



WELCOME BACK FROM KENSINGTON PTA

Welcome back to school and to Kensington PTA. Our organization is full of dedicated volunteers. These volunteers are committed to excellence – one of the things which makes Kensington so special. Our main goal is to support the education and achievement of our students. Parents, teachers, and administrators work closely to help ensure a quality educational experience for our children.

I encourage everyone to consider a PTA membership for the 2011-2012 school year. You can join Kensington PTA by filling out the on-line form on our website. When you become a member, your support will help us to continue to provide unique experiences to the students of Kensington. Our dues are \$10 per member. Every PTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Additional support in the form of a donation is always welcomed and is tax deductible.

Our website, <http://www.rrcs.org/KISPTA.aspx> is the #1 place to go for information about Kensington PTA. At this site, you can sign-up to: receive email notification of all our opportunities, volunteer for various events, become a member of Kensington PTA, and sign your child up for pizza days and fun lunch.

In response to a survey of our membership last spring, we have planned a fantastic speaker series for the year! There are more details inside this packet.

We encourage you to GET INVOLVED at Kensington. There are many volunteer opportunities for both stay-at-home and working moms and dads. We hope you'll consider sharing your talents and take an active role in Kensington PTA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Welcome back!

Sincerely,

Margie Hackett
2011-2012 Kensington PTA President
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IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER PTA DATES

- Thursday, September 8, 2011 - PTA Meeting - 7 pm
- Friday, September 9, 2011 - Ice Cream Social (during lunch)
- Tuesday, September 13, 2011 - first Fun Lunch
- Monday, September 19, 2011 - Market Day Pick up 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 20, 2011 - first Pizza Day
- Saturday, September 24, 2011 - KISPTA's Fall Décor Sale Pick -up (pumpkins and mums)
- Tuesday, September 27, 2011 - Fun Lunch

KENSINGTON PTA GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS & SPEAKER SERIES 2011-2012 (speakers are subject to change)

Tuesday, September 8, 2011 - 7 pm
Come get general information about the year and sign up to volunteer in various events

Thursday, October 13, 2011 - 9:30 am
Come learn some tips for helping your child with homework and organization.
Guest speakers: Jill Jones - KIS 4th grade teacher and mom of 3 &
Melissa Liberatore - KIS Guidance Counselor

Thursday, January 12, 2011 - 7 pm
Come hear about anxiety and perfectionism in children
Guest speaker: Ethan D. Schafer, Ph.D., Clinical Child Psychologist

Thursday, March 8, 2011 - 9:30 am
Learn the latest in child and adolescent literature!
Guest Speaker: Rocky River Public Library

Thursday, May 10, 2011 - 7 pm
Learn about Internet Safety geared toward kids ages 8-12
Guest Speaker: George Lichman, Sgt. Rocky River Police Department



KISPTA Second Annual Fall Mum & Pumpkin Sale Saturday, September 24th

Please look in your email box and back packs SOON for more details regarding ordering beautiful mums and pumpkins to support the great KISPTA programs. Flowers and pumpkins can be ordered on-line or purchased on the pick-up day of Saturday, September 24th. Interested in helping? Contact Kerry Capka at 440-333-3619 or kerrycapka@sbcglobal.net.



Why Join Kensington PTA ?

This is some of what we do:

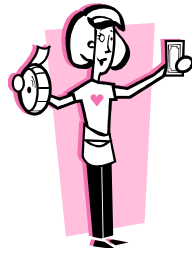
Pizza Days * Fun Lunch * Ice Cream Social * Hot Dog Lunch * 3rd & 4th Grade Year End Parties * Scholastic Book Fair * Financial Support for Camp Fitch * 5th Grade DARE Event* Assemblies * 4th Grade Art Mural * Spooky Saturday * Kensington PTA Directory* Spirit Wear * School Supply Kits * Kensington Players * Market Days * Library Support * Art Room Support * Community Service

Thirty years of research shows that children do better when their parents and families are involved both at home and at school. This results in higher grades, rising test scores, growing self-esteem and improving schools.*

Kensington PTA Annual Membership Dues: Still \$10/person Your Paid Membership includes the 2011-2012 Kensington PTA Directory

On-Line Membership Sign-Ups & Payment System!
Visit www.rrcs.org/kispta.aspx to Join!

*2008 PTA Membership brochure: Join PTA



Weekly Student Prize Drawings for Paid PTA Memberships

*Remember: Kensington PTA Annual Membership Dues:
\$10/person and your paid membership includes the 2011-2012
Kensington PTA Directory*

Starting the first week of school, KISPTA will hold weekly prize drawings from PAID PTA MEMBERSHIPS. Go to www.rrcs.org/kispta.aspx to sign up and pay for your membership to be eligible for the weekly prize drawings.

1st Weekly prize drawing -Friday, September 2nd :
Long Sleeved Spirit Wear T-Shirt

2nd Weekly prize drawing: Friday, September 9th:
One free Semester of EITHER Pizza Lunch or Fun Lunch

3rd Weekly prize drawing: Friday, September 16th:
Ten Dollar Gift certificate Towards 2011 Fall KISPTA Scholastic Book Fair

4th Weekly prize drawing: Friday, September 23rd:
Popcorn party for the class with the most paid memberships



DON'T MISS OUT!!!! **Visit the KISPTA website at:** www.rrcs.org/kispta.aspx **to:**

- Sign-up to volunteer for various events and activities throughout the year
- Sign up for fun lunches and pizza day (deadline to order 9/7/11)
 - Join PTA (and receive your school directory)

For your convenience we continue to offer the option to pay on-line securely. Fill out the same membership/pizza/fun lunch form & choose your method of payment. EITHER click "I would like to pay now" (Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover, PayPal, or eCheck) or click the "I'll send a check to school by September 7, 2011". **If you are paying by check, please print the invoice and send it with SEPARATE checks for each item (pizza, fun lunch, or membership) to school by September 7.** NO PAY PAL ACCOUNT IS NECESSARY, PAYPAL IS JUST OUR ONLINE SECURE PAYMENT SERVICE PROVIDER. If you have any questions on this form, please contact kispta@rrcs.org.



KISPTA Pizza Day and Fun Lunch Policies



Kensington PTA (KISPTA) provides Kensington students with the opportunity to purchase lunch once a week. These lunches are catered by Pelicano's and serviced by KISPTA. Pizza Days alternate with Fun Lunch on Tuesdays during the school year. Sign-ups for these lunches are done on-line through our website. We accept credit cards or checks. On-line payment using your credit cards is strongly encouraged. KISPTA can no longer accept cash payments. KISPTA will provide assistance for pizza days and fun lunch for children who have applied for and are qualified for milk assistance.

Sign-ups for pizza and fun lunch are done on a semester basis. You may not pay weekly. Sign-ups for second semester will be publicized in December or January.

The following policies are in effect starting in August 2011.

1. There will be a FIRM DEADLINE for signing up for pizza and fun lunch. This deadline will be publicized and made clear on all correspondence regarding the sign-ups. Failure to sign your child up by the deadline will prohibit him/her from participating in fun lunch or pizza day for that semester.
2. If you choose to pay by check and your check bounces, you must make good on that payment within ONE WEEK OF NOTIFICATION or your child will not be able to participate for that semester.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the chairs.



PIZZA DAYS at KENSINGTON
Don't Miss Out!!!

Sign up online at
www.rrcs.org/kispta.aspx

MENU:

2 large slices of Pelicano's pizza
carrot sticks with ranch dip
fruit snacks

COST:

\$28 for 9 lunches
(first semester only)

DATES:

Tuesdays

9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29,
12/13, 1/3, 1/17.

DRINKS:

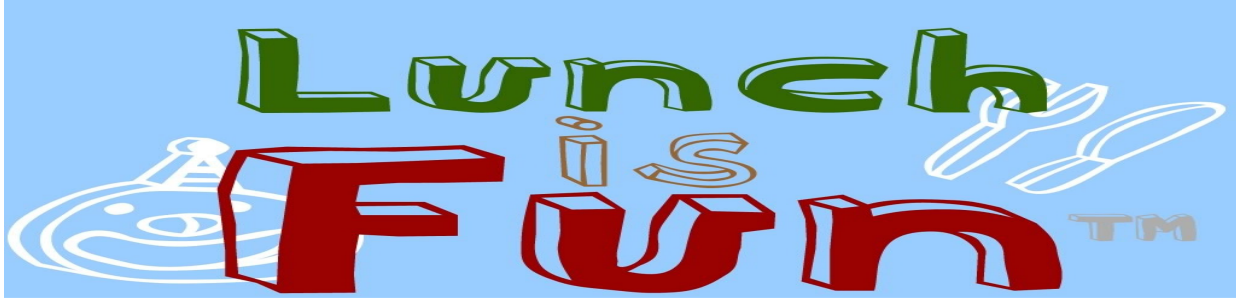
Bring your fave drink from home, or
grab a milk through the regular milk line!
(Drinks are NOT included this year to help
streamline the process.)

QUESTIONS:

Allison Smith allismith4@yahoo.com

DEADLINE: September 7





Fun Lunch is back at KENSINGTON!!!!

**Sign up online at
www.rrcs.org/kispta.aspx**

**New this year....macaroni & cheese and one menu choice
making ordering easy!**

MENU:

**Chicken Fingers
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Salad
Fruit Snacks**

COST:

**\$40.50 for 9 lunches
(first semester only)**

DATES:

Tuesdays

Sept 13, Sept 27, Oct 11, Oct 25, Nov 8, Nov 22, Dec 6, Dec 20, Jan 10

DRINKS:

**Bring a drink from home, or
grab a milk through the regular milk line!**

QUESTIONS:

**Amy Naeem anaeem@cox.net
Gretchen Swasey gswasey@hotmail.com**

DEADLINE: September 7



SPOOKY SATURDAY 2011

A fall time tradition here at Kensington is the annual Spooky Saturday Carnival. This family friendly fall fundraiser is designed to raise money so that we can continue to provide the children of Kensington many "extra" activities throughout the school year. Most importantly, 100% of the Spooky Saturday proceeds are used in the following ways: assemblies, ice cream social, hot dog lunch, Camp Fitch, Pirate Daze, Dare Event and so much more.

This year, the Spooky Saturday Carnival will be held on **Saturday, October 29th** from 11:30am to 3:30 pm.

As with any PTA activity, we are in need of many volunteers. Some people have already stepped forward and graciously offered their time. Will you be one of them? All chairpersons will be provided with detailed information & direction regarding their position & their responsibilities, as well as additional volunteers to assist them.

Children love it when parents volunteer, and we have many opportunities for mom and/or dad.

Open Coordinator Chair Positions:

- **Decorating** - Oversee set up and take down of decorations. Decorate halls, rooms, gym, etc.
- **Advertising** – Create flyers advertising the event for distribution to RR schools and responsible for promoting the event through local newspapers & businesses.
- **Food Sales** - Oversee food and beverage sales day of event. Coordinate donations, purchase food items, set-up and take down.
- **Bake Sale** – Help get volunteer bakers for bake sale. Be at school on Friday afternoon prior to Spooky Saturday to collect and organize baked goods.
- **Face & Nail Painting** – Purchase & organize supplies, manage crowd, collect tickets & clean up room afterwards. High school volunteers are usually used for the actual face & nail painting.
- **Pumpkin Pull /Candy Jar Guess and Raffle** - Fill candy jar for guessing. Solicit donations for raffle. Fill pumpkin with lollipops.
- **Photo Booth** - Source printers and digital cameras for day of event. Take and print pictures of kids in holiday dress up.
- **Poster Contest** – Purchase Poster Board to be used by kids for poster contest. Make flyer with directions for contest & collect entries. Posters to be judged by Art teacher.
- **Volunteers Coordinator** - Recruit and Coordinate all adult and high school volunteers for Set-up, day of event and clean up.
- **Ticket Sales** – Oversee production, promotion & sale (pre-sale & day of) of all tickets.

Note that each of these ten positions can be co-chaired by more than one person. Ask a friend to join you and make a difference this year.

Also, we need volunteers for the following areas on the day of the event:

Bake Sale	Face/Nail Painting	Games	Raffle/Candy Jar	Thumbprint Art
Ticket Sales	Cake Walk	Food Sales	Prizes	Radar Pitch
Setup/Clean Up	Volunteer Table	Decorating	Fortune Teller	Pocket Ladies
Photo Booth				

Questions? Please contact Jen Skapoulas at Jen66@att.net or 440-356-5757. Online sign up available at www.rrcs.org/kispta.aspx

Kensington PTA Calendar of Events 2011~2012

August

- Tuesday, August 23 – 3rd and 4th Grade Open Houses 1-4 pm (exec, hospitality, and membership)
- Wednesday, August 24 – Back to school luncheon for teachers

September

- Thursday, September 1 – 9:30 am - PTA Exec Board Mtg
- Thursday, September 8 – 7 pm – PTA Mtg
- Friday, September 9 – Ice Cream Social
- Tuesday, September 13 – Fun Lunch
- Thursday, September 15 – 5th Grade Open House 7-8:30 pm (hospitality & membership)
- Monday, September 19 – Market Day Pick-up 5:30-6:30
- Tuesday, September 20 – Pizza Day
- Saturday, September 24 – Fall Décor Sale
- Tuesday, September 27 – Fun Lunch

October

- Tuesday, October 4 – Pizza Day
- Thursday, October 6 – 9:30 am – PTA Exec Board Mtg
- Tuesday, October 11 – Fun Lunch
- Thursday, October 13 – 9:30 am – PTA Meeting
- Monday, October 17 – Market Day Pick-up 5:30-6:30
- Week of October 17-21 – Great Lakes Theater Festival – 5th grade
- Week of October 24-28 – Fall Food Drive/Red Ribbon Week
- Tuesday, October 18 – Pizza Day
- Tuesday, October 25 – Fun Lunch
- Saturday, October 29 – Spooky Saturday

- Monday, October 31 – after 2 pm Halloween Parties

November

- Tuesday, November 1 – Pizza Day
- Week of November 1-4 – Book Fair
- Thursday, November 3 – 9:30 am PTA Exec Board Mtg
- Tuesday, November 8 – Fun Lunch
- Thursday, November 10 – staff dinner during conferences
- Monday, November 14 – Market Day Pick-Up 5:30-6:30
- Tuesday, November 15 – Pizza Day
- November 14-16 – Camp Fitch
- Friday, November 18 – make-up Pizza Day for 4th graders (tentative to be discussed by chairs)
- Tuesday, November 22 – Fun Lunch
- Tuesday, November 29 – Pizza Day

December

- Thursday, December 1 – 9:30 am – PTA Exec Board Mtg
- Friday, December 2 – PTA Newsletter deadline
- Tuesday, December 6 – Fun Lunch
- Thursday, December 8 – PTA Newsletter Blast
- Monday, December 12 – Market Day Pick-up 5:30-6:30
- Tuesday, December 13 – Pizza Day
- Tuesday, December 20 – Fun Lunch

January

- Tuesday, January 3 – Pizza Day
- Thursday, January 5 – 9:30 am – PTA Exec Board Mtg
- Tuesday, January 10 – Fun Lunch
- Thursday, January 12 – 7 pm – PTA mtg
- Tuesday, January 17 – Pizza Day
- Monday, January 23 – Market Day Pick-up – 5:30-6:30
- Tuesday, January 24 – Fun Lunch
- Tuesday, January 31 – Pizza Day

February

- Thursday, February 2 – 9:30 am – PTA Exec Board mtg
- Tuesday, February 7 – Fun Lunch
- Monday, February 13 – Market Day Pick up – 5:30-6:30
- Tuesday, February 14 – Pizza Day
- Tuesday, February 14 – Valentine’s Day parties – after 2 pm
- Tuesday February 21 – Fun Lunch
- Tuesday, February 28 – Pizza Day

March

- Thursday, March 1 – 9:30 am – PTA Exec Board Mtg
- Friday, March 2 – Spirit Lunch
- Friday-Sunday, March 2-4 – Kensington Players
- Tuesday, March 6 – Fun Lunch
- Week of March 5-9 – Book Fair
- Thursday, March 8 – Book Fair Breakfast – 7:30 am
- Thursday, March 8 – 9:30am– PTA mtg
- Tuesday, March 13 – Pizza Day
- Week of March 19-23 – Spring Food Drive
- Monday, March 19 – Market Day Pick-up – 5:30-6:30
- Tuesday, March 20 – Fun Lunch
- Tuesday, March 27 – Pizza Day

April

- Tuesday, April 3 – Fun Lunch
- Thursday, April 5 – 9:30 am – PTA Exec Board mtg
- Tuesday, April 17 – Pizza Day
- Thursday, April 19 – 3rd grade Transition Night 7 pm (incoming president & membership)
- Monday, April 23 – Market Day Pick-up- 5:30-6:30
- Tuesday, April 24 – Fun Lunch
- Wednesday, April 25 – Secretary’s Day
- Week of April 30-May 4 – OAAs

May

- Tuesday, May 1 – Pizza Day
- Thursday, May 3 – 9:30 am – PTA Exec Board Mtg
- Week of May 7-11 – Staff Appreciation Week
- Tuesday, May 8 – Fun Lunch
- Thursday, May 10 – last PTA Mtg – 7 pm
- Week of May 14-18 – Right to Read Week
- Week of May 14-18 – Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Tuesday, May 15 – Pizza Day
- Monday, May 21 – Market Day Pick-up 5:30-6:30
- Tuesday, May 22 – LAST Fun Lunch
- Tuesday, May 29 – LAST Pizza Day

June

- Wednesday, June 6 – DARE Event & Pirate Daze
- Monday, June 18 – Market Day Pick-up 5:30-6:30

2010-2011 Kensington PTA Executive Board

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2011-2012 Kensington PTA General Board

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3rd and 4th Grade Year-End Party (Pirate Daze)

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