

Swansfield Elementary School PTA News

Celebrate Swansfield's Green Cafeteria Mural

Have you seen the bright, creative mural now spread across the cafeteria walls? On Wednesday, January 27, the PTA will sponsor a family night to dedicate and celebrate the wonderful "Save the Bay" mural created this fall by the 4th and 5th grades under the direction of Artist-in-Residence Tara Holl and art teacher Janice Ford. Joining us will be "Billy B - the Natural Science Song and Dance Man" with a lively musical program focused on natural resources, recycling, and the ways of the Chesapeake Bay. The program takes place from 7 to 8 PM in the cafeteria. Bring a blanket to sit on, picnic-style - it's going to be a fun night!

Register Now! After School Classes are back, and registration ends January 20th.

We are pleased to offer the following classes on Mondays or Wednesdays, starting February 1st.:

- **Movement and Dance** - Modern, Ballet, and Theatrical Jazz styles.
- **Music and Moves From High School Musical 1, 2, & 3.**
- **Science Encounters - Light and Color** with lasers and fog machines.
- **Science Encounters - Get Wired** with a Van de Graff generator.
- **KidzArt** to increase skills and knowledge of various art media.
- **Klotz Karate** in 5 major areas of Martial Arts.
- **Magic** using cards, wands, rope, balls, cups, paper, coins, and other objects.

If you misplaced your flier or registration form, there are some extras in the rack near the office at school, or you can print them from the PTA's web site:

<http://www.swansfield.com>

February 4th - Parent Preview Night!

With 3rd Quarter right around the corner and MSA in the near future, Swansfield teachers would like to give you a chance to preview upcoming objectives. See what your child will be learning, participate in hands-on activities and discuss some tips for how to make your child more successful on the MSA. Come out February 4 from 7 – 8 PM and see math through student eyes!

Upcoming Events

January 23 – Great Music at Wilde Lake!

Featuring Grammy award-winning vibraphone and marimba player Dave Samuels and Swansfield alumni Alex and Zach Brown on piano and bass. Tickets \$20.

January 27 – Free Family Night--Billy B Performance

celebrating Swansfield's Green Mural

February 4 – Math Preview Night

February 10 & 11 – Parent/ Teacher

Conferences. The PTA will be asking for assistance in providing dinner for our teachers and staff. If you cannot help provide part of the meal, consider offering to set up or clean up instead. Please contact Ginny Ahluwalia at tajiwalia@hotmail.com or 410-884-6904 or more information.

February 18 - NEXT PTA Meeting from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

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Volunteer Forms

Volunteer forms will be sent out in the Monday folders. Please look for them. We hope that you can continue to support the wonderful work that the PTA sponsors.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Please join us in thanking Jeff Beaudry who schedules our volunteers in the Carson Reading Room. Thank you for keeping our kids reading!

Did you know?

Did you know that of the 30 volunteers who work in or support the Carson Reading Room, more than 80 percent are full-time employed? Hats off to these volunteers for making extra efforts in their work schedules to encourage reading.

Keep those Box Tops coming!

We deposited almost \$500 recently from all those box tops your children have brought to the school! We continue to collect box tops throughout the year. So don't forget to put them in a baggie with your child's name and your teacher's name on a slip of paper. Thanks to everyone who has brought in their box tops.

Recommended Reads – check it out

The Carson Reading Room Recommends:

Matilda by Roald Dahl. Check out this book about a voracious reader from the author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Or

Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats

This charming and delightful sequel to The Snowy Day, an older, and wiser, Peter wants to learn to whistle. Wouldn't it be the perfect way to call his dog Willie?

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