyed your summer vacation and had many wonderful experiences. Many of us on the PTA Board have been working this summer to plan events and services for this 2009-2010 school year and we are excited to put our plans into place. However, PTA programs don't just exist because of the board members, they exist because of YOU. Your participation in fundraisers and school activities is what makes the fun possible. Please consider joining our PTA for a small fee of \$8.00. Whether or not you are able to join, please know you are welcome at our monthly meetings. The PTA is here to help support you and your children, and we value your thoughts and ideas.

Here are some of the PTA funded events and services for this school year:

Back to School Picnic, School Directory, Grounds Beautification, Accelerated Reader, Celebration Books, Field Trip Cost Defrayment, Movie/Bingo Nights, Science Fair, Game Club, Spelling Bee, Student Support Services, Holiday Boutique, Parent Support Services, Teacher Support & Appreciation, Homework Books

So, here's to an exciting year. Let us know how we're doing.

~ Your Freedom PTA

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Accelerated Reader

AR Store Opens October 5th!!!!

Accelerated Reader is a reading incentive program that has over 3,200 books to choose from for K - 5th grades. Students can choose from these books and take comprehensive quizzes in the Computer Lab or in the classroom to earn points every month. Please check with your teacher to determine when and where to take the quiz. Points can be spent in the AR Store the month after they are earned. Students can find the list of AR books on the Freedom website www.carrollk12.org/fes. The AR Store will be open on Monday mornings in the cafeteria. Please encourage your child to read and take quizzes so they can visit the store every month!

The September Market Day sale

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netted a profit of \$379.19. If you ordered, please remember to pick up your order on Thursday, September 10th from 7:00-8:00 PM in the school cafeteria. In October you can qualify for a FREE 1-lb package of Ground Beef AND a FREE 1-lb. package of Large Shrimp. Look for your October order form to arrive home soon or visit www.marketday.com for more details and to place your order.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Sue Trageser at 410-552-0336.

Freedom PTA Fall Fundraiser Coming This Month!

Freedom Elementary PTA

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Sykesville, MD 21784
Phone: 410-751-3525

Upcoming PTA Events

**September 11th – Back
to School Picnic
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**September 14th – Fall
Fundraiser Kickoff**

**October 5th – AR Store
Opens**

**October 7th – PTA
Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in
the Media Center**

**October 28th – Fall
Fundraiser Pickup**

We love our volunteers!
If you have the time and
are interested in helping
on an occasional or
regular basis, please, let
us know. We need you!!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.freedompta.org

The Freedom PTA is having a Joe Corbi's Holiday Wishes Catalog Sale to finance the projects for the school year 2009-2010. The fundraiser's kick-off will be Monday, September 14th. The students will be bringing home the catalogs with all the necessary information that day. The sale ends on Wednesday, September 30th and distribution of the merchandise will be on October 28th, 6:00-8:00pm in the cafeteria.

Updates & Miscellaneous...

The final plans for the playground addition and the outdoor classroom are complete. Dates to begin work and an anticipated date of completion are being worked out now.

School Directory Information forms are due back by September 18th for inclusion in this year's directory.

PTA Objectives

- ~To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship,
- ~To raise the standards of home life,
- ~To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth,
- ~To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teacher may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth,
- ~To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

We hope you'll find plenty of gift ideas for the holidays in the catalog as well as items for your household and your tummy. Joe Corbi's provides us with a terrific profit margin of 50% of all sales so, please, encourage your family, friends and neighbors to support the students and teachers of Freedom Elementary School.

Spiritwear Apparel is coming soon!

Look for your order form to be sent home in September. Show your Freedom School Spirit by proudly wearing a t-shirt or sweatshirt to school and around town.

PTA Mission

The mission of the PTA is threefold:

1. To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
2. To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;
3. To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.