



Deep Run High School

PTSA Newsletter



Principal's Message
 By Aaron Spence, Ed.D., Principal

Dear Wildcat Family,

Wildcat Pride is running deep around here right now! I want to tell you that we are energized and electrified as we enter the 2007-2008 school year. Last year was an amazing year and a challenging year in many ways, and I know that we will build on our past to create an even better present and an exciting future!

And speaking of the future, our theme this year is *Leading the Way in the 21st Century!* We recognize that as educators, it is our obligation to prepare our students for the remarkable world they are to be living in. To do so, we must give them both the academic skills and the 21st Century skills they will need to be successful—the ability to work well in teams, to think critically and problem-solve, to communicate, and to use technology to explore and share their learning. We are excited and committed as a faculty to making sure our students gain these skills in our classrooms.

At Deep Run we are proud of our students, and we are proud of the learning that takes place here each and every day. We know that this learning cannot take place without the strong partnership that exists between our parents, teachers, and students. This partnership is exemplified by the fine work being done by our Deep Run PTSA. I am proud to be a member of the PTSA and encourage all parents, teachers, and students to join this

important organization. As you will discover in this newsletter, the PTSA has been actively supporting students and instruction at Deep Run, and we value their work and support.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

Back to School Night
Monday, September 17th At 6:30

- Short PTSA Meeting
- Meet Your Students' Teachers

" The 180 Tour"

What: Crystal Miller, a former Columbine HS student, will be speaking about how the tragic events at her school changed her life. Casting Pearls, a band that travels with her will be performing at the event.

Where: DRHS Gym

When: September 18th at 9 a.m.

Who: All Students and Parents are invited to attend.

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Principle's Message continued...

In addition to this strong partnership, I want to encourage you to develop a proactive and positive relationship with your children's teachers. Please do not hesitate to contact our teachers when you have comments, concerns, or a thought about your child's learning needs. This kind of open and constructive communication is important and welcomed.

I want to emphasize that as a team, we are here to serve your child and to serve you. To better serve you, I ask that you work with us to help your child understand the expectations that we have for them. Whether it is the Code of Student Conduct, the Student Dress Code, or, most importantly, the academic expectations that we have for all students, our consistent insistence on adhering to these expectations will be the most important step we take together towards ensuring our students meet them.

Working together, I am certain that 2007-2008 will be a tremendous and exciting year for Deep Run, and I feel both humbled and blessed to be a part of this year with you.

PTSA President's Message

By Betsy Gallagher, PTSA President
pfgmiami@aol.com

Welcome to Deep Run HS. Now that fee day has passed and our wallets are empty and the schedules are in the students hands and they are calling or texting each other to find out who is in their classes, summer has officially ended. The PTSA has been busy during August getting ready for the new year and we have lots planned.

We have our first two programs in September with Back to School night and then The 180 Tour. We are very exciting about The 180 Tour and think that this is a great way to kick off the year.

We are really trying to promote, for both student and parent the importance of being

involved. It is a great way to stay connected and we would love to see parents helping out where ever they can. We do have a few holes on the PTSA board which you can see on the roster. Please step up and offer to help us out. We can't do all of the many projects without your help. Please join the PTSA and be sure to participate in the direct donation campaign.

I am also looking for a student representative from each grade level. If you are interested in these positions please send me an email by September 15.

If there is anything that you would like to see the PTSA do I would certainly appreciate hearing from you. I'm looking forward to this new year and the great things that will be happening here at DRHS.

Hospitality News

By Julie Kuykendall and Ellen Garrett,
Co-Chairmen, Hospitality Committee
rekykendall@aol.com

Your DRHS PTSA Hospitality Committee has already been hard at work planning for the 2007-2008 school year. Before the students returned, we treated over 150 faculty and staff members to a "Welcome Back"



breakfast with yummy French Toast Casseroles, hash browns, cheesy grits, fresh fruit, pastries, muffins, and juices. We will be working throughout the year to host meals before conferences and programs and to show our appreciation in many fun ways for all that they do for our children. If you would like to help out at any time with food donations, please send your email and phone information to us so that we can add you to our list of eager volunteers. Your help in preparing food and donating items is always needed and much appreciated.

DRHS PTSA Ways and Means

Announcing the No Fundraising Pledge!



Your PTSA Board has been busy over the summer making plans that will enable it to continue its mission - making DRHS a better place for our students to learn and grow. We need the help of all DRHS families and friends so we can continue with that mission.

As the new school year gets underway, we are faced with the challenge of funding the many needs of our ever-growing high school. I hope that you have taken the time to read the PTSA Direct Donation and membership brochure that was included in the back to school folders.

Remember our No Fundraising Pledge: **If each family makes the suggested \$20 donation, we will successfully fund all PTSA programs without additional fundraising.** It is our goal to fund PTSA programs through your donations without adding further demands on your valuable time or asking you to sell something!

We encourage each of you do what you can to contribute directly to the DRHS PTSA. And don't forget, if your employer offers matching gifts for educational donations, please send us the completed paperwork for us to submit! Thank you in advance for your direct donation to the PTSA.

Your membership in the PTSA directly benefits your child. The DRHS PTSA is the only organization that improves the educational experience of every DRHS student, family and staff member.

Additional methods of support for DRHS:

Ukrop's Golden Gift Program:

Ukrop's will no longer be participating in the Benevolink program. This fall Ukrop's will announce a new Golden Gift program. Please let the DRHS PTSA benefit from your participation.

We are participating with the **Kroger Rewards** program. Please have a cashier scan the DRHS UPC bar code included in your back-to-school folder! DRHS can order much needed school supplies with the points that we earn.

It should be a fun and exciting year here at DRHS! With your help and continued support, we can fund the many PTSA projects. If you have any questions please contact Micky Ogburn at 747-0844 or at ogburn@mac.com. Thanks in advance for your support!!!

Micky Ogburn
PTSA VP - Ways and Means

DEEP RUN HIGH SCHOOL PTSA BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2007-2008

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| Student Member | OPEN | | |

PTSA Program Schedule for 2007-08

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| Monday, Sept. 17 | Back to School Night 6:30 |
| Tuesday, Sept. 18 | "180 Tour" for students and parents 9:00am Crystal Miller-former Columbine HS student with Crystal Pearls |
| Friday, Oct. 26 | Outback Tailgate Party Food tickets available in Oct. |
| Wednesday, Nov. 7 | College and Career Night (Junior handbooks distributed) Meg Brinker - College Consultant "Not all Grade Point Averages are Created Equal" All students and parents are invited |
| January ? | Underage Drinking Forum |
| February ? | Beach Week Safety |
| March 7-8 | Marathon Dance |
| April/May ? | Election of Officers/Spring Program |
| May 17 | Party All Night (Juniors and Seniors and their guest) |
| | Additional Ideas ?????? |

FOR RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS

If you are a rising Junior or Senior, please check out Getting My Tail Into College and Other Really Important Stuff, written by Julie Bruner, a former senior college counselor at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School. Based on her many years of college expertise, Julie Bruner has created the only college tool on the market that takes students step-by-step in a time sequential format. With this book in hand, students will be better informed and better equipped to handle the challenge of getting ready for college.

These College Planners offer Juniors and Seniors 146 pages that highlight individual college planning, outline the complete college timeline, provide interactive weekly calendars, detail SAT/ACT testing dates, give study skill tips, help with college essay writing, underscore resume building, and showcase useful college forms.

There is one College Planner written specifically for Juniors and the other for Seniors. Each calendar starts with August, 2007 and ends with August, 2008. For \$19.95, students will be able to simplify the entire college process. Deep Run High School's PTSA will receive a \$3.00 donation for each book sold.

For more information about these College Planners, you may email Julie Bruner at juliebru@comcast.net, or visit her website at www.thecollegeplanners.com. When placing your order, please note that you are a student at Deep Run. You will not have to include sales tax. The books are also available at the bookstore. If you order the book you will have to pay for the shipping on your order.

Below is the proposed budget for DRHS PTSA for the 2007-8 school year. This will be approved at our first meeting on September 17. Please contact Judianne Reynolds with any comments and/or questions @ jgreynolds@comcast.net.

**DEEP RUN HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
Proposed 2007-2008 Budget
Year End -6/30/2008**

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| INCOME | 2007-2008 BUDGET | COMMENTS |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bookstore/Spiritwear Income | \$35,000.00 | |
| Membership Income | 15,000.00 | 1800*8.33 (\$25/3=8.33) |
| Other Income | 10.00 | Interest income |
| Party All Night Income | | |
| - personal donations | 3,000.00 | |
| - corporate donations | 3,000.00 | |
| - yard sale | 1,000.00 | |
| - ticket sales | 2,500.00 | |
| Ways & Means/ Fundraising | | |
| - Outback Bowl tailgate | 3,000.00 | |
| - direct donations | 12,000.00 | 600 *\$20 |
| - other (Ukrops, Brusters, etc.) | 1,000.00 | |
| TOTAL | \$75,510.00 | |
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| EXPENSES | | |
| Annual Banquet | \$130.00 | |
| Arts in Education | 125.00 | |
| Baccalaureate | 500.00 | |
| Bookstore/Spiritwear | 26,000.00 | |
| County Council Dues | 180.00 | 1800 x \$.10 |
| Freshman Orientation | 700.00 | |
| Hospitality - Faculty & Staff | 1,700.00 | |
| Insurance | 355.00 | |
| Landscaping/ Beautification | 2,500.00 | |
| Membership | 4,650.00 | 1800*2.5 |
| Outreach | 1,000.00 | |
| Party All Night | 22,000.00 | |
| President's Fund | 300.00 | |
| Printing & Mailings | 2,200.00 | |
| Programs | 3,500.00 | |
| Educational Materials Fund | 5,000.00 | |
| Scholarship | 3,100.00 | |
| Security | 2,000.00 | |
| Senior Hospitality | 500.00 | |
| Student Directory | 1,500.00 | |
| Staff Continuing Education Fund | 3,000.00 | |
| Treasurer's Fund | 100.00 | |
| Volunteers | 1,000.00 | |
| Ways & Means | | |
| - direct donations | 550.00 | |
| - tailgate | 500.00 | |
| - other (Brusters) | 200.00 | |
| TOTAL | \$83,290.00 | |
| INCOME LESS EXPENSES | (\$7,780.00) | |
| BEGINNING BALANCE CHECKING | \$20,353.15 | |
| accounts payable @ 6/30/07 | (\$5,479.39) | |
| ENDING BALANCE | 7,093.76 | |

Reflections Reflections

By Melanie Costello, Reflections Chairman

“I can make a difference by...”

WHAT: National PTA program that gives students the chance to express their artistic talent. This year's theme is: “I can make a difference by..”

HOW: Students participate in the following categories: Literature, Dance Choreography, Film/Video Production, Photography, Visual Arts or Music Composition.

WHEN: Entries are due at DRHS on OCTOBER 19TH. School winners will progress to the District competition, with the eventual winners competing on the National level, where both recognition and scholarships are given.

WHO: Any DRHS 9-12 graders can participate. Judges include the Book Editor from Style Weekly, local professional artist, teacher and designer, Richmond Times Dispatch photographer, Dance School director and professional musician and band member.

WHERE: More information and past Reflections Gallery photos are available at www.vapta.org, Arts in Education link.

DETAILS: Teachers will receive packets with all applicable guidelines the 1st week of school. Contact Melanie Costello, DRHS Reflections Chair, at 360- 5997 for specifics. Watch for more info on the school website!

LET'S SHOW OUR WILDCAT **CREATIVE** SPIRIT AND
HOW WE “CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”!

Membership

By Judith Arcuri, VP Membership

Join the Deep Run Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) at fee night and your student will receive a coupon from our local Chick-fil-A! Our PTSA is committed to bringing home and school together. Membership offers a lot of opportunities to the DRHS students, including scholarship opportunities.

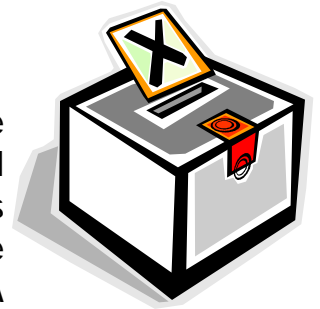
Every person who joins the PTSA automatically becomes a member of both the state and National PTA. We offer a family membership of \$25 or an individual membership for \$10. Help us achieve our goals, and join the PTSA today. Everyone is welcome and each member has a voice.

Virginia PTA Legislation Program

By Michele Pfab, PTSA Legislative Rep.

You are the **VOICE** for children in Virginia – let it be counted.

The purpose of the Legislation Program is based on the 'third purpose of PTA' which states "To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth". An annual legislation program is developed by the state Legislation committee and adopted by the membership to represent the 'official' position of the Virginia PTA/PTSA on a wide variety of issues affecting children and youth. While PTA is political, it is also nonpartisan. We support or oppose **legislation**, not candidates or parties. Each year the PTA membership is asked to vote on the Legislation Program. Your votes will be counted and used by volunteers during the General Assembly sessions in Virginia to support or oppose legislation affecting our children.



You will have the chance to vote at Back to School night. If you can't attend or have additional questions about the Legislative Program please contact Michele Pfab at 364-1641 or email me at pfab@msn.com. You may also go to www.vapta.org and click on Legislative Program.

Deep Run PTSA By-laws

Every five years the state PTA requires that local units revise their by-laws. The DRHS PTSA by-law committee has worked on a revision which you can view in the Deep Run main office. The changes you may want to note include changing the date of the elections to April or May, changing the number of people on the nominating committee to 3, and changing the Vice President positions to read as: 1st Vice President shall be Ways and Means; 2nd Vice President shall be Membership; and 3rd Vice President shall be Volunteers. If you have any questions you can contact Michele Pfab at pfab@msn.com. We will be voting on these revisions at our first meeting on Monday, Sept. 17 at Back To School Night.

PTSA Newsletter

By Sandy Prokopchak & Laura Castleman, Editors

Future editions of the Deep Run High School PTSA Newsletter will arrive via email. With all that goes on at Deep Run, we know it is critical that our lines of communication remain open. For this reason, we use email addresses as a cost effective and useful tool to provide you information about the school. This will include our school and PTSA newsletters, weather related school closings, emergencies and any changes to school events.

If you did not fill out and send in the blue email authorization form that was in your back to school packets, please email the school as follows:

Subject line:

DEEP RUN EMAIL LIST:

Body of the email:

YOUR NAME

Your Student's name (Please send one email for each student you have at Deep Run)

Student Grade Level

Please send this email to:

jsdenny@henrico.k12.va.us

You will notice in this publication that there is an insert with business card ads—these advertisers have helped offset the cost of printing this newsletter. We thank them for their support!



Wildcat Bookstore Information

By Stasia Norton and Laurie Pettit

Hours:

Mon-Fri

Before School 8:00-8:45

After School 3:45-4:15

Tue & Thu

During School 12:00-1:30

Fridays (During Football Season)

During School 12:00-1:30

GET YOUR NEW SPIRITWEAR!

NEW DESIGN FOR 2007-2008

New t-shirt design for 2007!
Hoodies, sweatpants, plaid flannel
pj's, car decals

The bookstore is stocked with school supplies, snacks, bottled water, & Gatorade.

Get your agendas, Triman compasses & geometry templates while they last, and world history 5-star/5 subject notebooks.

**Would you like to volunteer in the bookstore?
Contact Stasia Norton: racquetchic@aol.com**

**Have questions or ideas about SPIRITWEAR?
Contact Laurie Pettit: lauriepettit@comcast.net**

PAN

WHO WANTS TO PARTY ALL NIGHT?

Party All Night is a drug and alcohol free event sponsored by the PTSA to keep our students entertained and safe after the Prom.



The after prom party committee will be forming soon. If you enjoy party planning, decorating, organizing, fundraising, and gift buying, the Party All Night committee is for you! We will be having a meeting late September or early October.

If you are interested in helping with this BIG event, please contact Blakley West at 360-1174 or RBMWCREW@AOL.COM.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at Deep Run High School makes a valuable contribution to the school and community. Parent involvement also sends the message to your children that you care about making their education a positive experience.

Please take time to review and complete the volunteer sign-up forms in your back-to-school packet. There are opportunities for short-term and longer-term work, including hospitality, counseling and main office assistant work, senior class activities, bookstore, and others. Whether you prefer to work just a few hours or make a larger commitment, Deep Run appreciates you and wants to hear from you!

The volunteer coordinators, Linda and Robin, will do their best to match all willing participants with a position. Normally, the long-term volunteers are assigned for the entire year beginning in late September, so be sure you send the forms back promptly. Assignments that are popular but have limited spaces are determined by lottery. Short-term volunteers are needed throughout the year, however, and will be contacted on an as-needed basis.

The Volunteer sign-up form includes descriptions of the various opportunities available. Before working in the school, all volunteers must also complete both the Henrico County Public Schools Application for Volunteer Service and Deep Run High School Confidentiality Agreement, and attend an orientation session at the school.

Volunteer orientation sessions will be held

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|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wednesday | September 26 th | 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | September 27 th | 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. |

(Please report to the main office ~ you will then be directed to orientation location.)

Parents who plan to volunteer in 2007-2008 should attend one of the four sessions. If you need a copy of the forms or have any questions, don't hesitate to phone one of the Deep Run High School volunteer coordinators:

Linda Push 360-2650 Robin Brownhill 360-7556



DEEP RUN HIGH SCHOOL PTSA YARD SALE !!!

***(fundraiser for PAN -
Party All Night)***

**Sat. October 20, 2007
8 am - 12 pm**



**CLUBS, TEAMS, FACULTY
AND FAMILIES: ONLY
\$20.00 PER TWO
PARKING SPOTS TO SELL
YOUR TREASURES, CRAFTS
OR FOOD FOR CASH!**



QUESTIONS?

call

*Blakley
West*

e-mail

*rbmwcrew
@aol.com*



To reserve your spot please send form below and a \$20.00 check made payable to **DRHS PTSA** to:

*Blakley West
12301 Hillshire Court
Glen Allen VA 23059*

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Group: _____

Forms and payment may also be put in the PTA mailbox.

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