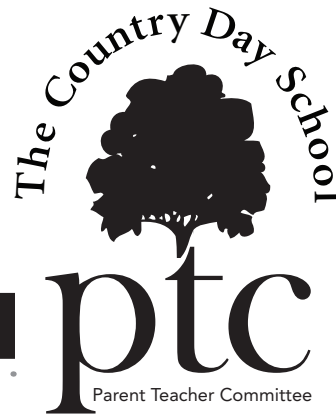


For PTC information check out the website:
www.TheCountryDaySchool.com/ptcstuff/ptcnews.html
or contact Jen Rolston at jen@edendesignco.com or 304-728-2508

(Thanks to webmaster Julie Wasielak for posting our info!)



Newsletter for October 2009

In Full Swing . . .

It's hard to believe that we've already been in school over a month! Where did September go? We had a great turnout for our Welcome Picnic and thanks to everyone who volunteered with setup and cleanup and all of you who shared your culinary specialties. One of the many things I love about CDS is that we know how to throw a spread of delicious food! About 10 families braved the weather and enjoyed a fun night of camping complete with campfire and smores and donuts for breakfast. Our own Suzi Homemaker even celebrated her birthday with us. Thanks to Kevin Chadwick for setting up the campfire.

PTC has been very busy planning great things for the next few months, here are the highlights:

PTC SCHOOLWIDE MEETING OCT. 15TH 3:45PM • 7PM
Please join us for our first PTC meeting—everyone is invited and homeroom parents are especially encourage to attend. We are meeting at two times to accommodate parent schedules. Homemade cookies and milk will be served at 3:45 and pizza at 7pm. Childcare will be provided for the 3:45 meeting; let us know if you need childcare for the 7:00 meeting.

WHY SHOULD YOU COME? IT WILL BE FUN!!

- To find out what PTC has planned for the year and help brainstorm new ideas for school activities and fundraising.
- To meet other CDS parents and teachers.
- To win door prizes. Everyone that attends will be entered in a drawing to win some fabulous CDS merchandise donated by Suzi Homemaker.
- To win a prize for your child's class: the class that has the most parents attend will win a Pumpkin Pie Party for the whole class!

October 30th will be **Halloween** at CDS with the class parties beginning at 1:30pm. More information to follow.

On **November 21st**, CDS will host a **Holiday Bazaar** from 10am-3pm where vendors can set up tables and sell their wares. Interested in a table? Call Suzi Crowder at 304-724-8333.

Box Tops

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another great year at Country Day School! My name is Jill Korn and I'm the volunteer coordinator for Box Tops for Education. This year, our goal is to raise **\$1000.00** for our school.

Box Tops offers three easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities such as buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books. Please see the attached flyer for details on the ways that you can help raise money for Country Day School through Boxtops for Education.

Please send in boxtops you have collected, with your child's grade written on the back of each boxtop. Participating classrooms will be entered in a monthly contest for a special treat for their class. This month's deadline for submission of boxtops is Monday, October 19th. Bring in those boxtops you've been saving all summer!

Sincerely,

Jill E. Korn
Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

**LAST CHANCE FOR SALLY FOSTER:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**OCTOBER 15:
Schoolwide PTC Meeting
Two times: 3:45pm • 7pm**

October 30: Halloween Party

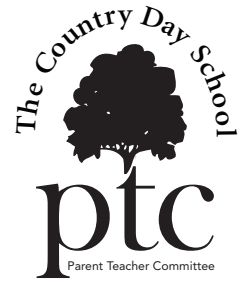
November 21: Holiday Bazaar

November 24: Thanksgiving Lunch

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Teacher Feature with Amy Ashman

by Bryan Gray



PTC: WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

Amy Ashman: I was born and spent most of my life in Warrenton, Virginia, but my Dad worked for the State Department, so I spent six years living and going to school in the Philippines.

PTC: WOW! THE PHILIPPINES? WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE.

A: Yes, it really was. Those six years made a real impact on my life; after all, the Philippines is a Third-World country. State Department employees lived comfortably, but many of the Filipinos lived in relative poverty. Even as a kid, I definitely noticed the discrepancy between the way I lived and the way my neighbors lived.

PTC: HOW HAS THAT EXPERIENCE IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

A: Well, before coming to CDS, I worked by choice as an art teacher in an extremely disadvantaged area of Chesapeake, Virginia. The school was Indian River High School. The kids there came from broken homes, and drug use and crime was prevalent in the community. I felt passionately about teaching those students to use or appreciate art as a way of expressing their feelings. I really loved that job and only left when I began to feel that the environment had actually become dangerous.

PTC: CDS IS REALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY YOU DESCRIBE INDIAN RIVER. HOW HAVE YOU ADJUSTED TO THE CHANGES?

A: It is different – but in a good way. I love the family environment here – the way the whole school works together to create a safe and open community. I love the way our campus is full of the beauty of the natural world, and I often try to incorporate that beauty into art projects.

PTC: HERE YOU TEACH BOTH MATH AND ART. IT MUST BE A CHALLENGE.

A: Sure, but I welcome that challenge. I always say that teaching math and art gets BOTH sides of my brain working. It's funny how life comes full-circle. When I started my undergraduate studies at George Mason University I was actually studying to become a math teacher, but I ended up graduating from Old Dominion with a degree in art education. Doing both here at CDS is rewarding.

PTC: TEACHING TWO SUBJECTS MUST KEEP YOU BUSY. DO YOU EVER HAVE TIME FOR FUN?

A: Teaching IS fun! Yes, it does keep me busy, but I have lots of fun in my off time. I spend a lot of time with my family. I have a son, Jason, who is in First Grade here, and I'm expecting another child in March. I'd love to have more time for my own art projects, especially to work in stained glass which I love.

PTC: THANKS FOR TALKING TO US, MRS. ASHMAN.

In this column, PTC will interview a different teacher each month. Have someone in mind for us to interview? Let us know!

In Full Swing . . . *continued from front*

November 24th will be our annual schoolwide Thanksgiving luncheon.

In addition to the Holiday Bazaar, other planned fundraisers include a Make and Sell Holiday Wreath & Garland Party; Spaghetti Dinners; Pancake Breakfasts (or dinners); custom CDS chocolates; CDS Car Magnets; and CDS EcoBags. Stay tuned for more info on all these great ideas.

Lastly, since PTC is the Parent-Teacher Committee, we can't forget our fine teachers and all the lengths they go above and beyond to provide excellent learning environments for our kids. Each year, PTC provides teachers with a stipend to buy extra items for their classrooms—items that ultimately benefit our children. The stipend is usually given in the Spring, but this year, PTC has decided to give \$75 now and another \$75 in the Spring. It's the least we can do to show our teachers how much we appreciate all that they do.

We will also be doing the Catch a Falling Star program this year where teachers can post items they would like to have and parents can provide them if they wish. Often times these may be items you have lying around that you no longer need.

Thanks again for everyone's help and input. See you at the meeting on the 15th!

Say hello to Laura Carter, our new Treasurer. Since Rick Shuman is very busy with his job at CDS, Laura has volunteered to help PTC and take over his position as Treasurer. Laura is mother to Aiden White, 2nd Grade, and with her husband Eric owns the boutique Blue River in Shepherdstown.



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