



# Navy News

## Welcome Back!

It's hard to believe that we are already at the beginning of October! Below are a few important things to think about in October.

**Columbus Day:** There is NO school on Monday, October 10th, because of Columbus Day.

**Changes in the Weather:** During the upcoming months, the weather will be changing. The mornings can be very cool. Please make sure that your child's jackets and coats have their name on them. Often these items are left in the gym, in the cafeteria, or even outside. If the items have names on them, they can easily be returned. Items, without names, are put in the lost and found.

**Preparing for Parent/Teacher Conferences:** It is hard to believe that we are already well into the 1st quarter and that soon it will be time for parent/teacher conferences. These conferences are an excellent opportunity to find out how your child is adjusting to the new school year and to get to know his/her teacher. Below are some tips to ensure that the conference is productive and positive.

1. Speak with your child about their thoughts on school prior to the conference.
2. Bring up the tough questions or concerns that you or your child might have.
3. Be prepared to answer questions that might be asked by the teacher about your child.
4. Share what your child enjoys most about school
5. Team with your child's teacher to determine goals and expectations.
6. Understand that teacher feedback is critical to your child's academic success.
7. Note the important points of the conference.
8. Share the results of the conference with your child.
9. As a parent, you are the most important teacher in your child's life.
10. We are a team! Together we will work to ensure a positive and successful school experience for your child.

**Running Club:** The Running Club started off very successful in September. There were over 100 students waking up early and participating in the Run Club. It was also great to see so many parents walking and running with their children. If you would like to participate, please fill out the Run Club form and return it to Mr. Sidney or Ms. Warmbrunn.

—Jon Coch, Principal and  
Faye Cofer, Assistant Principal

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct 1 Fall Fundraiser and Apparel Sale underway  
Oct 10 Columbus Day, No School  
Oct 18,19,20 CogAT-Grade 2  
Oct 13 Parent Education: Lice 7:00, Media Center  
Oct 28 Fall Festival, 6:30  
Oct 28 – Nov 3 Book Fair

### PTO BOARD

- President Jennifer Condro  
1st VP Sarah Fiskén  
2nd VP Mary Tchoprout  
Secretary Kris Rogers  
Treasurer Wendy Chung  
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## PTO Corner

The beginning of the school year has been a busy time once again for the PTO. During September, we hosted the always fun Ice Cream Social/Bingo Night, began our fundraising campaign, recruited volunteers and began planning exciting events for the entire school year. We also created a student directory, kicked off our apparel sale, redesigned the Navy PTO website, sponsored a Principal's Coffee and registered students for after school activities. I am happy to report that we have had success in all of these areas.

Our Fall Fundraiser is now underway and we are tracking close to the donation levels from the previous school year. Last year, approximately 63% of families contributed to the fundraiser, but this year we are hoping to do even better. We have created our 'Navy Ocean' in the main hallway and begun filling the ocean with dolphins representing the families who have generously made a donation. We invite you to take a look at the ocean the next time you are at school; the children enjoy looking for their names and we are hoping to continue to fill our ocean over the next few weeks.

Once again the Ice Cream Social/Bingo Night was wildly successful with over 1,000 people in attendance! This event would not have been possible without the efforts of our wonderful volunteers and my special thanks go out to Anna Marie Jeweler, Louise Kehoe and Anne Yagerline who co-chaired this event and made sure the night went without a hitch and was fun for everyone. It was great to see so many families come out that night and enjoy the evening with the Navy community.

This Fall, the PTO is sponsoring four different after school activities with nearly 200 children registered to participate. Many thanks to our activity chairpersons—Mary Tchprout, Kris Rogers, Sarah Fisker and Berta Carrasco, who have done a great job coordinating the various sessions. We hope the children will really enjoy themselves in these activities and expect to have more fun offerings in the winter.

Finally, thanks to all of you who have already committed to volunteer on one of the PTO committees or at one of our upcoming events. Your time and involvement is truly appreciated by all!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Festival and the Book Fair.

—Jennifer Condro, PTO President



### Baja Fresh Night for Navy

Bring your family and friends to Baja Fresh in Fairfax Towne Center on Nov 1st, and eat for a good cause! Awesome food and people!! 15% of all sales will be donated to the Navy Elementary PTO. Pick up orders count too!

Tuesday, November 1st; 4:00 –10:00pm  
Fairfax Towne Center; 703-352-1792

### Reminder for Parents

Parents, please remember that when the PTO sponsors events at school, it is important that all children are accompanied by an adult and that all students remain in the areas of the event at all times. It is for everyone's safety that we ask your help in making no children are unsupervised outside on the playground or in the upstairs hallways of the school. Children must be accompanied by an adult to enter events and are not allowed to leave events alone without an adult. We want to make sure everyone not only has a fun time at our events, but also stays safe! Thank you so much for your cooperation.

### Open Committee Positions

We are always looking for new volunteers to get involved with our events! Below is a list of our Open Committee Positions. We are currently seeking Committee Chairs to lead these events. If you would like to find out more about these committees or have an interest in leading/volunteering for them, please contact our 2nd Vice President, Mary Tchprout, at [mstchiprout@hotmail.com](mailto:mstchiprout@hotmail.com) or 703 476-1294.

**End of Year Picnic** (June) - Organize the activities for the picnic and recruit volunteers to set-up, help out and clean-up at the event. This fun family event is scheduled for June 14, 2012.

**FLEX** (Winter/Spring) - Assist with after school foreign language classes.

**Nominating Committee** (Spring) - Recruit new nominees for next years' PTO Board.

### Navy Needs Garden Pros!

Are you part of a gardening/landscape organization or business? The Navy garden needs a community partner for advice, planning and general support. Please contact Jennifer McNulty for more information on how your group can help Navy at [jtmcnulty@yahoo.com](mailto:jtmcnulty@yahoo.com).

## The Navy Fall Festival Is Almost Here!

Friday, October 28th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Fall into Fun at one of Navy's most attended events! This year's Navy Fall Festival is ramping up to be another fun-filled night of games, music & food!

There are so many exciting activities planned for the students:

- Book Fair - official opening!
- "Costume Party" – wear your Halloween Costumes!
- Pumpkin Contest - decorate a pumpkin & enter to win a prize!
- Hallway Games - 9 games with prizes
- Dinner - come hungry for Pizza & Subs!
- Bake Sale - homemade desserts!
- Free Face Painting – add to your costume!
- Navy Apparel Sale – last chance to show your spirit!
- DJ Matt – dance the night away!

But, We Need Your Help!

- Games Captain - 2 people to oversee the games & game volunteers.
- Gym/Dance Captain - 1-2 people to oversee the gym activities.
- General Volunteers: bake sale, kitchen help, game help, gym chaperones.... many hands make light work!

Please don't hesitate to VOLUNTEER by contacting Sue Martin at [bsmartin3@verizon.net](mailto:bsmartin3@verizon.net) or 703-626-2565.

Things to think about...

- Volunteer with a friend.
- Get Dad to work in the kitchen or a Hallway Game!
- Give teenagers their required volunteer hours.
- Scout Troops can run activities/serve pizza.
- Volunteering is scheduled in 1 hr. increments.

Thank you in advance for your time & support!



## The Book Fair Is Coming!

Get ready to rocket reading Out of this World—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Navy Library! Come browse a stellar selection of popular and award winning titles for all ages. Teacher wish lists will be available and all proceeds directly benefit our library. Mark your calendars now to join us!

### Hours:

Friday, Oct. 28 6-9 pm

Mon., Oct 31 thru Wed., Nov 2 9am - 4pm

Thursday, Nov 3 9am - 7pm

## Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Put your imagination into full gear & start dreaming up your 2011 pumpkin creation! Carve it, paint it, decorate it - you can even dress it up! The pumpkin is your canvas, so show Navy what you can do and you just might win a prize! Pumpkins are due by 10 am on Friday, October 28th. Look for more information in the coming weeks around rules & entry categories.



## Apparel Order Deadline Extended! Order Online with Credit.

Show your school spirit! The annual Navy Elementary apparel sale will run until Oct. 28 with items to be delivered to students before Thanksgiving break. This year, we are offering a great selection of hoodless sweatshirts, polos, t-shirts, long sleeved shirts, car magnets (shown right) and a cool gray sports tee (shown left), all with the Navy dolphin seen on our web site and in Navy News.

An order form was sent home in the Friday folders and is also available online

at [www.navypto.org](http://www.navypto.org). All orders are due by Monday, Oct. 28th. To order by credit card, please order online.

For questions about the apparel sale, please contact Karen Berube at [k.designs@cox.net](mailto:k.designs@cox.net).





### LICE! Now That We Have Your Attention...

Have you ever been faced with the dreaded task of dealing with LICE? Then mark your calendars! Please join us Oct. 13th at 7:00 in the Media Center for this PTO-sponsored speaker. You don't want to miss this informative presentation given by M.J. Eckert, RN, co-founder and lice treatment specialist. Treatment and prevention techniques will be discussed!

Questions, contact Elaine Salis at [rocksalis@yahoo.com](mailto:rocksalis@yahoo.com).

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### Spring Carnival Planning Meeting

Exciting News Navy! Mark your Calendar, March 16th- Navy will be having a Spring Carnival! We are just in the planning stages and need some volunteers to help get things started! If you would like to help get the ball rolling, please contact Dana Wozny at [woznyva@verizon.net](mailto:woznyva@verizon.net) or 703-298-8115. We would love to have some more volunteers get this fun event planned. There will be a planning meeting October 18th at 9:30am - location to be announced.

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### THANK YOU!

The Navy PTO would like to acknowledge and thank the following local merchants for their various contributions to this year's Ice Cream Social Event: BJ's (Fair Lakes), Everybody Fitness Centers (Fairfax), Giant Food (Greenbrier), K-Mart (Chantilly), Papa John's (Chantilly), Party City (Chantilly), Safeway (Fairfax), Shopper's Food Warehouse (Herndon), Target (Chantilly), and Wal-Mart (Fair Lakes). The generosity of these merchants, along with the tireless efforts of the many wonderful volunteers, made the event a huge success. A big thank you to everyone!

### Help fill the Navy Ocean!!!

Our annual no-sell Fall Fundraiser is going well but we still need more support as we are only half way to our goal!

You and your children may have noticed a large ocean wall hanging in the lobby of school. Each family that donates is represented with a dolphin!

Reaching our goal will provide all of the funding the PTO has pledged towards, field trips, school events, staff development support, special student activities and so much more. We are asking for your support by donating \$50 for each

student you have here at Navy. If you can give more, please do! That's it...nothing else to buy or sell.

You can contribute online by credit card via secure payment form by going to [www.navypto.org](http://www.navypto.org) and selecting "Fall Fundraiser," or send in of \$50 per Navy student to one of your children's classrooms in an envelope marked "PTO Fall Fundraiser." The Navy PTO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your contribution may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please help us reach our goal!

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### Odyssey of the Mind Kick-off

The Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. Students learn how to identify challenges and to think creatively to solve those problems. They are free to express their ideas and suggestions without fear of criticism. The creative problem-solving process rewards thinking "outside of the box." While conventional thinking has an important place in a well-rounded education, students need to learn how to think creatively and productively.

Navy Elementary has several Odyssey of the Mind teams which meet weekly from November until a local tournament in March. Based on the number of parents who volunteer as coaches, there will be open spaces for students of all grade levels, with different divisions for grades K-2, 3-5 and grade 6. There will be a parents interest session coming soon.

More information: <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/> or contact Corey Jerome at [coreyjerome@gmail.com](mailto:coreyjerome@gmail.com) and Rajesh Kataria at [katariarajesh23@yahoo.com](mailto:katariarajesh23@yahoo.com).

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### On-Going Fundraiser



When you dine at a Glory Days Grill in Northern VA, anytime through June 1st the restaurant will contribute 10% of your total food purchases to the Navy Elementary School PTO. Bring your neighbors, friends and relatives, because the 10% applies to the total food bill. Simply ask your server for a copy of your GUEST CHECK

(not credit card receipt) and turn it in to your homeroom teacher or drop in Glory Days box in the front office. Be sure your child's name and teacher's name are on the back.

## You Scream! I Scream! We All Scream for Ice Cream!



## School Health Room Guidelines

Here are some guidelines to help parents decide when their children should stay home from school.

- Fever – if a student has a temperature of 100 degrees or more, they need to stay home until they have been without a fever for a full 24 hours. This means that if your child is coming home today with an elevated temperature, they should not attend school tomorrow. Fever should be evaluated WITHOUT the use of over the counter medications to control the fever. If a fever goes away only with the use of medicine, the child should stay home.
- Stomach problems – students should stay home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
- Rash – students with an undiagnosed rash should see a health care provider for an accurate diagnosis. Please inform the School Health Aide or Public Health Nurse if your child has a chronic skin condition such as eczema or psoriasis.

You may receive a form called a Health Referral that a Health Care provider can fill out to tell you when the student may return to school. Please send this to the School Health Room when they come back.

When you call the school to report your child's absence, please call as soon as you realize that they will not be attending. Leave as much information as possible, such as if they have any of the symptoms mentioned above or a diagnosis if they have seen a Health Care provider.

For any questions please contact the Public Health Nurse assigned to this school, Mary Anne Oishi, RN at 703-481-4247.