

# Bear Facts



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CEDAR GROVE PTA NEWSLETTER

June 2015

**PTA President:** Holly Jankowski  
**Principal:** Mr. Lee Derby

**Vice Presidents:** Annie Karp and Amy Hoffacker  
**Treasurer:** Anita Young

**Secretary:** Michele Tregoning



## PTA Vice-President's Message

- **Gr 3 FIELD TRIP- THOMPSON and WOO** June 1
- **Gr 3 FIELD TRIP – BIERRER and WONDERLING** June 2
- **PTA MEETING** June 2, 7pm
- **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION** June 3
- **Gr 4 POET'S TEA** June 5
- **SUMMER READING KICK OFF ASSEMBLY** June 9
- **Gr 5 PROMOTION CHS** June 10, 7pm
- **Gr 5 END OF YEAR PICNIC DAMASCUS REGIONAL PARK** June 11, 9:45am – 2:45pm
- **SGA DRIVE FOR SUPPLIES** June 11
- **SGA MEETING - Music Rm** June 12, 12:20pm- 1:00 pm
- **EARLY RELEASE – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** June 15
- **PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS** June 16

Dear Cedar Grove Families,

Another school year is coming to a close! We've accomplished a lot this year for the school, students, and community and couldn't have done it without the support of our amazing Cedar Grove ES Staff and extremely generous volunteers - both SSL students and parents! Special thanks also goes to the PTA Board members, Mrs. Hirschhorn, our staff liaison, Mr. Derby, and Mr. Delisle for all their hard work and dedication this year!

We've enjoyed many successful events in May with the Teacher Appreciation week, Spring Dance, Family Picnic, Book Fair, Silent Auction, Spirit Nights, Volunteer appreciation and more!

Our last PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd so hopefully you can join us and vote for two new PTA Board Members.

We hope everyone enjoys the summer with family and friends whether it's relaxing at home, vacations or various activities! The next school year will be here before you know it!

Sincerely,  
Amy Hoffacker (PTA Co-Vice President)

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## Staff Appreciation

### Michele Tregoning



May 4-8 was National Teacher Appreciation Week and we at Cedar Grove wanted to show our staff that they are very much appreciated!!!

Every staff member received treats in their mailboxes and were entered into the many daily raffle prize drawings. They were also treated to a morning of muffins, a salad bar luncheon, and a lounge full of fruit one day! Thank you to the following people who contributed to either our prize drawings or the yummy food during the week...Hawah Jalloh-Jamboria, Jenn Gorrie, Kristie Scott, Gladys Rodriguez, Maria Wyman, Revital Darmon, Jill Hooven, Annie Karp, Maria Bonilla, Jen Coakley, Sandra Hines, Denise Miller, Amy Mukhija, Chetena Karnati, Sonal Purohit, Laura Rogers, Chetan Paul, Jodi Wilbanks, Goldie Bagheri, and Shobha Rajan.

Thank you to the following local businesses who donated a gift card for our raffle drawings: Corner Bakery, Maggi's Deli, J & P in Damascus, Jimmie Cone, and Massage Envy.

Thank you also to all the families who brought something in for their teacher, wrote a note to their teacher, or made their teacher feel appreciated in some way throughout the week!

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## Book Fair

### Holly Jankowski

### Book fair chair and PTA President



Our Spring Book Fair was a huge success! We had a great turnout at our Spring Picnic and the students enjoyed finding some new titles. I hope everyone enjoys reading all summer long whether or not they have a new book from the book fair. READ every day!! We love putting new books in all our students' hands each time we have a week long book fair. Keep the reading alive all summer long in your home and you will see what a difference it makes in the Fall!

Have a wonderful summer and a great time exploring new places through reading!

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## The Intersection

Mrs. Karina Hirschhorn

As we enter June, we also enter the end of year race: days filled with end of year learning and culminating activities.

May brought us, in addition to almost zero transition to hot summer days, lots of activities and events for which we are so grateful. We thoroughly enjoyed teacher appreciation week –from the morning news announcements to the afternoon raffles and the wonderful food surprises! We hope our volunteers plan on attending our volunteer reception on June 3 to celebrate YOU!

Mr. Jansson could not have held our K-1 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 Cultural Arts 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, our trip to the MAEOE Youth Summit, 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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## Cultural Arts

Lori Andrus

Our last PTA sponsored Cultural Arts Assembly of the year was brought to us from the Smithsonian Associates Discovery Theater troupe, in honor of Asian American Pacific Heritage month. The show was titled "Tigers, Dragons, and Other Wise Tales", and it was held on Wednesday, May 20th, for all students at Cedar Grove Elementary. The children were exposed to some wonderful acting, beautiful costumes & sets, and some fabulous storytelling, as 4 different folktales, from different Asian cultures, were played out. The children also got to learn about each story's culture and some of the history of these Asian countries, they learned some of the languages from these countries, all the while sharing lots of laughs and having a lot of fun! I truly hope your children learned a lot and enjoyed the show! If you would like to learn more about the Smithsonian Associates Discovery Theater troupe, please visit their [website](#) .

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## Media Moments

### Mrs. Karina Hirschhorn

Kindergarten is culminating its school year with a final research project, taking a survey to find out which habitat animal we're most interested in, then using *Kidspiration* to create our own graphic organizer to help us organize our research. The last lesson of the year will actually be identical to the first lesson of the year – a way we can really see that we've come a long way in a very short time.

First grade is using the information we research to learn how we can share the earth in a positive way. What is wonderful to see is how our students already do so much 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!

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

My summer is going to be full of planning and preparation for next year – if the budget is approved, we're going TechMod, which means we will get new technology in the building – so I'll be busy with that! But of course we're also going to make it easy for our students to access great books!

We will again host our summer media program this year. Our PTA is sponsoring a summer reading kickoff, which will take place during the school day on June 9 – when, in addition to the magic of Joe Romano, we will have a representative from the Public Library speak about their summer reading program which Cedar Grove will incorporate in our summer reading challenge. Be sure to visit our [summer reading page](#), download the summer reading calendar, and come to our Wednesdays in July media time!

Thank you to all of my volunteers again 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.

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### ATTENTION CEDAR GROVE FAMILIES AND BUSINESS OWNERS

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Many thanks for supporting your school!

## PTA Meeting Minutes

Please note that the monthly Cedar Grove PTA meeting minutes will be published on the PTA website, instead of being published in the Bear Facts newsletter. Please check the May PTA [meeting minutes](#) on our PTA website [www.cedargrovepta.org](http://www.cedargrovepta.org)

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