

PTA NEWS

SPRING CREEK MATANZAS CHARTER SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2011

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA LEADERSHIP

It was terrific to see so many of you at the Open House a couple of weeks ago and at the Welcome Back BBQ and Movie Night, which was a resounding success. This annual event is always a great opportunity for you to meet and/or reconnect with other parents and your children's friends.

We are pleased to announce that our first fundraising effort, the Entertainment Book is complete with 240 books sold, which is just short of our goal of 300 books. Thank you to the students that sold one or more books. We truly appreciate it! Prizes for students that sold books will be delivered by mid-October. If you still happen to have a book at home that you did not pay for, please either submit your \$30 payment or return the book to the school office.

A mission of our PTA is to provide the best in educational support to our students and teachers. We have managed to continue this mission successfully despite the economic downturn. For example, Spring Creek and Matanzas have a exciting drama program back this year where every child will have a chance to learn a theatrical piece and complete a live performance for parents and classmates. So far, the upper grades at Matanzas have kicked off the program and are busy rehearsing with their scripts. Thank you to Bridget Palmer, Director at Santa Rosa Children's Theater for her time and devotion to our children and for providing them with this wonderful experience.

Parents, this is your fundraising dollars at work!

Tina Paradise, President
Dina McCarthy, Exec. Vice President

Thank you to Tracy Calmer, Tina Paradise, and Angie Harrison for volunteering to organize Entertainment books for every classroom and a HUGE thank you to the teachers and both office managers for helping with the tracking of the books sold or returned.

Also, for the Welcome Back BBQ the PTA would like to thank our supportive principals, the PTA volunteers listed below, and the 6th grade students, teachers, and parents that helped fundraise for 6th grade camp! We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Top Jump (the Dueck Family) for donating the movie screen and popcorn machines. The PTA also appreciates these parents for helping out at this event: Alicia DeCoite & family, Sunnie Robles-Schmidt & family, Angie & Mike Harrison, Sharon Dommer, Julian Benton, Kelly & Jason Mackura, Liz Potts, Tracy Calmer, Ali Quattrocchi, Scott Wolmuth, Dina McCarthy, and Tina Paradise.



CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 12 (6:30pm)
PTA Meeting - Matanzas Library

Thursday, October 20 (3-10pm)
SCM Crepevine Dine & Donate

Thursday, October 27
Spring Creek Make-up Photo Day

Tuesday, November 1 - Thursday, Nov. 10
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 3
SCM Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser

Friday, November 4 - Wednesday, November 9
Spring Creek Book Fair

Friday, November 11
Veteran's Day
No School



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



We're off to a great start this year! Thank you to the many parents and staff who have already joined our PTA so far. Membership forms are available in the school office..Membership is just \$6.00. If you have any questions, please contact Alicia DeCoite at licia75@sbcglobal.net.
Reminder: Classes with the most members from each campus will receive a pizza party.

Our current membership numbers are:
Total Memberships: 156

Matanzas: 86
Spring Creek: 70

QUESTIONS?

The Spring Creek Matanzas PTA is here to support students, their parents and teachers. If you would like to know more about us please go to our website at www.scmpta.org or email us at msccharterpta@yahoo.com. For more information about our charter school or the district go to rvusd.org.





FUNDRAISING

Cherrydale kicks off at both schools on Wednesday, Sept 28th and runs through Weds, Oct 12th.

All orders and money are due on **October 12th**. The class with the highest in sales at each school will win a pizza party!

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Oct 20 @ Crepevine

Nov. 3 @ Chuck E Cheese

Please check in your Thursday folders for flyers and other important fundraising information. Remember all funds raised by the PTA go to sponsor school-wide programs and events throughout the year! Thanks in advance for your continued support,

Tracy Calmer, Vice President of Fundraising

eScrip UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the eScrip table at BBQ/Movie night and signed up or renewed — it is much appreciated!!

Please don't miss this opportunity to help the Spring Creek Mantanzas PTA raise easy money by simply making your everyday purchases! For everyone that has a Safeway Card registered with eScrip - PLEASE RENEW on www.escrip.com by November 1st - Safeway cards need to be renewed each year to keep contributions coming.

There is a new link on SCMPA website in fundraising page (*Thanks to Colleen for getting it on there!*) It is an eScrip online mall link that leads to popular shopping sites. Next time you shop, start at the link on website and eScrip will contribute up to 16% of online purchases! Can choose from over 1000 online merchants! This link can be used by eScrip and non-eScrip shoppers.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers Needed We need your help!

Parent involvement is critical in building our great school! Send a powerful message to your kids that their education counts and VOLUNTEER.



Our PTA coordinates many activities to build our community and raise school funds - parents play a vital role in this effort.

For a list of volunteer opportunities please go to our website's homepage at www.scmpta.org.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS and SPECIAL EVENTS



Every school year the PTA sponsors "free" family events to thank our families for their support and build a better school-wide community.

We have four events planned for the school year:

- Family Movie Night (Nov./Dec.)
- Family Game Night (January)
- Family Reading Night in conjunction with the Matanzas Book Fair
- Family "Go Green" Event in conjunction with Earth Day 2012

Look in future newsletters and Thursday folders for details. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events please contact Cathy England at chejme@earthlink.net or at 707.843.9360.

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BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM FAMILY KEY TO BUILDING CHILD'S SELF-ESTEEM

By Randy Craig, Editorial Manager

Helping a child build self-esteem is a crucial and often difficult task for parents. One easy tip for parents to remember is that they are the models for their child's self-esteem. The effects of a parent self-esteem trickle down to his or her children. Read on for more ways parents can strengthen their children's self-esteem.



Family serves as the foundation for self-esteem. Having a healthy, functioning family does more to build a child's self-esteem than anything. It does not matter if the family is of the single-parent variety or the traditional nuclear family. It just needs to be a healthy place for children to thrive in.

Other tips:

Don't be a Parachute Parent – You can't always "parachute" in to solve your child's problems. Empower your child to take care of his or her own business when appropriate. Be available but also teach them how to handle challenges on their own.

Disappointment is OK – There is a whole generation of parents who don't ever want their children to feel bad. You see this in things like sports leagues where every kid gets a trophy. This treatment and over-protection makes for unrealistic expectations from life. Our sole job is to prepare (children) for adulthood. And as adults, you don't always get a prize.

Sincere Praise – Tell them when they do well and when they do poorly tell them so in a loving way. False praise leads to more unrealistic expectations.

Say No – The word "no" is a love word. Children must learn they cannot have everything they want. This teaches them to be more discerning.

For more information and updates: www.scmpta.org