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2008-2009 School Year, No. 8

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kristen Ruiz

**W**e are now into the 4th quarter. It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over! The weather is beautiful and spring fever is definitely in the air!

There are many things that are going on at Bond Mill and we are as busy as ever. We just finished our Revved Up For Reading fundraiser and we were able to raise \$2,165 through the generosity of our parents and community. The PTO will split the profits with the school per our agreement and the PTO will receive about \$1,000. This money will fund some of next year's activities. I would like to thank Liz Steenrod and Kim House for their hard work on this fundraiser. The children who participated were invited to a reading celebration where they exchanged books and ate good food.

The date has been extended for the 5th and 6th graders to purchase tiles for the hallways at Bond Mill to April 24th. The tiles only cost \$15 and the profits from the tiles will help to fund next year's art program. We have had a great year with Mrs. Collins teaching our children art and definitely want her to come back next year. As of today, we have raised approximately \$1,500 from the sale of the tiles. We need about \$8,000 to be able to fund the PTO supplemental art program for next year. I would like to thank Debi Collins for all of her hard work in putting the art fundraiser together.

### PTO CALENDAR

Chick-fil-A Bond Mill Night	April 24
Cheeburger Bond Mill Night	May 12
Playspace Meeting	May 14
Bond Mill Carnival	May 16
PTO Meeting	May 21
PTO Elections	May 27
Cactus Willies Bond Mill Night	June 12
Bond Mill Anniversary	June 13

We have three family fun nights in the next few months. Please save April 24th for our Chick-fil-A Bond Mill Night. Eat in the restaurant or go to the drive-thru from 5-9pm and tell them you are from Bond Mill and we will receive 20% of the night's sales from Bond Mill families. The restaurant is located at Contee Road and Route 1.

On May 12th from 5-9pm, we will be hosting another Bond Mill night at Cheeburger Cheeburger in Burtonsville. Show the flyer that will come home in the Friday folder and we will receive 15% of the evening's sales from Bond Mill friends and family.

On June 12th we will be hosting our last Bond Mill family night of the school year at Cactus Willies on Route 1 starting at 5pm.

Cactus Willies will be donating 15% of the Bond Mill sales. All of the family fun night profits will benefit the PTO.

Last but not least, save May 16th for the Annual PTO Carnival from 10am-3pm and June 13th for the Bond Mill 40th Anniversary Celebration from 3-7pm. Hope to see you there!

Elections for next year's PTO Executive Board will be May 27th at 6:30pm. All nominations need to be submitted to Amy Brennan on or before May 12th. If you are interested in running for a position you may check the website ([www.bondmillpto.org](http://www.bondmillpto.org)) for position descriptions and you can even fill out a nomination form on the website. Please consider running and supporting the PTO. Without parental leadership and support we won't be able to offer so many enriching activities for Bond Mill's students.

Our next PTO meeting will be on May 21st at 6pm in the media center. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our spring PTO general meeting, where we will approve the budget and elect officers for the 2009-2010 school year, will be held on May 27th at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room before the spring instrumental concert.

Thanks,

- Kristen

## PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD — 2008-2009

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## Attention Students and Parents ON-LINE CONTEST FOR STAFF MEMBERS FOR MAY!

Students - how would you like to get MORE recess time? Yes, you read that correctly. If you submit your nomination online for the May Staff Member of the month, your child's class is eligible for an Extra Recess Pass. The winning class will be the one that has the highest percentage of nominations submitted via the PTO website. The Extra Recess Pass will be used at the discretion of your teacher and principal. Go to the PTO website at <http://bondmillpto.org> and click on the Staff Member of the Month Nomination Form in the Main Menu section or click on PTO Surveys on the top menu and choose Bond Mill Staff Member of the Month Nomination Form. Vote only once for each student in your family. 🏠

## BOND MILL NEEDS YOU!

It's that time of year again where the current PTO Executive Board is accepting nominations for the 2009-2010 School year. We are fortunate that Bond Mill has such an active group of parents who know that their involvement helps to make the school even better. Do you know a parent that you think would be a real asset to the Board? If so, go online and complete the nomination form on the PTO Bond Mill website by clicking on PTO Surveys on the top menu bar. If you aren't sure of what the positions are or what the responsibilities are go to the PTO Library - > PTO Executive Board Positions. **The deadline for submission of nominations is 5:00 pm May 12.** 🏠

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank all of the families who provided food for the April staff luncheon. The staff looks forward to this date each month. The next luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday May 5th. 🏠

## DO YOU STILL LIKE TO COLOR WITH CRAYONS?

Then, please join the BMES Playspace Committee and Learning Structures, Inc. on the evening of Thursday, May 14th at 7 p.m.. Learning Structures Community-Built Playgrounds, Inc. will be meeting with the Bond Mill and West Laurel community for our Playspace Planning Day! This will be a great opportunity for our us to come together and design our own, unique playground! This company has helped hundreds of communities build their own playgrounds over the last 35 years. We hope to gather the children and adults (who might be children still) and let them express their ideas through words and crayons! These ideas will help to create our own playground design with our own theme. There will be a slide show presentation including what the children at Bond Mill dreamed and imagined for their new playground earlier the same day. Look for a separate flier coming home soon or visit the PTO website for more information about the BES Project Playspace at <http://bondmillpto.org/docs/committees/Bond%20Mill%20Play%20Space%20Refurbishment%20Project%203-19-09.pdf>. If you're interested in seeing a community playground build in action by this company, contact Dawn Bell at 301 7245 3407 for directions to one occurring this Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26 in Baltimore. Some Bond Mill parents are already excited and planning on checking this community build out! 🏠

## COTTON CANDY IS IN THE AIR

The Carnival Event is rapidly approaching and needs your help to make it as successful this year as in years past. A volunteer sign-up sheet has been sent home in students folders. Please consider volunteering during the carnival by completing and submitting this form or strapped for time?...you can also go to the Bond Mill PTO website and sign up...easy as 1-2-3. The website link is: [http://bondmillpto.org/joomla/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=116&Itemid=85](http://bondmillpto.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=116&Itemid=85). 🏠

## BOND MILL 40TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

***"Footprints from our Past –  
Footsteps Toward our Future."***

Have you been wondering what your former elementary classmates and colleagues have been up to over the last 5, 15, 30 or 40 years? Well wonder no more! Join the celebration as the Bond Mill Family celebrates 40 -- yes 40 years. This community celebration will take place on Saturday, June 13th from 3-7pm. Not only will you be able to catch up with former classmates and colleagues over food, fun, and a good time, but you will also see how much the school has changed. You will also have the awesome opportunity to give back to school by contributing to the Bond Mill Playspace Refurbishment Project.

To attend this event is free of charge but donations will be welcomed at the door. RSVPs requested: <http://bondmillpto.org> or by calling Rhonda Whitley at 202-258-3238. 🏠

## STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

REMINDER: If you have not submitted your "Staff Member of the Month" for April paper voting, you can now submit it online! Just keep in mind that you should submit either the paper form OR the electronic form – NOT BOTH. The form can be submitted for each student per family at Bond Mill. The form is accessible on the home page of the new PTO website (<http://bondmillpto.org>). 🏠

## MAY PTO MEETING

May 21, 6:00 pm at Bond Mill.