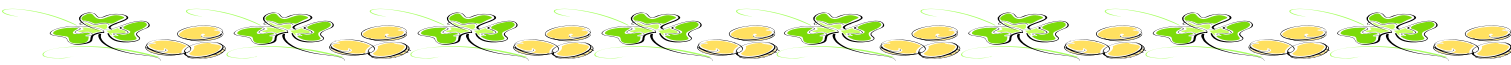




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FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012



Dear Chesak/ Martin Parents and Staff:

School seems to be running pretty smoothly as we approach the middle of our winter months. The cold and snow (or lack thereof!) have not slowed all your PTA has to offer this winter. So make sure to check out on our website (www.cmpta158.org). Thanks to our families for their support for the Fall Raffle and Cookie Dough sale. Both fundraisers provided us with the money needed to allow us to continue the programs and services planned for our 2011-12 school year.

We have had so many familiar volunteers help us out this year and also have had the pleasure of seeing new faces. Everyone seems to be providing us the backing we need to help contribute to the success of our group. We always are always looking for volunteers and we welcome any new ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact us via email at cmpta158@yahoo.com, or leave a message at 847-659-5831. We hope together we can ensure our children's years here at Chesak and Martin will be happy, engaging and memorable ones.

We are soon going to be looking for new people to join our group to fill some of the Officers and Committee Chairperson roles for the 2012-13 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the open roles, please look on our website, or drop us a note and we will return your call or email as soon as possible. Since our email and voicemail boxes are manned by volunteers, we may not be back in touch for a few days, but we will make sure to get back in touch ASAP. Your concerns and comments are appreciated and welcomed.

Thank you for your commitment to your students and the Chesak/ Martin PTA community this year.

Dana Wiley
President, Chesak/ Martin PTA

Upcoming Events:

February

- 3rd Variety Show Dress Rehearsal
5p at Huntley High School PAC
- 4th Variety Show
2-4p Huntley High School PAC
- 7th -9th Kindergarten Registration
- 9th PTA membership meeting
7pm @ Chesak room 411
- 15th 5th grade Dine N Share
@ Moretti's
- 17th No School
- 20th No School / Offices Closed
(Presidents' Day)

March

- 6th -8th Nat. PTA Legislative Conference
- 8th PTA membership meeting
7pm @ Chesak room 411
- 10th Family Swim
6-8pm @ Centegra Healthbridge Huntley
- 9th -11th Illinois PTA Convention
- 22nd Spring Pictures @ Chesak
- 26th -30th No School (Spring Break)

Family Swim Night Is Coming Up!

This is a popular PTA Family Event that always sells out so get your tickets fast! Join your Chesak and Martin friends warm and back into the pool on Saturday, March 10th, from 6 - 8 pm at Centegra Healthbridge, Huntley. Cost is \$10 per family. (up to 5 members) Ticket forms will be available later this month. Tickets will be processed on a first come first serve basis.



Chesak/Martin PTA

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RAFFLE

Raffle Update:

Winners for the December Raffle were Dana W (1st-\$538), Allison W (2nd-\$355) and Lori T (3rd-\$183)

Since January's meeting was cancelled due to the weather, we did not pull any January raffle tickets. However, we will be pulling 6, yes 6, raffle tickets at the February meeting!!

Join us on Thursday Feb. 9th @ 7:00 pm in room 411 to see if you are one of the lucky winners!!:)

RAFFLE

Healthy Valentine's Day Ideas

Celebrate your young valentines this February 14 with fun and tasty treats! Start your child's day off right with a special, healthy breakfast. Use a cookie cutter to create heart-shaped whole-grain English muffins, and top each half with protein like peanut butter or cream cheese, followed by honey or jam.



If eggs are your protein of choice, try your hand at making **Heart-Shaped Hard Boiled Eggs** for your valentine (courtesy of www.annathered.com). Complete your breakfast with **Valentine Fruit Kebabs** (courtesy of www.familyfun.com).



Valentine's Day would not be complete without a small sweet treat, and these chocolate-covered pretzels are easy to make and delicious to eat! These **Pretzel Kisses** (courtesy of www.Recipe4Living.com) are delicious and easy to make.

Directions for these snacks can be found on the **CMPTA** website!

Thank you for all the volunteers who helped with the Chesak/Martin Holiday Shoppe. A special thanks to all the Marlowe Service Club students for volunteering and helping our students shop.

Dine and Share Update

Thank you to all of you who joined us at Famous Daves on January 19th. We raised \$200 to support the 1st grade classes.

Our next Dine and Share is Thursday, February 15th at Moretti's Restaurant in Lake in the Hills. This money will support the 5th grade classes.



Our March Dine and Share to support the 2nd grade will be at Culver's in Huntley. Details will be posted soon on the Chesak/Martin PTA website



Drive for \$5 update

We had another successful year in our Drive for \$5 Campaign. We raised \$520 dollars and supplied gift cards for five families in our community. Thank you for donating this year and helping to spread Holiday Cheer!



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2012 Variety Show – “Dream Big”

The Variety Show is a **wonderful experience** and a boatload of **fun for all** who are in the show and for those who volunteer to help make this opportunity available to our students.

The 2012 Variety Show will be Saturday, February 4th, 2012 at 2pm. Hope to see you there!



Staff Appreciation Update *The Gift of Time*



Each December the Chesak/Martin PTA gives staff members the gift of time. Staff members, at Chesak and Martin, drop off their gifts to be wrapped by PTA volunteers. A special **Thank You** to everyone who donated gift wrap supplies and helped wrap gifts.

Donations of gift wrap, gift bags, tissue paper, fabric ribbon and tape are gladly accepted (year-round). You can drop your donation off at the Chesak office. Just let them know it's for the PTA and they'll see that we get it

Staff Appreciation Week is May 7th – 11th. More details will be coming!



Mr. Z's Cookie Sale

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Mr. Z's Cookie Fundraiser. We sold almost 2200 boxes of cookie dough which gave us a profit of \$14,000. Thanks for getting even closer to our revenue needed for our 2011 - 2012 budget!

Holiday Shoppe

In December, we hosted a Holiday Shoppe where students were able to shop for reasonably priced gifts (25¢ and up) for their family and friends. Parents were able to stay in the waiting room while volunteers took the children down to the sale. The kids felt pride and joy being able to pick out and purchase their gifts. We look forward to having our Second Annual Holiday Shoppe next year!



Get Connected with CMPTA!

We're going green! Fewer flyers are coming home in backpacks from us, but we're doing more than ever! You can see what's going on with the Chesak/Martin PTA at our website. We are also posting announcements and events reminders on Twitter and Facebook, along with sending emails. Get connected with the CMPTA!

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