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President's Message

The days are getting longer, and January ushers in a fresh feeling where we have a chance to start over again, and maybe—knock on wood—we are all over the worst of the flu! Let's hope the New Year rings in good health and happy times for all.

As we come back to school this month, the PTA is going to get back into the full swing of things. We're starting the year off with our annual Science Inquiry Fair and Engineering Challenge. It's great fun to see what experiments the kids come up with, and to watch them work with their peers to complete the engineering challenges. I hope you'll join us on **January 23rd** to witness the fun and learning!

In February we will run our Read-a-Thon, a great way to get your kids reading! Last year our students read over 90,000 minutes over the course of three weeks. Impressive! Our winner read over 1,200 minutes. This year there will be a few changes to the program, but we will still be asking for your support in helping your children record their minutes and seek out sponsors. The purpose of the read-a-thon is two fold. First, we want to get our kids reading. Second, we need to raise money to continue running our after school activity bus and to pay for our spring activities. Thank you so much for your support in this.

In March, we will be hosting our **Time Traveler's Club** history night. However, **we can not do this without many volunteers!** If you'd like to help, please contact Chuck Benjamin at chuckdebb@verizon.net ASAP. We need you!

Carrie Palsson

Dr. Sally K. Ride ES PTA President

January Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>Items in bold are sponsored by the PTA. Other items are sponsored by the school or county.</p>	<h1>Winter Break</h1>					
4	5 School Resumes	6 7 pm PTA Meeting Media Center	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 7 pm Chorus Concert	16	17
18	19 No School Dr. Martin Luther King Day	20 No School Professional Day	21	22	23 7 pm PTA Science Inquiry Fair and Engineering Challenge	24
25	26	27	28	29 Report Cards Go Home	30 9:30 am Awards Assembly Grades 3-5 7 pm Family Fitness Night	31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Staff Luncheon

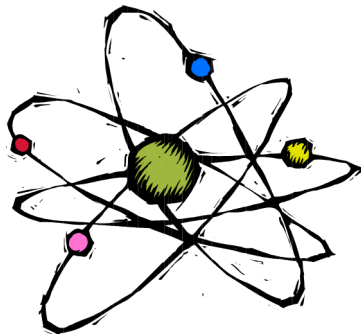
We'd like to thank our Staff Appreciation team, **Jen Fuss** and **Humana Khan-Haque** for putting together a wonderful holiday meal for our staff. They couldn't have done it without the help of the following people: Karen Clark, Erica Seib, Kari Hill, Erika Baylor, Debbie Benjamin, Susie Solis, Mary Sue Martin, Ilene Krom, Michelle Taylor, Barbara Keating, Lauren Hanna, and Carrie Palsson. Thank you so much for your donations! The staff was very appreciative and really enjoyed the meal.

More Spirit Wear!

Thank you to everyone who bought Spirit Wear! Earlier this month we sent home order forms for shirts that had been incorrectly printed using black ink. We hope you were able to take advantage of this special one-off offer! If you have any questions about your order, please contact Jincal Patel at jincalratia@yahoo.com or 301-807-8246.

PTA Science Inquiry Fair and Engineering Challenge

Entry forms have been sent home for our annual Science Fair and Engineering Challenge! Please make sure your student turns in their plan by January 13th if they'd like to show off an experiment. Even if your child chooses not to do an experiment, you are still welcome to come look at all the experiments and take part in the engineering challenge. We hope to see you **Friday, January 23rd and 7 pm!**



Sponsorships

Would you or your business like to sponsor the PTA? Please contact Carrie (carrie@skr-pta.com or 240-383-5507) for details!

The Read-a-Thon is Coming!

Are your kids ready to cuddle up with a good book? We will be hosting the Read-a-Thon in February this year, with a special kick-off the evening of **Thursday, February 6th.**

We could use donations for our big Read-a-Thon raffle! If you have any **new books, games, or toys** that would be of interest to students in grades K-5 please contact Carrie (carrie@skr-pta.com). Your donation is tax deductible and we will provide a receipt if you leave your contact information.

This year we are planning on having a book swap, to help students get new reading material! More information about this will be coming, but don't get rid of old books (in good condition) just yet!



Do You Have Old Games?

Our Family Game Night is a popular tradition. If we want to continue it, we could use a donation of old (but still usable!) games. If you have any games appropriate for our PTA game night, please contact Carrie at carrie@skr-pta.com. Your donation is tax deductible and we will provide a receipt if you leave your contact information.

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Calling All Adventurers!

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IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS!

Join us as we journey to yesteryear in a fun-filled voyage to see things and meet people that you've only read about. We'll have a real blast as we pierce the time continuum ... but tell your parents not to worry. We'll be back before bed-time!



Friday, March 20, 7-8:30 pm

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Dr. Sally K. Ride PTA Membership Form

Join the PTA today! Send in this form and your membership dues with your child or put them in the PTA mailbox in the main office.

Dues are \$8 for one member or \$15 for two members. Make checks payable to **SKR-PTA** or Paypal your dues to **payments@skr-pta.com** (go to www.paypal.com)
Every class that has 100% PTA membership will receive a popsicle party.

Circle one: One membership only (\$8) Two memberships at discounted family rate (\$15)

Circle one: Cash enclosed Check enclosed Paypal payment sent (kindly add 50 cents to cover PayPal fees)

Member 1

Name: _____

(renewing members need not fill out contact information if it is the same as last year)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ — _____

Member 2

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Child's Name	Grade	Teacher

