

# Palmer PTA News

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## DON'T FORGET...

### Monday, Oct. 18

Health & Safety Fair  
PTA Walk-a-thon  
*All day*



### Friday, Oct. 22

Original Artworks  
fundraiser deadline

Box Tops contest deadline

### Tuesday, Oct. 26

First-grade field trip  
*Unangst Farm*

### Wednesday, Oct. 27

School pictures

### Friday, Oct. 29

PTA Family Day  
*6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.*  
*Philly Soft Pretzel Factory*

Harvest parties  
*Last hour of  
school day*



Reflections  
submissions deadline

### Monday, Nov. 1

Alan St. Jean author visit  
*During school day*

Alan St. Jean family event  
*7 p.m.*

Sportswear Sale begins



### Tuesday, Nov. 2

School closed  
*Election Day*

Teacher in-service

### Friday, Nov. 5

End of first marking period

## Keep on building!

The **2010-11 Palmer PTA Membership Drive** is in full swing, and **363** parents, guardians, grandparents, students, administrators, faculty and staff already have sent in their **\$6 per person membership dues**.

The deadline for this year's drive is **Nov. 7**, so there's still time to join and **help your child's class win a prize!**

Classrooms currently leading in the **"Building a Strong Foundation"** competition for the highest percentage of membership envelopes returned are:

- **Jennifer Moyer's a.m. kindergarten**, 48 percent.
- **Jennifer Moyer's p.m. kindergarten**, 71 percent.
- **Judy Paukovitch's first grade**, 71 percent.
- **Michelle Allison's second grade**, 67 percent.
- **Melissa Shirk's third grade**, 46 percent.
- **James Bedeaux's fourth grade**, 65 percent.
- **Andrea Roberts' Intermediate Unit 20 class**, 33 percent.

If you'd like to join, please complete the envelope that was sent home with your child on Sept. 1 and include \$6 in cash or a check for that amount, made payable to **Palmer PTA**. If you don't have the envelope, please include your name, the name of each of your children who attend Palmer and the name of each child's teacher on an envelope and send it into school.

Please remember that your small donation will help support a variety of **programs, activities and field trips** for Palmer students, in addition to supporting the Palmer PTA's membership in the Pennsylvania and National PTA organizations. And, as a bonus, all PTA members will receive **\$2 off admission to the DaVinci Science Center in Allentown**, thanks to an agreement between the museum and the **Pennsylvania PTA**. Members must show their membership cards while paying to receive the discount.

For more information about the membership drive, please contact **Amy Coleman** at **610-515-1155**.



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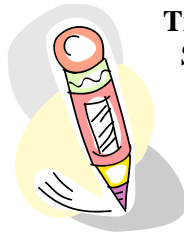
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## Meet the PTA recording secretary



**Tricia Geiger**, elected to a two-year term as **recording secretary** at the Sept. 14 PTA meeting, has volunteered at a variety of PTA fundraisers and activities over the past several years, and is in her second year as co-organizer of the School Store.

She and her husband, Matthew, are the parents of Lindsay, a second-grader at Palmer, James, 4, and Marley, 2.

“I started to come to PTA meetings when Lindsay was in kindergarten,” she says. “I enjoy being involved in the school community and her school activities and I know she enjoys me being involved.”

## Family Connection offers support

Families facing a variety of challenges can get the help and support they need through the Easton Area School District’s **Family Connection** programs.

Family Connections helps students be successful in school in many ways, including providing extra learning opportunities, developing positive family-school-community partnerships and removing barriers to learning.

Programs include family support and case management, parenting education, the Parent-Child Home Program for 2- to 4-year old-children. Family Connections also provides information about adult education programs, child care services, counseling, employment, transportation, food stamps, food banks, affordable housing, health care, utilities assistance and more.

For more information about Family Connection in general, please contact **Lisa Bedoya**, family support supervisor, **610-250-2551 ext. 24323**, [bedoyal@eastonsd.org](mailto:bedoyal@eastonsd.org). For information about Family Connections at Palmer, please contact **Ana Jiminez**, **610-250-2551, ext. 23024**.



## Walk this way!

Palmer students will get exercise, fresh air and lots of healthy information on **Monday, Oct. 18**, at the annual **PTA Walk-a-thon and Health and Safety Fair**.

Students are asked to wear green shirts on that day to show school spirit. For more information, please contact **Marisa Cornish**, **484-903-8810**.

## School Store needs your help!

The **School Store** is looking for a few good volunteers to help at its twice-monthly sales of school supplies and other items.

If you’d like to help, please contact **Dana Felker**, **610-250-0172**, [felker44@verizon.net](mailto:felker44@verizon.net), **Tricia Geiger**, **610-330-0286**, [matthew.geiger@rcn.com](mailto:matthew.geiger@rcn.com), or **Jackie Panuccio**, **610-515-1260**, [laredo28@ptd.net](mailto:laredo28@ptd.net).



Thanks to all who volunteer!



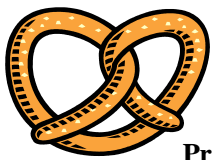
## Turn kids' art into cool holiday gifts!

Aspiring young artists can turn their creations into gifts for family and friends—and help raise money for the PTA—in a new **Original Works** fundraiser.

Information packets, which students brought home last week, include instructions for creating a drawing or painting that can be turned into more than 20 different products, including refrigerator magnets, mugs, computer mouse pads, calendars, T-shirts, tote bags, tiles and more. Prices range from \$4.50 for a set of two pocket note pads to \$22.50 for an adult XX-large T-shirt.

Parents are asked to return the artwork on the provided paper, along with their product order, by **Oct. 22**. The PTA will receive **33 percent of the cost of each item**.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact **Maureen Brehm, 610-923-7529**, or **Marcella Cardone, 610-258-2121, mcardone25@rcn.com**, or go to [www.originalworks.com](http://www.originalworks.com).



## Pick up pretzels for PTA profit

If you're hungry for a warm, yummy treat, head to the PTA's October **Family Day** at the **Philly Soft Pretzel Factory** from **6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29**.

The pretzel factory, located in the Palmer Towne Center on 25th Street in Palmer Township, offers traditional soft pretzels and lots more—mini-pretzels, sticks, “rivets,” sweet cinnamon pretzels and even hot dogs in pretzel buns. The PTA will receive **12 percent of the profits** from the day's sales.

And, because Family Day will be held the same day as the classroom **harvest parties**, parents may wish to order trays for their child's class. Those who wish to do so should call **610-258-2304** by Thursday, Oct. 28, to place orders.

To learn more about Philly pretzels, please visit the company website at [www.phillysoftpretzelfactory.com](http://www.phillysoftpretzelfactory.com).

For more information on Family Day—or future family food events—please contact **Nancy Ebert** at **610-559-7918, chief2466@rcn.com**.

## Clip those Box Tops



There's still time to enter the PTA's first **Box Tops for Education** contest of the school year.

The student who brings in the most Box Tops will win a **\$25 gift certificate** to the retailer of his or her choice. Students from the classroom that collects the most Box Tops will receive a special prize. Deadline is **Oct. 22**

Contest participants are asked to:

- Submit unexpired Box Tops that are neatly clipped, with the expiration date completely visible.
- Place the Box Tops in a baggie or envelope, or attach them to a submission sheet.
- Mark the baggie, envelope or sheet with the teacher's and student's name.

For more information on the Box Tops, **Labels for Education** and **Redner's Save-a-Tape** programs, please contact **Deb Perry, 610-438-4285, debperry@rcn.com**.

## Author visit!

**Alan St. Jean**, author of the *Aidan of Oren* series and the *Daydreams Collection* will visit

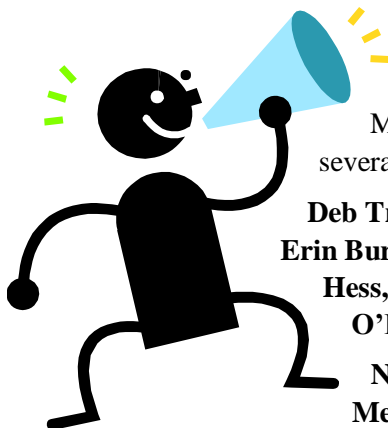
Palmer on **Monday, Nov. 1**.



Mr. St. Jean will make several presentations **during the**

**school day** and speak at a **family event** at **7 p.m.**

For more information, please contact **Diane Wotasek, wotasekd@eastonsd.org**.



## CHEERS for PEERS!

More than three dozen Palmer parents and teachers volunteered their time and energy at several PTA-sponsored events in September and early October.

**Deb Troxell** organized the **Watermelon Welcome**, held Sept. 10. Volunteers were **Jen Adams, Erin Burns, Lesley Clewell, April Elminawi, Donna Riley Garrett, Wendy Hartrum, Melissa Hess, Kerri Ludwig, Rebecca Miller, Julie Milia, Jennifer Murgia, Mary Ellen Nunes, Julie O'Brien, Fran Raneri, Jamie Stem, Cathy Terry** and **Jen Trimmer**.

**Nancy Ebert** organized **McPrincipal Night** at McDonald's, held Sept. 22. **Principal Meredith Nauman** and teachers **Michelle Allison, Stacey Andreas, Lynne Babp, Lori Foley, Erin Gabel, Leslie Guffy, Amy Lazaro, Christina Lynn, Judy Paukovitch, Nicole Ricker, Gail Saunders, Sarah Shive, Amanda Sontag, Judy Walters, Debra Werkheiser** and **Connie Yaqub** served as greeters, order-takers, sundae-makers and cleaners.

**Maureen Brehm** and **Marcella Cardone** produced the annual **School/PTA Directory**, distributed in September.

**Dana Felker, Tricia Geiger** and **Jackie Panuccio** organized the **School Store** sales events.

**Sonya Bertelsen** and **Jill Patullo** organized the **Ice Cream Social**, held Oct. 1. Scoopers, toppers and cleaners were **Rachelle Altemose, Amy Bassoline, Maureen Brehm, Nancy Ebert, Kat Fitzgerald, Geri Fortunato, Donna Riley Garrett, Carol-Ann Giovanni, Mandy Hasonich, Karen Kammerdiener, Suzanne Kessler, Fran Raneri, Ed Reid, Andrea Schumann, Blanca Torres, Deb Troxell** and **Ann Marie Vaughn**.

**Rebecca Miller** and **Tess Arnett** organized the **PTA Scholastic Fall Book Fair**, including the **Family Night** held Oct. 1, and library time visits through Oct. 7. Volunteers were **Jamie Burgey, Julia Burns, Marcella Cardone, Pam Clark, Kat Fitzgerald, Lori Fulmer, Linda Hamel, Kim Hutchison, Jackie Knoble, Linda LoPiccolo, Jessica McAndrew, Amanda Melhem, Beth Messer, Julia Milia, Catherine Murray, Julie O'Brien, Jamie Oldford, Beth Parasandolo, Deb Perry, Tammy Reinert, Paula Rhinehart, Sarah Shive, Jamie Stem, Jen Trimmer, Chris Vangeli, Carole Vincent, Tish Weeks, Lisa Wilson** and **Diane Wotasek**.

The PTA thanks everyone who helped!

## A well-constructed classroom

As the PTA began its "building" campaign in September, Palmer fourth-grader **Jared Frost** was doing a bit of building himself. Jared, a student in **Edward Reid's** classroom, created his own plastic classroom, complete with students and desks, made entirely of Lego pieces.



## Remember Reflections!

Palmer students have until **Oct. 29** to submit entries for the annual PTA-sponsored **National Reflections Program**, designed to encourage creativity and imaginative expression.

This year's theme is **Together We Can ...** and students may submit as many entries as they wish in the categories of Literature, Photography, Musical Composition, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography and Film/Video Production.

Entry forms were sent home in September. If your child did not receive one and would like to enter—or if you have questions—please contact **Kerri Madsen, 610-258-8586, pkmadsen1@aol.com**, or **Carole Vincent, 610-253-3611, carolevincent@rcn.com**.

# Watermelon Welcome!

Palmer students got a cool break from classes on Sept. 10 during the annual PTA Watermelon Welcome. PTA volunteers sliced up and served piles of the sweet end-of-summer treat—and kids chatted with old and new friends, smiled, laughed and occasionally dribbled a bit of juice.



Left to right, kindergartner **Aiden Hess** looks perplexed at his watermelon slice, **Dylan Clewell** finishes his off and **Sydney Reinert** and **Thomas Simone** make progress with theirs. Top right, fourth-graders **Darren Faulk**, **Ryan Bertelsen**, **Alex Krauth** and **Nicholas Dorion** chow down. Above right, fourth-graders **Hannah Guerra**, **Isabella Martino**, **Audrina Clewell**, **Abby Melhem** and **Juliana Perez** pose with their plates and slices.

# 'McPrincipal Night'

Palmer families crowded into the 25th Street McDonald's restaurant on Sept. 22 for the chance to be waited on by "McPrincipal" **Meredith Nauman** and her crew of teachers. Crew members also greeted customers, made sundaes, cleaned up and more.

By the time all the burgers, chicken, salads, fries, drinks, ice cream and everything else had been served and eaten, the PTA had collected **\$850** to help pay for field trips, programs and activities.

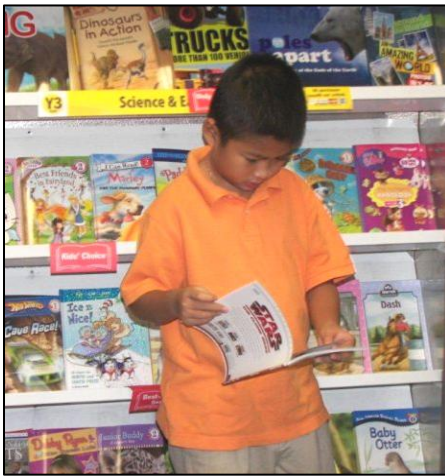
Clockwise from top right, **Nicholas** and **Ryan Holmes** enjoy some after-dinner ice cream. The second-shift crew—**Amy Lazaro**, **Debra Werkheiser**, **Principal Meredith Nauman**, **Amanda Sontag**, **Leslie Guffy**, **Judy Walters** and **Lynne Babp**—relax at the end of the evening. Second-grader **Elizabeth Pursell** gets a hug from her mom, **Tiffany**, as her brother, fourth-grader **Jonathan**, finishes his food.



# HOT books and COLD treats!

Palmer's annual **Ice Cream Social** and **Scholastic Book Fair Family Night** on Friday, Oct. 1, attracted more than 500 kids and parents, who shopped for books in the library, enjoyed chocolate and vanilla ice cream with toppings in the Auld Auditorium and danced to music in the Cole Auditorium.

A **daytime Book Fair**, which began Oct. 1, continued until Oct. 7, during regular library times. The PTA netted **\$2,050** from both events, plus **\$693** worth of Scholastic books for the library.



Top left, **Ethan Tran** examines a *Star Wars* book during the Book Fair. Above, parents and kids alike found lots to look at during the Book Fair Family Night. Top center, fourth-grader **Leanna Arrigo** enjoys lots of whipped cream with her ice cream at the Ice Cream Social. Above center, first-grader **Shayna Joyner** looks up from the book she's chosen

Top right, kindergartner **Christian Reinholz** is happy with chocolate at the Ice Cream Social. Center right, four boys take a look at colorful pens, pencils and other fun items during the Book Fair Family Night. Right, fourth-grader **Mia Corpora** clutches her money envelope at the Book Fair.

