

March 10, 2008

Shark Bytes

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Important Dates

March 18
Technology Fair
March 21-30
Spring Break- School Closed
April 2, 7pm
PTA Meeting
April 15
Science Fair
April 17
Kindergarten Registration
April 19
Spring Fair

Direct Donation

Our campaign *It's Easy as A-B-C!* has been successful with generous contributions from families, faculty, staff and local businesses. However, it is nearing the end. If your contribution has not reached us yet, please help us reach our goal now. You have until April 1st to get your donation in. Time is running out! Any amount is helpful. Thank you.
-The Direct Donation Committee

Eco-Nights

The bluebird house building eco-night had to be cancelled twice because of weather. The make-up has been combined with the March activity. On April 22nd we will have Eric Cromwell here to show us how to use a GPS and we will do a geocache scavenger hunt. There are still a few spaces available for this activity. We will meet in room 115 at 6:30 p.m. On May 20th we will do a bird walk and there are also a few spots open for this activity. If you are interested in bringing your family to join us and have not signed up, please email Pokey Fair at efair@bcps.org.

Help Wanted!

Shark Bytes Newsletter needs a new committee head for the '08-'09 school year. The newsletter committee is responsible for collecting PTA news, creating and editing the monthly newsletter, and copying and distributing the newsletter to families. Volunteers are on board to help with the distribution, but we need someone to head the committee and take on the newsletter creation and editing. If you are interested please contact Mary Maher at 472-9339, marymaher@gmail.com.

Science Fair

The annual Sparks Science Fair will take place on April 15th. We currently have 175 students in grades K-5 signed up to participate. Projects are to be brought to the gym on April 15th at 8:45 a.m. Classes will view the projects throughout the day. Parents are invited back to come see the projects from 5-7 p.m. At 6:45 p.m. we will have a brief recognition ceremony for all participants. We will also have a science book fair in the evening. Fourth and fifth graders have the option to present their projects to a panel of judges. A winner will be selected from each grade to represent our school at the county level competition. April 15th will be here before we know it! Don't wait to get started on those projects! Still looking for ideas? Try www.sciencebuddies.com The topic selection wizard on this website is very helpful! Don't forget that we cannot grow any molds or bacterias or do any experimentation with vertebrates! If you have any questions please contact Pokey Fair at efair@bcps.org.

Recycling

Since we are a Green School, we recycle year round! We have containers in the lobby to collect paper, ink cartridges, and cell phones! We encourage you to send these items in with your child. We also recycle bottles, but ask that you DO NOT send in extra bottles but recycle those in your home with Baltimore County curbside pick-up. Thank you for your continuing support of this effort!

Middle School Parents

The Hereford Middle School PTA welcomes YOU! Next year's committees are forming and you're invited! Everyone is welcome. Please consider your strengths and ways in which you can contribute to your child's education. Every child needs you. Your help is needed on the following committees: Membership, Hospitality, Reflections, Scholarships, Volunteers and Environmental. For more information please call Cindy Kobbe (410) 472-9387 or Catherine Webb (443) 212-5049. Thanks for your consideration.

PTA Board '08-'09

The Sparks PTA needs you! Many PTA Board and Committee Chair positions are open for the 2008-2009 school year. If you would like to discuss these opportunities please contact Vandy Harman at vandyharman@hotmail.com.



*Have a pleasant
Spring Break!*

Sparks Elementary

SPRING FAIR



April 19th

Sand Art • Bake Sale • DJ
Dippin' Dots • Pie toss
Hereford Fire Truck

11-2:00

Chick-Fil-A • Prizes
Nail & Hair Painting
Fortune Teller • Limbo

We can't do it without you, Please Volunteer!

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