

# DRAGONHILLS

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## Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

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Note the change  
in setup time!!

### MARK THE DATES!

- Mar 19 Carnival Setup – 6 PM
- Mar 20 Carnival – All Day
- Mar 26 Capstone Interactive Library trial ends
- Mar 29-Apr 6 NO SCHOOL - Spring break

### Check it Out!

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Carnival tickets are still on sale tomorrow March 19 9-9:15 AM outside the All-Purpose room. The tickets may be purchased at 20 tickets for \$10. Payment: cash or checks payable to OES PTA. We look forward to seeing you at the Carnival!

Carnival is on  
Saturday!

OES Carnival Info  
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OLNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS: THE PTA-SPONSORED



# SPRING CARNIVAL

Saturday, March 20, 2010

11:00am-3:00pm

We invite you to join us for fun and excitement at this year's school carnival!!!

- \* We will be having a moon bounce, cake walk and plenty of other games and activities for the kids.
- \* Come try your luck in our raffle. You can win an outing with your favorite teacher or other fun items.
- \* Don't forget our famous bake sale and cake walk!
- \* New games/activities include Hi-Striker, Gone Fishing, Haunted Maze and Used Book Sale!

The Carnival promises to be the BIGGEST school event of the year! Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors to join us!

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

# Carnival Poster Contest!

Your Carnival organizers would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the students who entered posters in this year's Carnival Poster Contest! Your posters are now all over the school. Your teachers will be handing out your Carnival Coupons, and the drawings for the Golden Tickets will be during announcements the day before Carnival. If you want to keep your poster, you have to take it down yourself after Carnival. Thanks and good job everybody!

# It's Yearbook Picture Time

It's that time of year again everyone...yearbook! Our theme is the Environment. Send in your pictures to Paulene C. Foster-Whitmore at [pfosterw@yahoo.com](mailto:pfosterw@yahoo.com) or call 240-277-2557.

- going green
- earthy etc..
- first day of school
- musicals etc.
- class parties
- Halloween
- school bus stop
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade memories
- lunch
- field trips
- field day



# Bake Sale Reminders

Thanks to all who have volunteered to make items for the bake sale. Without your baked goods donations, the bake sale would not be possible! I have just a few reminders to help things go smoothly. We request that all items be free of nuts. Please wrap items individually or in small groups. For example, you could place a few cookies in a zip bag or wrap a single brownie in plastic wrap. Also, while cookies and brownies are tasty treats, we welcome other items like loaves of bread, pies, cakes, cupcakes, candies, etc.

Bakers can drop the items at school during Carnival set-up on Friday which begins at 6pm or on Saturday morning at 9:30 am before the carnival begins. Items should be dropped off outside the music room. If you are baking for the cakewalk, we will have rolling carts outside the music room and you can drop them off there. We will get them to the correct room for you! If you have any questions, please email Kathrtine Frederick at [skf5@verizon.net](mailto:skf5@verizon.net) or call me at 301-570-6393.

## ATTENTION 5TH GRADE FAMILIES

We are still looking for pictures of your children for the Memories Montage to be shown at the 5th Grade Reception in June.

The pictures should be group shots of the kids during grades K-5. Field trips, classroom parties, field day, Halloween parades, bus stop pictures, patrol pictures, etc. are needed. DUE TO THE BLIZZARD OF 2010, THE PICTURE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 31ST. THIS GIVES YOU AN EXTRA MONTH TO GET THOSE PICTURES TOGETHER! If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Lyon ([ruthlyon44@msn.com](mailto:ruthlyon44@msn.com)) or Eve Margol ([EveTM@aol.com](mailto:EveTM@aol.com)).

**MCPS** schools are testing a new digital library called

## Capstone Interactive Library

CIL can be accessed throughout the district, schools, and in students' homes 24/7. **From now until March 26** all students and educators in **MCPS** schools are encouraged to use this resource. The Capstone Interactive Library includes 206 interactive books on science, social studies, reading skill development and some just for fun!

**Help your struggling and reluctant readers gain confidence and achieve success with reading. Capstone Interactive Library™ helps preK-grade 8 students practice reading, learn vocabulary, and develop pronunciation skills in an engaging technology-based format they will feel comfortable with and enjoy using.**

- \* Target your English Language Learners, RTI and special needs students
- \* Raise achievement scores for struggling readers
- \* Bridge the language and achievement gap
- \* Download your FREE white paper!

**Visit:** [www.mycapstonelibrary.com](http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com)

**Login:** mcps

**Password:** trials

Choose a book and enjoy.

**Take advantage of this free trial! Remember, it ends March 26.**

**For more information or a free demonstration please contact:**

**THE DEMOS GROUP: Gus, Mary Ellen & Jim Demos**

**[cdemos@sprynet.com](mailto:cdemos@sprynet.com) 800-997-426**

# Spirit Clothing Sale

The Olney Elementary Spirit Clothing Sale is underway and runs until April 9th. This is a great opportunity for you and your children to "wear" their school spirit with pride. All order forms including either cash or a check made out to Olney Elementary PTA should be returned to classroom teachers. Don't forget to check out the samples of clothing outside the cafeteria. There are a number of exciting new items on display. Remember, this is a PTA fundraiser. Show your school spirit wherever you go!



Join Us at our Monthly Speaker Meeting!

**March 24<sup>th</sup> 2009**

## When Support Does Not Feel Supportive: Making the Most of Relationships with Professionals and Extended Family

Though reaching out for support can make a world of difference for any family coping with ADHD, it is not always true that support feels supportive. There are times when well intentioned professionals (doctors, therapists, teachers, etc.) and / or family members can make attempts to help that result in frustration.

This presentation will focus on skills which help parents to better assess what is happening in these sometimes complicated relationships and to overcome conflict, misunderstanding, and painful interactions. Our aim will be to find ways to be able to get the kind of support that is truly needed and to reduce frustration.

**Location:** **Twinbrook Library**, 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville, 240-777-0240 (in Twinbrook Shopping Center on Viers Mill Road between Twinbrook Parkway and Route 28)

**Time:** **7:15 - 9:15 p.m.**

**About the Presenter:** Erica Berger is a licensed clinical social worker, in DC and Maryland, with more than 15 years of experience. She practices as part of Alvord Baker & Associates, an innovative therapy practice with offices in Silver Spring and Rockville. She provides a broad range of counseling services including: individual, family, couples and group therapy. In addition, Erica has completed the Intensive Clinical Externship Program in Family Therapy at the Ackerman Institute for the Family in New York. Areas of specialty include: anxiety, depression, ADHD, family communication, family transitions, adolescent development, adjustment to illness, and bereavement. Erica has and continues to provide clinical supervision to other social workers.

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**From the Media Center :**

**Congratulations to Ms. Franey and Ms. Friedlander's classes! Last week both classes had no overdue books on Thursday when we ran the weekly reports. We held a random drawing of the students from both winning classes and awarded ten carnival tickets (courtesy of the PTA Carnival Committee) to six winners. They were: Tanner Young, Emma McCabe, and Holly Neal from Ms. Friedlander's class and Taya Marshall, Sophia Guzman, and Sarah Litman in Ms. Franey's class.** This is a significant accomplishment because 140 students did have books overdue and some have been on the overdue list for more than a month. This week we will hold a similar drawing for the classes with no overdue books. The media center is open every day for book exchange or to drop off books that are finished or due, even if your child's class does not come for instruction on that day. We encourage students to return books as soon as they are finished so that they can check out another.

Secondly, do not become alarmed if your child receives an overdue notice for a book. This is just a weekly reminder to say turn this item in or renew it if you need extra time to finish. We do not charge fines for overdue books. Instead we try to teach students responsible borrowing habits. We run overdue notices every Thursday and until your child's account clears they will get one if the calendar date is beyond the due date stamped on the book. The media center places the overdue notices in each teacher's mailbox. If they do not give them to the students on the day they are issued, then a student may return their book on Thursday afternoon and get the overdue slip from the teacher on Friday or Monday. In this case the account has cleared but the student thinks they still owe the book. This is a difficult concept to understand, especially for the primary grades. Each slip is dated in the top right hand corner when it is printed. Please check this date and ask your child when they returned the book. If there are any questions, we check the student's account and then the shelves to see if perhaps the book was filed without being scanned in. We have about 570 students and some borrow multiple books each week. Errors do happen sometimes, but we do our best to keep readers happy and books circulating. If your child has not been able to check out a new book in a while this means they have one or more overdue books. We are getting near the end of the 3rd marking period. Please help us recover all overdue materials.

Thank you,

Mrs. Brunn & Mrs. Hall

## CARNIVAL PRESALE TICKETS

Tickets for carnival will be used to purchase most food items, games and crafts.

Presale tickets will still be available before school on tomorrow Friday March 19 from 9:00am-9:15am outside the All-Purpose room.

Please send your student with exact change or a check payable to OES PTA for \$10.00 per 20 tickets purchased.

Any questions regarding tickets, please contact Liz Goldstein at 301-570-2812 or Maureen Graham at 301-260-2998.

## CARNIVAL PARKING

Please remember a few things when parking for carnival:

- \* Please **do not park in the circle in front of the school!!** It will be used as a drop-off and delivery zone for carnival supplies.
- \* Please **remember our neighbors** and do not block their driveways.
- \* Please do walk to Carnival if possible, or carpool with your friends and neighbors as parking will be tight.
- \* Parking will be permitted at **Sandy Spring Bank** after 12pm in either of their lots.
- \* **The Julia Brown Montessori School** is allowing us to use their lot as well.
- \* Please observe all parking regulations. Be aware that a \$250 fine may be imposed if you block a fire truck entrance or park on the "No Parking" side of the street.
- \* **MOST OF ALL, PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR PEDESTRIANS!!**

## SHUTTERBUGS WANTED

Please bring your camera and take lots of pictures. Your kids will be thrilled to see their pictures in next year's yearbook!!