Hello SOARing Eagles. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who contribute so much to our school. Our volunteer brunch was well attended. I understand that not all our volunteers were able to attend the brunch. We cannot say thank you enough. The staff is so appreciative of all you do to support us at Potowmack Elementary.

We are coming closer to the end of another school year so that means that we are already thinking ahead for next year. Before we get too wrapped up in planning we do have to finish this year with SOL testing. 3rd – 5th graders will be taking the Standards of Learning tests beginning May 3rd and running until the end of May. Look for a specific schedule of testing dates and times to come home from your child’s classroom teacher and it is also posted on our website.

While we have worked all year to prepare your children for these assessments our job is not over. Please make sure that you continue to have your children come to school on time and that they have had a good night sleep the night before and have had a well-balanced breakfast each morning. I know with our parents support and our teachers’ hard work that our students are well prepared and ready to take these tests.

In last month’s newsletter I invited parents to make appointments with me if you wanted to share information that you would like me to consider about your child’s academic and social needs in regards to class placement for next year. Please remember that requests for specific teachers cannot be honored and no staff member has the ability to honor requests that a parent might make specifically to them. If you have any questions regarding this process please do not hesitate to call me.

And finally congratulations to Mrs. Gabi Richardson, she had a beautiful baby boy. Potowmack Elementary School wishes her all the best in her next chapter in life. We are very happy to have Mrs. Karin Abt as the long-term substitute for the remainder of the school year.

Regards, Jennifer Rule
Now that sunny spring weather is here, it is time for the children to find a shady spot outside to read a book! To inspire kids to read, the library is running an end of the year reading incentive. To begin the incentive, all students will be reading outside for a half hour on May 8th. Please be sure to send your child to school with something like a towel to sit on while they read outside.

Students have one month to complete the reading incentive. Students in kindergarten are challenged to read 150 minutes, while students in first grade are challenged to read for 225 minutes and students in upper grades are challenged to read for 300 minutes. Students can record their reading on a paper reading log, or students in upper grades can use their Biblionasium on-line accounts to record their minutes. Students completing their reading challenge by Friday June 5th will be invited to read outside with their friends for a half hour in June. Find a great book to read outside with your children today!
PBIS NEWS:
100% Green for the month of April (Cafeteria)
Mrs. Kee, Ms. McDermott, Mrs. Elam, Mrs. Arthur, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Turman, Ms. Rupard, Mr. Charlish, Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Leibach, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Thunstrom, Mr. Gall, Ms. Murray, Ms. Phillips.

Classes that made the cafeteria incentive for Bingo on Monday, May 4: Ms. DiCarlo, Mrs. Galvan, Mrs. Kee, Ms. McDermott, Mrs. Elam, Mrs. Arthur, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Turman, Ms. Rupard, Mr. Charlish, Ms. Chrisman, Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Leibach, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Thunstrom, Mr. Gall, Ms. Murray, Mrs. King-Woerner, Ms. Phillips, Mrs. Hazlett

Cafeteria Winner: Mrs. Snow

Regal the Eagle: Ms. Gaudens

PE News: - We are so proud to announce that Potowmack Elementary has become a Fuel Up To Play 60 (FUTP60) Touchdown School. We achieved this by the PMK student’s hard work and dedication. They created healthy eating posters that are currently displayed outside the cafeteria. They also had the opportunity to collaborate with fellow grade level members to create and implement a PE lesson incorporating the food groups as well as fitness. The teams met during flex time to work on their PE lesson. The peer teams taught the lesson to their peer classes explaining all the safety rules and procedures. After they taught the lesson, they wrote a reflective summary for their classroom teacher and me about their teaching experience. We were truly amazed at their creativity with their lessons and will use them in our PE curriculum.

The students have been signing on to the NFL FUTP60 website and entering their points that they are awarded when they complete every activity. With all of PMK’s points, I am extremely proud to say that PMK is now ranked 7th in the state. Way to go FUTP60 club!

PMK PE - Linda Thompson and Stephen Shockley

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# 3-5 SOL Schedule

## May 2015

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CITIZENSHIP AWARDS April

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Rose Ohara Matthew Welch Alyssa Babb Erin Paredes Jordan Ventura Mendoza

Mrs. Shires Adee Ali Danny Rosenfeld Sharmake Abdullahi Kristopher Herrada-Ferrel Rushil Khillarkar

Mrs. Gaudens Andrea Golly Jacir Artis

Mrs. Galvan Parker Allman Lucy Messick Juliette Regan

Mrs. Kee Nicholas Pierson Ernestina Essien Abigale Troncos-Garcia

Mrs. DiCarlo Yamaha Nawabi Anna Cummings Lina Minkara

Miss McDermott Ava Jorgensen Matthew Cogbill Bryanna Patterson

Mrs. Arthur Madison Wanza Julia Leiderman Dean Paredes Adriana Okantey Samantha Moore

Mrs. Elam Ayman Modak Sofia Gallo Razvan Nicolae

Miss Stanford Carlos Cobarrubias Mariana Lopez Melba Cordoba Flores

Mrs. Richardson Meylin Crespin Arteaga Kendall Washington Aditya Jain

Miss Chrisman Sven Verde Kailee Membreno Cecilia O’Grady Yoselin Contreras Marisa Guevara

Mr. Charlish Victor Cudjoe Ronnie Hunter Nicholas Weber Alexandra Toporowicz

Mrs. Donovan Favor Raha Nicole Jorge Harry Sponseller

Mrs. Thunstrom Riddhi Sharma Moushica Rangareddy Ben Gibson James Butler Vivian Wilkins Shazil Shaheer

Mrs. Snow Ashley Sosa Alex Gonzalez Daliah Minkara

Ms. Shultz Hannah Gilfedder Angelica Franco Brito George Khella Fayez

Mrs. King-Woerner Joseph Swarm Christian Toppin Owen Michailovich

Miss Phillips Pranay Goswami Audrey Okantey Joey Kitcoff

Miss Murray Herby Soto Mehdiya Dewji Nick Pochet

Mrs. Hazlett Lilly Kearney Hayed Shaheer Connor Engley John Chellman Justin Wu

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Mark your calendar! **Back To School Night (BTSN)** - **Kindergarten Orientation** - **Parents Only, Please!**

**Purpose** - This evening is to provide parents with important procedural information in order to create a smooth / question free transition into the school year.

**AM/PM Kindergarten Orientation** - Wednesday, August 26, 2015 6:00 - 7:00 PM

**BTSN** - Thursday, August 27, 2015

- **First Session** - 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. ECSE Pre-School, First, Second Grade, and FUTURA

- **Second Session** - 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade

*** The Potowmack Staff requests that only adults attend this informational session. ***

**Open House!**

**Purpose** - This day is to allow students a chance to meet their teacher, see the classroom and deliver supplies that can be stored in their desk ahead of time.

**Date** - Friday, August 28, 2015
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
¡Marque su calendario! Noches de Regreso a la escuela/Back To School Night (BTSN) - Orientación de Kindergarten - Por favor, ¡Papás únicamente!

Propósito - Esta noche es para informarles a los papás de los procedimientos de la escuela y para que tengan una buena transición desde el primer día de clases.

Orientación de Kindergarten AM/PM - Miércoles 26 de Agosto del 2015 de 6:00 - 7:00 PM

BTSN (Noche de Regreso a la escuela) - Jueves 27 de Agosto del 2015

Primera Sesión - De 6:30 a 7:15 p.m. Pre-escolar (ECSE Pre-School), Primero y Segundo Grados, FUTURA

Segunda Sesión - De 7:30 a 8:15 p.m. Tercero, Cuarto y Quinto Grados

*** La administración de Potowmack les pide por favor que solo adultos asistan a estas sesiones informativas arriba mencionadas ***

¡Casa Abierta!

Propósito - Este día es para que los estudiantes conozcan a su maestro(o), visiten el salón de clases y traigan sus útiles escolares para dejar en su escritorio antes del primer día de clases

Fecha: - Viernes 28 de Agosto del 2015 de 8:30 a.m. a 9:30 a.m.
May 2015

We celebrate mothers this month for the sacrifices they make. Bedtime stories, getting kids off to school, nursing colds and fevers. Mothers do it all. Enjoy your day.

It’s also testing season. SOLs are this month. Study and help your child get the rest they need.

Rennea Butler
PTA President

PARENTS SAY . . .

“Lead, Follow, or get out of the way”
~ Originator unconfirmed
~ George S. Patton
~ Lee Iacocca
~ Thomas Paine

* A stress reliever*
Be ready for those end of year exams.
But not like this =>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BuPQgV8yBM

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
Hospitality Committee

You have been invited by Potowmack Elementary Hospitality Committee to sign up for "2015 Teacher Appreciation Week Fajita Bar."
Thurs., May 7.
Please click on the link below to view the online sign-up sheet.

To sign up, go to:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4FAAAD2CA57-20157/527819

Thank you for your continued support, we couldn’t do it without YOU!!!

Angie Ignazzitto

It’s not too late to sign up
EARN A SWEET FROG GIFT CARD

The iReady Math Incentive Program is in progress with many students enjoying math at home in a fun way. To participate, go to Potowmack’s home webpage, then ‘Resources’ and click on ‘i-Ready Math Incentive Program’ to print out and complete a Parent Permission Form. You can then login to iReady from home, keep track of your minutes and be on your way to earning free Sweet Frog yogurt. Please contact Angie Ignazzitto at angie20165@yahoo.com or 703-431-4860 with any questions.

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BABY PHOTOS
Maura Greenman

ATTN: 5th Grade Parents
I need your child’s baby photo!
The 5th grade graduation luncheon is almost here.
That means it’s time for the annual accompanying slideshow!
One of the favorite parts of the show is when we get to see (and guess) each child and teacher’s baby picture.

Please send me a copy of your favorite baby picture, from any age you choose to: Maura Greenman, mogreenman@gmail.com.
Deadline is May 8th.

Thanks!
Maura

PTA MEETINGS
PTA Board

The next monthly PTA meeting is scheduled for May 13. All PTA meetings are now held at 7:30am each month. We hope this will be more convenient for parents to attend and stay informed with the Potowmack family. The minutes of upcoming meetings are posted a few days in advance at PTA Meeting Agenda.

PTA ELECTIONS
Nominating Committee

PTA Elections for the 2015-2016 Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30am at Potowmack Elementary. You must be present to vote and be a paid PTA member. Contact one of the nominating committee members with questions.

Brenda Ulrich brendaandglenn@comcast.net
Linda Ables lables2001@aol.com

Graciela Olivares g.lucio@att.net

THE GREEN TEAM
Ines Perez

The outdoor classroom is completely clean and ready for planting. Thank you to those who have donated plants for the classroom gardens. Please feel free to continue to send grass seed, plants, soil, or anything you want to donate to beautify our garden.

BEACH BINGO
Michele Duley
Allison Buytenhuys

Beach bingo is Friday June 5th. Doors open at 6:30 pm and games start at 7:00 pm. More information will be sent home as the date gets closer.

GROCERY STORE CARDS
Graciela Olivares

Don't forget to link or relink your grocery card savings cards to Potowmack. This is FREE money for our school for all the shopping we do there anyway!! Giant: School Code 00003 Safeway: School Code Target Red Card Holders: School Code 1487 Harris Teeter: School Code 7968

If you need additional information please see our PTA website with more detailed instructions on how to sign up or relink your cards online. If you have any questions, please contact Graciela Olivares at g.lucio@att.net
5th GRADE FAREWELL

Our 5th Grade class will soon move onto the next chapter of their education. It is tradition at Potowmack that the 4th grade parents sponsor the 5th grade farewell celebration. The 5th Grade Farewell committee is asking the 4th grade parents to volunteer their time or donations to help make the celebration a success. A sign up genius to coordinate volunteers will be sent out within the next week or so. Thank you in advance for your participation. Any questions can be sent to Meridith Blake at mjblake2000@verizon.net.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Linda Smith

Three exciting ASP summer camps - Two (2) STEM Camps for rising 3rd to 6 graders and one (1) Lego Lovers Camp for rising K-2nd graders. You don't have to be a Potowmack student to attend camp. Tell your family and friends!!! The STEM Camps are taught by our very own Mr. Charlish. The Lego Lovers camp is taught by Play Well TEKnologies. Cost - STEM Camp is $150; Lego Lovers is $130.

DATES; STEM Camps (June 22-26) and (July 6-10); Lego Lovers Camp (June 22-26)
All class times are - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Deadline for registration is May 31. Classes fill up quickly. Submit your registration form today.

AMAZON

Graciela Olivares

Did you know that Amazon gives back to schools between 4 and 6% of the total amount of your purchases? All you need to do is shop through the Amazon banner located on our PTA website at Amazon Potowmack Elementary! Bookmark it and share it with friends and family!! Continue to support our school and your students by shopping on Amazon.com. Click here Amazon Potowmack Elementary.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Maura Greenman

Odyssey of the Mind wrapped up the 2014-2015 season with a fine showing by our "Runaway Train" team of K-4th graders at the State tournament March 18th. The kids wowed the judges with their intricately engineered track and vehicle, outlandish and humorous performances, and wonderful teamwork. While a technical difficulty kept them from placing, they learned a lot and ready to try, try again next year!

Huge shouts of gratitude to all the families who made OM possible this year. Whether you coached (thank you, Hemanth Setty, Rupesh Vadrev, Bette Jo Gonzales, Rachna Argarwal, Amanda Moore and Jimmy Lewandowski), judged (Jeanne Peterson, Monika Lomba, Jace Greenman, Lorrie Greenman, Jennifer Connell), volunteered (Meredith Murray, Linda Gross) brought snacks, or simply enabled your child to experience this challenging, fun, and rewarding program, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

OM at Potowmack will continue next year with the leadership of the Setty family. Dad, Hemanth, and Mom, Monika, embrace the true spirit of OM: seeking the extraordinary in the ordinary; and facilitating learning through guiding their dedication, patience, and encouragement.
Keep your eyes and ears tuned for details about how YOU can get involved next year. It's been a great run, PMK. I'll see you around the 'bend...

Maura Greenman

PTA MEMBERSHIP
Brenda Ulrich

Membership registration remains open. Your membership dues of only $10.00 helps to pay for video conferencing, assemblies, allotments for the staff to use in their classrooms at all levels, instructional supplies like novel sets, owl pellets in fifth grade, embryology supplies for third grade, Scholastic newsletters and Time for Kids newspapers, fifth grade luncheon supplies, DARE supplies, butterfly supplies for second grade, art, music and p.e. supplies, field day, Doughnuts with Dad, PSO support, WATCH DOG supplies and hospitality events for the staff.

To join, just write your name, your child’s name and teacher on paper. Put it in any envelope with either cash or a check made out to Potowmack PTA- label it Membership and send to school with your child. Dues are 10.00 for 1 parent or $20 or both parents. Contact brendaandglenn@comcast.net with any questions.

Many of our volunteers are 5th grade parents and we will need to fill these positions for the next school year. If you are interested in volunteering in any of the positions listed below, please email Pmkpta@outlook.com.

Campbell's Soup Labels
Fund Raiser
General Mills Box Tops
Grocery Receipts
PTA Membership
Reflections
Restaurant Nights
School Supply Kits
Skate Night
Watch D.O.G.S.
Yearbook Coordinator

WATCH D.O.G.S.
Rennea Butler (Acting Chair)

If you are a father or grandfather with a child or grandchild at Potowmack, Watch Dog Dad hopes you can volunteer. Join Potowmack for a day to see your child at work. Sign up for a day that is convenient for you to help keep the school protected as a Watch Dog. If you can volunteer, please contact Rennea.butler@outlook.com.

MSAAC
Linda Smith
Linda Ables

MSAAC organized the 3rd Annual Academic Fair that was held at Tuscarora High School. Recent meetings discussed the influence of a good teacher and how parents can help. Meeting minutes can be found at MSAAC.

SEAC
Jackie Baker
Danielle Bischoff
The April 8, 2015 meeting discussed incorporating technology for students. The meeting was combined with LEAP advocating for your child.

LEAP
Denise Washington
Rennea Butler

The April 8, 2015 Topic was Advocating for Your Child. Speakers were from MSAAC and SEAC. Additional discussion included the VA PTA, the gifted program, and the role of the parent liaison. Full meeting minutes are at LEAP.

DID YOU KNOW
Loudoun County Public Schools have an online parent resource center at Parent Resources. Information include SEAC meetings, workshop schedules, community events, and much more. The 2015 – 2016 school calendar has been approved. To see the year in advance, click on 2015-2016 school calendar.

Save your General Mills box tops. You can drop them off in the school office to be converted to cash. The money goes right back into your child’s school. Please send any ideas and suggestions to rennea.butler@outlook.com.

EVENTS
The Assembly Team

May the Fourth Be With You
Cascades Library
Monday, May. 4, 5:00-9:00 pm
Join us as we celebrate all things Star Wars including games, crafts, a photo booth, trivia and prizes.
For all ages.
(Programs for Everyone)

Smithsonian TechQuest Game: Eve in the Sky
Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum
Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
It is the height of the Cold War, and tensions are escalating between the world’s superpowers.
May 8, 2015
May 16, 2015
May 23, 2015
May 30, 2015
Jun 6, 2015
Jun 12, 2015
Jun 13, 2015
Jun 27, 2015
14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy
Chantilly, VA 20151

Reading Buddies Storytime
Cascades Library
Tuesday, May. 12, 4:30 pm (Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 and June 2 & 9, 4:30 pm)
Encourage your child's love of books and reading development by pairing them with a reading buddy for one-on-one reading time.
For Preschool-Grade 2.

123 Math & Science: Rocks & Minerals
Cascades Library

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Hands-on math and science activities. Learn about the materials that form and shape our earth.
For Grades 3-5.

Celebrate Calm
Horizon Elementary School

10 Ways to Stop Defiance, Disrespect & Yelling with America’s Calm Coach Kirk Martin & his son, Casey.
Horizon Elementary invites our parents, friends and the community to two dynamic parent events on:

Watch the Video Clips and learn more at:

www.CelebrateCalm.com/Events/Horizon-Elementary

Contact Brett with any questions. 888.506.1871. Brett@CelebrateCalm.com

Wednesday, June 10 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Thursday, June 11 8:00am - 10:00am
Horizon Elementary
46665 Broadmore Drive
Sterling, VA 20165

May 4 – 8  Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5  2nd Grade Musical
May 7  Picture day
May 13 7:30am  PTA meeting
May 13  LEAP meeting

May 20  MSAAC meeting
May 25  Memorial Day – no school
June 5  Beach Bingo

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POTOWMACK’S SUMMER S.T.E.M CAMP
Racing Robots, Daring Dragsters, Radical Rockets and More!
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Camp

Mr. Charlish and the Potowmack P.T.A are again VERY excited to be able to offer Summer S.T.E.M Camp 2015 right here at Potowmack Elementary.
For rising 3rd—6th graders.
The camp will build on kids’ natural curiosity through hands-on experiences to make science, math and engineering fun while reinforcing the VA S.O.L’s.

During the camp we will be:
⇒ Designing and programming robots to go ten pin bowling and compete in a range of races!
⇒ Learning about aeronautics through designing rockets and air powered dragsters!
⇒ Investigating force and motion using ziplines across the classroom!
⇒ Launching huge air pressure rockets outside in the playground!

All of the rockets made will be theirs to keep so they can continue the fun and learning at home.

IT WILL BE AWESOME!

If you attended last year’s camp we will be working on some new and even more exciting projects!

ENROLLMENT REQUEST FOR STEM CAMP

Child’s Name: __________________________ Current grade: ______
Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________ Camp Dates—June 22-26 or July 6-10 (Please circle)
Street Address: __________________________ City: __________ Zip code: ______
Home Phone: __________ Cell Phone: __________ Work Phone: __________
Email: __________ Allergies or medical conditions: NO or YES (List On Back)
Emergency Contact Name: __________________________ Emergency Contact Phone: __________
Dream it. Build it. Wreck it. Repeat.

Kids are already naturally gifted creators. Then they get added inspiration from our specially trained instructors. They dive into our massive collections of LEGO®. And while they build elaborate objects, structures and vehicles, they explore fundamental principles of engineering and physics. They also learn to collaborate and create without fear of mistakes. The experience is joyful, the impact long-lasting.

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Engineering with LEGO®
Summer Camp at Potowmack Elementary

LEGOLovers | June 22 - June 26 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Class Limit: 24 Students |
Grades: K - 2 | Price: $130 |
Please detach and return to PTA with payment. Make checks payable to Potowmack Elementary PTA.

Child’s
Name _______________________
Grade ______________________
Parent/Guardian
Name _______________________

Cell
Phone ______________________
Work 
Phone ______________________

Email _______________________

Emergency Contact
Name _______________________

Emergency Contact 
Number ______________________

Allergies/Medical Concerns (List on back of form): YES  NO

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MAY 31.