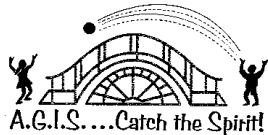


# Avon Grove Intermediate School PTA News

November/  
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## Message from the President

### Upcoming Events

11/17 - PTA General Meeting, 7:00 pm

12/3 -Country Christmas

12/5-Market Day Pickup

12/16- School store open

The words “austerity measures” are usually applied to cash-strapped countries that are looking for ways to save money. But in today’s economy, those words could also apply to the AGIS PTA. In the wake of our recent envelope fundraiser, we are definitely looking to tighten our belts. This will mean reduced services to the students and teachers at AGIS this year and next. Now comes the hard part-figuring out what to cut. Nobody wants to give up the teacher’s grants, the scholarships to ensure all students can participate, the assemblies, or even the water ices on Field Day. To be honest, the decisions are going to be difficult. We can cut more this year and leave enough for a good start next year, or spend what we have and wish next year’s board the best. It’ll be a fine balancing act.

I invite all parents to come and be part of the discussion at our next PTA meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Audion. One of the mandates of the PTA is “inclusivity,” and we truly strive to welcome all ideas and perspectives. Current PTA members can vote on our budget and spending decisions. I am very hopeful that if we put our heads together, we can minimize the effects of these measures and we’ll build a stronger PTA community in the process. Please join us!!!

Anne-Marie Nowak

### Scrip

We will be doing another SCRIP order just in time for the holidays, so don't forget to place your order! Order forms will be going home on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and are due Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. All gift cards will be distributed via backpacks on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Book Fair

**Scholastic Book Fair is HERE!!!!** The book fair will be open for business from November 14<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Daily shopping hours are from 8:30-2:30 on the 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> and 8:30-12 noon on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, the fair will be open in the evening on the 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm and on the 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-8pm. Students will have an opportunity to shop with their class during the school day. Flyers were sent home with your child's scheduled day and time. Hope to see you there!!"

### December Desserts

**Attention bakers and dessert makers:** If you did not sign-up to help the Hospitality or Teacher Appreciation committees but would still like to help with the much anticipated December Desserts, please contact Lisa Jones at [lanj1@comcast.net](mailto:lanj1@comcast.net) and your name and email will be added to our list. This is a great opportunity to make your specialty and know that it will be enjoyed and appreciated by our great staff!

## AGIS PTA Officers 2010-2011

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### Fall Fundraiser

Our 2011 Direct Donation Fundraiser raised \$6000.00! Thank you for all the contributions which will support the great programs we've established at AGIS. Tax letters will come home in Thursday folders after the first of the year. If you have any questions, please contact our fundraising committee at [fundraiser@agispta.org](mailto:fundraiser@agispta.org).

We're on the Web!  
[www.agispta.org](http://www.agispta.org)

## School Directories

The directories are almost ready. If all has gone according to planned, they should be in your child's backpack by the Thanksgiving break. If you joined the PTA, you will receive a directory which is included in your membership fee. If you choose not to join the PTA but would like to purchase a copy, they can be purchased for \$10.00 by contacting Michelle Griffith at [shellyg1207@verizon.net](mailto:shellyg1207@verizon.net) or 610-869-3858. A lot of time is put into getting the directories printed and distributed and we would like to thank all those who volunteered their time. It would not have been completed as quickly or as accurately without you!

## Country Christmas

Country Christmas will be held Saturday, December 3rd from 9am to 2pm. 2011 marks our 20<sup>th</sup> year for this event! Country Christmas will be held at AGIS and is a joint effort for the PTAs of both PLE and AGIS. Last year we had over 100 crafters, food vendors and businesses, and many exciting classroom baskets. This year promises to be even bigger. We will be looking for lots of help, so mark your calendars now! If you have any questions about this event, please call Karen Russell at 610-322-3376.

**Baskets-** If you are a homeroom parent, or interested in taking on your child's classroom basket for the Country Christmas event this December, please contact your child's teacher or Tracey Belfiore at [traceybelfiore@mac.com](mailto:traceybelfiore@mac.com). The Basket Raffle is a great fundraiser for AGIS and we are hoping to set another record this year. Basket themes can be fun, practical, or extra-ordinary! If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Tracey at the email above.

## PTA Reflections Program

Congratulations to our PTA Reflections finalists for 2011-2012, whose theme was "Diversity Means...." Thanks to all the parents, teachers and administrators for their support and help with this program.

### Visual Arts:

Hayley Weber-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 Emily Curry-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Katherine Cruciano-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 Bridget Crawford-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 James Colagreco-5<sup>th</sup> grade

### Photography:

Cyndi Wayland-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 Hayley Weber- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 Liam Irwin- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 Jack Reilly- 4<sup>th</sup> grade

### Literature:

Megan Kvergas-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Leah Washington- 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Laura Kephart- 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Brayden Orpello-McCoy- 4<sup>th</sup> grade

### Film:

Joey D'Ambrosio- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

The above students will now move on to the Regional level of judging.