



## from the Principal's Desk

### ASK THE PRINCIPAL

**Q:** Grandparents for lunch was great. Could we have it more than once a year?

**A:** Next year, we'll look at having a lunch in the Fall and again in the Spring.

**Q:** Do you need volunteers for Field Day

**A:** Yes. Please contact Ms. Gouldin. Field Day is Friday, May 9th.

**Q:** Does everyone take the SOL tests?

**A:** No. Only students in grades 3, 4, and 5 do.

**Q:** Are you doing a Kindergarten Orientation again this year?

**A:** We will have an Open House for new Kindergarten students on Friday, April 25th.

**Q:** Where does the Fundraiser money go?

**A:** This year, most of the proceeds will be used to enhance technology in the classrooms.

**Q:** How do I get my child into a Pre-K program?

**A:** Please contact our Family Advocate, Ellen Vaughan.

**Q:** What's Man-Up?

**A:** It's a new program at Ward this year that encourages men to step up and be involved in the child's school. We welcome the men in a child's family to be involved. Please contact our Family Advocate, Ellen Vaughan, for more information.



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## from the PTA President



**Happy Beginning of Spring!! . . . Finally!!!**



As we all are starting to prepare for the final leg of this school year, let me first begin by saying "Thank you" to everyone who has supported and continues to support our Ward PTA! Even through our challenges we have remained focused and committed to ensuring that our students, faculty & staff continue to receive the support and resources needed to continue in providing excellence to our students.

Your Ward PTA has been busy working and planning many of our spring and year-end activities. We recently held a Volunteer Round -Up, where we solicited the aide and commitment from our parents and grandparents in carrying out the PTA mission. I have personally thanked each of them for answering the call to serve not only for the remainder of this school year but for many, next year as well. So, once again I say **"Thank You"**! There are still areas of need, have not considered serving, I would like to extend an invitation for you to consider - - You school & PTA needs YOU!!

We are currently looking for volunteers to support us in the following areas:

- VP Programs
- Volunteer Coordinator & committee
- Scholarship committee
- Special Programs Coordinator & committee
- Communications committee
- Teacher Appreciation & committee
- Box Tops Committee (Don't forget...we are currently in our Box Tops Challenge until April 11, 2014, so send in those Box Tops!!)
- Nomination committee (We need to assemble this committee as soon as possible! So, if you are interested please contact me as soon as possible)



If you are interested in serving on a committee or leading the group, please forward your contact information to: [WardPTAPres@gmail.com](mailto:WardPTAPres@gmail.com) or on the sign-up sheet in the front office. I look forward to meeting & working with you!! Welcome Aboard!

Angela Clark Greene  
President, Ward PTA

## BOX TOP CONTEST CONTINUES!

**The Box Top Contest ENDS Friday, April 11, 2014!**

The ONE class that submits the most Box Tops will receive a SPECIAL recognition /award from the PTA!!



4/10 - Rising Stars perform for the PTA @ 6:30

4/11 - Career Day

4/24 - Rising Stars perform for the Henrico County School Board @ 6:30 pm

4/30 - Rising Stars & Fifth Grade Talent Show @ 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 pm

5/9 - Field Day

6/13 - 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony

## YEARBOOK NEWS!

**THE DEADLINE FOR BUYING YEARS BOOKS IS APRIL 28TH!**

Yearbooks are \$15 and can be ordered with cash/check envelopes or they can be ordered online at **Strawbridge Studios**.



## from the Family Advocate

Hello all Ward families!

It is such a joy to be the Family Advocate here at Ward with such wonderful experiences with the students, staff, parents, grandparents and many others. I would like to share some wonderful news about upcoming events and our Math Art night.

On 3/20/14 many families came to participate with the Math Art night and many wonderful crafts were made, yummy supper and a surprise visit from Henrico Fire. The Henrico Fire staff set up a table and shared home safety information with the parents and gave our students goodies. I want to thank all the families that came and participated with this event and all our staff that assisted. Most of all our Art teacher who planned this workshop for us.

Please watch for a flyer to come home soon for our Health & Nutrition event that will happen on 4/3/14, starting at 5:45pm with Taco Bar. We are very excited about what our gym teacher has planned for this event. We hope to see everyone there!

We are taking applications for Pre-K children for the 2014-2015 school year, who will be age 4 by September 30th. You can contact your family advocate to get a packet and schedule a date to complete an application. Thank You Ward parents for all your support to Ward and all you do to help our school be positive and a place to welcome everyone.



Your Family Advocate  
Ellen Vaughan

### Grandparent Lunch



What a wonderful day with the grandparents! We added up the totals from the sign in sheets and came up with 340 in attendance.

**THANK YOU** for taking time to have lunch with your student! We know they appreciate you and so do we!



There are many ways to stay connected with your PTA this school year.

- Follow our blog to keep informed with the latest Ward PTA updates!
- From the blog, click on the Newsletter tab and sign up to receive our PTA monthly newsletter via e-mail!
- Facebook fans can also follow our *Henry Ward Elementary PTA* Facebook group.



## WARD SPIRIT NIGHTS!!



### SWEET FROG (WHITE OAK)

Thursday, April 3: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Friday, May 23: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm



### CHICK-FIL-A (WHITE OAK)

Monday, April 28: 4:00 pm 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 14th: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm