

# Bear Facts



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CEDAR GROVE PTA NEWSLETTER

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**PTA President:** Michele Tregoning  
**Principal:** Mr. Lee Derby

**Vice Presidents:** Lori Andrus and Macie Mogot  
**Treasurer:** Lori Marshall

**Secretary:** Shobha Rajan



## PTA President's Message

- **WIMS ES MEET AND GREET – OVID HAZEN WELLS PARK** June 1, 3-5pm
- **PTA MEETING** June 3, 7pm
- **BOOK FAIR** June 2 through 5
- **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION** June 4, 3-4pm
- **SUMMER READING KICK OFF- RHMS** June 5, 6:30 pm
- **Gr 4 AUTHOR'S TEA** June 6
- **DRIVE FOR SUPPLIES** June 9
- **Gr 5 END OF YEAR CELEBRATION PICNIC** June 11
- **Gr 5 PROMOTION** June 12
- **EARLY RELEASE – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** June 13
- **SUMMER MEDIA PROGRAM** every Wednesday in July, 10 AM – 1 PM.

Dear Cedar Grove Families,

These past two years as your PTA President have been extremely rewarding for me! I have gotten to know so many of our wonderful families and participated in so many exciting events. I have worked very hard at trying to make Cedar Grove a school that has fun evening events, and a strong relationship with our teachers and community. Of course, I couldn't have done it without the help of my other Board members, Mrs. Hirschhorn our staff liaison, Mr. Derby, and Mr. Delisle. I have appreciated all the support from many of you along the way! I look forward to continuing my role in the PTA in the coming years, as well as participating in many fun events with each of you.

This year has had some challenges with the large number of children as well as trying to help get a new elementary school PTA off the ground. Together, we accomplished great things. Thank you to Sarah Ruiz and Holly Jankowski who are chairing our Spring Book Fair, as well as Amanda Parsad, Garima Gupta, and Cheryl Moss who are all chairing our Family Picnic! Those events are coming up as this is being printed, but I know they will be fun and successful!! We have one final PTA meeting which I hope you will join us for. We will be voting for our next year's PTA Board members. It will be held at 7pm in the APR.

I hope all of our wonderful volunteers can join both the PTA and Cedar Grove in honoring and thanking you for all of your efforts on June 4th. Personal invitations will be coming home shortly. Finally, we have one more event in June and that is our popular Ice Cream Social and Kick-off to Summer Reading. It features the Magic of Joe Romano, who is always fantastic!! Thank you to Ramsey Hawasly for chairing that event being held at Rocky Hill Middle School.

This year sure has gone by fast! I hope everyone has a terrific summer, gets to travel somewhere as a family, and most importantly gets to spend some time relaxing before the busy fall is here.

Sincerely,  
Michele Tregoning (PTA President)

Shobha Rajan, Editor  
[shobharajan@yahoo.com](mailto:shobharajan@yahoo.com)

## **Staff Appreciation**

Michele Tregoning,  
PTA President

# STAFF APPRECIATION

May is one of my favorite months because it is a chance for us as parents to thank all the wonderful teachers that our children have! Each day we tried to make the Cedar Grove staff feel appreciated by little mailbox treats, a morning treat, an after school ice cream social, and with daily raffle drawings for gift cards and prizes.

Thank you to those who contributed to one of our events to make this possible: Yongbok Bivin, Lori Marshall, Revital Darmon, Brittany Pond, Annie Karp, Kristie Scott, Chetan Paul, Erica Molnar, Anita Young, Hang Nguyen, Kathi O'Connor, Janeth Marcelo, Sandra Lily Vesga, Dawn Frazier, Noreen Rehman-Brown, Jill Hooven, Jenn Gorrie, Shobha Rajan and Jen Coakley. Special thanks to Chetan Paul, Kristie Scott, and Anita Young who donated more than one gift card to make sure we had plenty of prizes!! Thank you to all the families who wrote notes, sent in flowers, or a little gift to show their appreciation!!

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## **Cultural Arts**

Lori Andrus  
Cultural Art Chair

The Cedar Grove PTA sponsored two more Cultural Arts Assemblies this spring. In honor of Earth Day, and in conjunction with our schools fantastic recycling program, we brought in Billy B. to perform his "Recycle mania" show for our children. Billy B. had the kids singing and dancing as they learned about how nature is constantly recycling itself, and the many ways that we can recycle materials to protect our beautiful planet! Our next Assembly was called "Science is Everywhere," by John Hadfield. While singing along to some catchy tunes, our children learned about some of our great early inventors, they learned about the different parts of the brain, and with some "hair raising" antics, they learned about electricity!

We hope your children thoroughly enjoyed these assemblies and learned something new! If you have any suggestions for types of performers that you would like to see scheduled for next year, I am always open to suggestions! Please feel free to email any ideas to [landrus@twgemail.com](mailto:landrus@twgemail.com).

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## Book Fair Sarah Ruiz

Book Fair Dates: May 30 - June 5, 2014

Our book fair still needs parent help. So now is the perfect time for you to help by volunteering to make this spectacular "Fiesta" happen. We cannot have the book fair without you and to avoid unnecessary stress we are going to have the sign up start today. We need all slots full so that this fair runs as smoothly as possible.

Please use this link [Book Fair Sign-up](#) to volunteer.

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## The Intersection Mrs. Karina Hirschhorn

As we enter June, we also enter the end of year race: days filled with learning and culminating activities. Not only has it been an exciting and exhilarating school year, but we have overcome obstacles that we never thought we could. We were overcrowded, but we continued to strive for excellence and were successful. Bonus: this is the first summer in a long time that we will not have any major work done in the building.

May brought us, in addition to unpredictable and unreliable weather, lots of activities and events for which we are so grateful. We thoroughly enjoyed teacher appreciation week – the committee was so thoughtful, from the morning news announcements to the afternoon raffles and all the treats in between. Every day brought a welcome surprise! We hope our volunteers plan on attending our volunteer reception the first week in June to celebrate YOU!

Mr. Jansson could not have held our field days without your help – every station was manned by an enthusiastic parent who made it special for our students to be active and enjoy the day. The Science Assembly was a huge hit, and most importantly, our Kindergarten Orientation was extremely successful, thanks to all of our PTA volunteers. Of course the last day of May was a flurry of activity, with Book Fair opening, the Kindergarten Heritage museum set up, and the Family picnic pulling our community back to school and bounce, eat, dance, and play!

Thank you for all you've done for us and for our students this year. We truly have the best PTA in MCPS and are so grateful for your support.

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## Media Moments

### Mrs. Karina Hirschhorn

Kindergarten culminated its busy school year with the Heritage Museum which was held during the family picnic. Thank you so much for encouraging your student to inquire about an artifact and share that with the school. We rounded out this inquiry project by creating more questions and exploring how to locate answers. The last lesson of the year will actually be identical to the first lesson of the year – a way I can show that we've come a long way in a very short time.

First grade is using the information we researched to learn how we can share the earth in a positive way. It's wonderful to see is how our students already do so much to share the earth simply because it's become a habit with us! Being green isn't just a research project; it's a way of life! We love it when what we do in the media center supports classroom and life content!

Each second grade class completed their inquiry project by experiencing what it takes to be motivated and persistent. From simulating being blind, deaf, and mute to trying to make paper fly, we had so much fun adding a kinetic connection to our research.

Third grade's issue research was extremely successful from the information literacy point of view! We really drilled down into note taking, main ideas, pro and con concepts to come up with an opinion that we can support and defend.

We are looking for all of our book returns for the year. Notices have gone out and we ask that you help your child return his/her books as quickly as possible. As per Mr. Derby's newsletter, any child with outstanding books will have their report cards held in the main office until the books are returned.

Once again, my simple words of appreciation are not enough. Thank you to all of my volunteers for their incredible support. There is absolutely no way we could have maintained a semblance of our circulation program without you. Thank you for your time and your patience.

Lastly, we will once again have our summer media program! Please visit our new [Summer Reading](#) page to get information and the dates and times when our media center will be open for read alouds and book circulation. See you in July!

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## Boxtops

### Annie Karp

Thank you to all the classes for participating in the Spring Boxtops Collection. The school collected over 6,000 Boxtops which means over \$600 for Cedar Grove! Congratulations to Mrs. Carroll's first graders who collected 2,083 Boxtops and celebrated with a Popsicle party on May 16th.



Please continue to clip and save your Boxtops over the summer. We will have another classroom contest this Fall!

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## Spring Concert

Mrs. Melanie Jackson



Thank you so very much to all of the parents, guardians, friends, and other family members who were able to attend the Spring Concert on May 29, 2014. Please know that your support of the music program means a lot to all of the music staff and of course the students here at Cedar Grove.

We also want to give our wonderful PTA a special "Thank You!" for providing the funds for us so we could secure the Clarksburg High School Auditorium for our concert. There were a few people that I forgot to mention in our program as well. Diego Villeda, Conner Pajuelo, Eymeris Acevedo, Manuela Ferro, (and any other students I may have forgotten) -- thank you for helping the chorus learn the words and the correct pronunciation for "Oye." Thank you to Mrs. Carol Davis, for being such an inspiration. Thank you to Mr. Sean English for your invaluable help during the concert. The chorus and instrumental students put in a tremendous amount of work to make sure the Spring Concert was a success but without your support the concert truly could not happen. Thank you for getting your child/children to the concert on time, thank you for having them dressed appropriately, and thank you for taking time out of your schedule to allow your child/children to shine.

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## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Ramsey Hawasly

The PTA sponsored Ice Cream Social and Joe Romano Magic Show is scheduled for Thursday, **June 5<sup>th</sup>** at **Rocky Hill Middle School**. Be sure to save the date for this exciting family event. The cost is \$5.00 per family. Staff from Montgomery County Public Libraries will provide more information regarding summer reading programs. More information will be sent home soon – be on the lookout for the flyer.

If you have any questions please contact me at [Ramsey Hawasly](#)



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## PTA Meeting Minutes

Please note that the monthly Cedar Grove PTA meeting minutes will be published on the PTA website, as well as sent out via the PTA listserv, instead of being published in the Bear Facts newsletter. The May PTA meeting minutes can be found at:

[www.cedargrovepta.org](http://www.cedargrovepta.org), under Main Menu, Meeting Minutes.

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