

Tiger Tales

JR Tucker PTSA
August 2006

BACK TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FEE NIGHT

It's that time of year again. Mark your calendar to attend fee night for your student.

Juniors and Seniors

August 29, 2006 4:00—6:30 p.m.

Freshman & Sophomores

August 31, 2006 4:00—6:30 p.m.

STUFF A BUS

Help Tucker's PTSA help our community. On fee nights, we will be holding our 5th annual Stuff A Bus. During this time, we will be collecting supplies to donate to students in need. Tucker students will be provided for first, then the remaining items will help students at Laburnum Elementary School. We request that each stu-

dent or family bring at least one school supply item to the "Stuff A Bus" bus in Tucker's front parking lot.



Items that can be donated are:

- Pens and Pencils
- Highlighters
- Binders, notebooks
- Notebook filler paper
- Marble Notebooks
- 1-subject spiral notebooks
- Crayons and Colored pencils
- Large glue sticks
- Fiskar scissors (blunt)
- Backpacks
- Rulers, protractors

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FROM THE DESK OF MRS. MILLER

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

August is here, and everyone at J. R. Tucker High School is very busy getting ready for your arrival! I hope that you are having a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you walking all around campus during our two fee nights: You will get a letter in the mail from me with more details real soon!

New for the 2006 – 2007 school year is our Family Outreach Team comprised of several staff members who will meet on a daily basis and help our students and their families. Studies have shown that when families are more involved in the education of children, student achievement improves. The members of the team are:

Mrs. Gwen Miller – Principal
Mrs. Frances Kusterer – Guidance Director
Mrs. Anne Fano – Spanish Teacher
Mrs. Meredyth Hoggatt – Social Studies Teacher

Mission Statement: Identify, assist, and nurture members of the Tiger family who have challenges to overcome and successes to discover.

Team Objectives:

- Reach out and help students and families in crisis.
- Work with students to improve their attendance.
- Identify academically at-risk students and assist them in developing an improvement plan.

The Family Outreach Team wants all Tucker families to know that if you know of a family who needs extra support because of a crisis or unusual circumstance, please call Mrs. Miller at 527-4600 so the team can reach out to help the family and help the student achieve.

Enjoy the last few days of your summer vacation and get ready for a great 2006-2007 school year at Tucker! Our theme for the upcoming year is Never Stop Thinking, so start thinking right now about all that you are going to accomplish this year!

OPEN PTSA BOARD POSITIONS

There are still a few open positions for the 2006—2007 school year. If you are interested in getting more involved in your child's education and helping to make Tucker an even better school, contact Marilee Tretina, PTSA President, at mtretina@comcast.net or 270-2097.

The open positions are:

Ways & Means Co-chair—Responsible for raising funds through spirit wear sales; staffing craft shows with volunteers, and other projects.

County Council Alternate—Attend five County Council meetings during the year. The county council consists of members from each school and meets with Henrico County School Board and other school officials to discuss issues. You will take issues from Tucker PTSA to the County Council and report back.

Legislation—Present Virginia PTA legislation proposals to Tucker PTSA members and forward local vote results back to Virginia PTA. All work is done in the Fall.

Party All Night Co-chairs—Responsible for coordinating our after prom celebration in May.

BEAUTIFICATION

Many thanks to Tucker student, Alan Bittman. Alan designed and then spent many hours landscaping the area outside the auditorium and gym this summer. This was part of his Eagle Scout project. Be sure to stop by to see what a wonderful job he did improving the view in this area.



INFANT CARRIERS NEEDED

Each year, students in the Child Development class have a project to take care of a "baby". They must treat the baby doll like a real baby; feed it, change it, play with it, etc. Tucker is looking for infant carriers to help make the experience even more realistic. If you have an old infant carrier in good shape, please donate it to Mrs. Agee at Tucker.

STUDENT PTSA MEMBERSHIP

When you get to high school, the PTA becomes a PTSA, Parent Teacher **Student** Association. All students can join Tucker PTSA and are eligible to be on the board. Currently, the PTSA has a representative from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. Additional representatives are needed to fill the open positions as follows:

Senior— 1 open position

Junior—1 open position

Sophomore—1 open position

Freshman—2 open positions

Applications are available in the office. As a student board member, you will provide the PTSA with a student's perspective, communicate between students and the PTSA, attend PTSA board meetings, and help with activities and projects. This is a great leadership opportunity. Applications are due by Friday, October 27. Call Marilee Tretina, PTSA President, at 270-2097 with any questions.

PARKING 2006-2007

Attention rising seniors and juniors (in marketing).

In order to obtain a parking sticker for the 2006—2007 school year, you must comply with the following:

- All outstanding fees must be paid
- All books must be returned
- Must hold a valid drivers license

We will start a lottery on fee night. We will place your name in the lottery once you have attended the meeting on fee night. We will not add your name to the lottery unless you are present on fee night. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you may send a parent or legal guardian.

Fee night for juniors and seniors is on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 from 4:00—6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning parking, please contact Mrs. Burton at 527-4600.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Below are the schedules for the Fall Varsity sports. For more information on these events, as well as Junior Varsity schedules, visit the J.R. Tucker web site at, <http://www.henrico.k12.va.us/HS/Tucker/> and select Sports & Organizations, then Sports Schedule. Come out and cheer for Tucker's athletes.



FOOTBALL

9/08	vs. Benedictine
9/15	at Midlothian
9/22	vs. Henrico
9/29	vs. Hermitage
10/06	at Freeman
10/13	vs. Thomas Jefferson
10/20	at John Marshall
10/27	vs. Godwin
11/03	at Patrick Henry
11/10	vs. Deep Run



GOLF

8/17	vs. Deep Run
8/21	Colonial Dist Tourney
8/28	Hermitage
8/29	Maggie Walker
8/31	Godwin
9/05	Patrick Henry
9/12	Maggie Walker
9/14	Freeman
9/18	Goochland
9/19	Hermitage
9/21	Lee Davis



BOYS VOLLEYBALL

8/25	vs. Lee Davis
8/28	vs. Atlee
8/30	@ Varina
9/05	@ Lee Davis
9/7	vs. Godwin
9/12	@ Patrick Henry
9/14	@ Maggie Walker
9/18	vs. Henrico
9/19	@ Hermitage
9/21	@ Freeman
9/25	vs. Highland Springs
9/28	vs. Maggie Walker
10/02	vs. Thomas Dale
10/03	@ Godwin
10/05	vs. Patrick Henry
10/10	@ Thomas Jefferson
10/17	@ John Marshall
10/19	vs. Freeman
10/24	@ Deep Run
10/26	vs. Hermitage



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

8/25	@ Lee Davis
8/29	@ Atlee
8/30	vs. Varina
9/05	vs. Lee Davis
9/06	@ Hanover
9/11	vs. Highland Springs
9/12	vs. Patrick Henry
9/14	vs. Maggie Walker
9/18	vs. Henrico
9/19	vs. Hermitage
9/25	@ Highland Springs
9/28	@ Maggie Walker
10/03	vs. Godwin
10/05	@ Patrick Henry
10/10	@ Thomas Jefferson
10/11	@ Varina
10/17	@ John Marshall
10/19	@ Freeman
10/24	vs. Deep Run
10/26	@ Hermitage



FIELD HOCKEY

8/28	vs. Freeman
8/30	@ Hermitage
9/11	vs. Godwin
9/13	@ Patrick Henry
9/18	@ Varina
9/20	@ Deep Run
9/25	@ Freeman
9/27	vs. Hermitage
10/02	@ Maggie Walker
10/04	@ Godwin
10/11	vs. Patrick Henry
10/18	vs. Deep Run



**CROSS COUNTRY
Boys & Girls**

9/06	@ Collegiate
9/13	@ Hanover
9/20	vs. Varina, Henrico, Highland Springs
9/27	vs. Hermitage, JM
10/04	@ Maggie Walker
10/11	@ Patrick Henry
10/18	vs. Godwin, TJ

REFLECTIONS THEME for 2006-2007

My Favorite Place

Reflections is an arts-in-education program sponsored for 38 years by the National PTA. Reflections recognizes student achievement in the areas of visual arts, photography, computer graphics, musical composition, and literature. Reflections is a great student-parent-school involvement project that not only builds student confidence and creativity, but builds community awareness for Arts in Education. Students may enter in all four categories. Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit will be given to those entries that best artistically interpret this year's theme. This year the theme is "My Favorite Place".

Reflections entries may be submitted in late October. More information will be forthcoming so watch the TV announcements. Applications with instructions for dimension and media will be available in the office. Tucker winners will be notified towards the end of November. After judging, all entries will be displayed in the library.

J.R. TUCKER PTSA—WHAT DO THEY DO?

The J. R. Tucker PTSA is a volunteer organization made up primarily of parents and guardians of Tucker students. We ask all parents to join the PTSA to support our children and the school. Below is a description of what the PTSA did last year.

PROGRAMS:

Back to School Night—September—Opportunity for parents to meet their student's teachers.

College Night & Club Fair—October—The College Night highlighted what students need to know about preparing to apply to college. An admissions representative from James Madison University spoke on what JMU is looking for in prospective students. In another session, Tucker Clubs were represented. Students and parents had an opportunity to talk to representatives from different clubs so they could join and get involved at Tucker.

Helping Your Child Achieve Academic Success—January—This workshop, presented by Tucker Guidance, included topics such as understanding the parent/adolescent relationship; cooperation between the student, teacher and parent; supporting your teen; and making the most of teacher-parent conferences. Also, resources on tips for taking SOL and SAT tests were distributed. A pizza dinner was offered before this program to encourage attendance.

Laws Affecting Your Teens—March—Tucker's Resource Officer, Officer Blackburn, presents information on new and existing regulations concerning driver's licenses, curfews, hosting and attending parties, and other laws that parents (and students) need to know.

Surviving Beach Week—May—Resource Officer Woodburn covered topics including relevant laws (for Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina), liability issues, chaperones, horror stories (don't let these happen to you or your teen), and more. Cheryl Emory, a parent, gave helpful tips and resources to plan ahead to make sure your teen is safe.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

Stuff A Bus—The PTSA asks parents to donate school supplies. The parents or student put the school supplies on a bus during free night. Supplies are first distributed to Tucker students with needs first. The remaining supplies were donated to New Bridge School for distribution.

Student Directory—The PTSA publishes a student directory listing of names and phone numbers of students that submitted requests. There is a nominal fee for the directory.

Newsletter—We publish a newsletter at least 4 times per year which highlights activities and accomplishments at school as well as PTSA news.

Hospitality—This committee provides breakfast for teachers in August, dinners on Parent/Teacher conference nights, lunch during Teacher Appreciation week, and mailbox treats or desserts at lunch during the other months.

Party All Night—An after-prom celebration for our teens in a fun, safe, drug and alcohol free environment. PAN is free to the students and their dates and included a DJ, casino, caricature artists, giant slide, laser tag, human bowling, temporary tattoos, free keepsake photo and t-shirt, food and lots of prizes. This past year we also had a hypnotist. In 2005, every student left at the end of the night with a door prize.

Student Bookstore—The Tiger's Den, our bookstore, sells school supplies, spirit wear, and healthy snacks before and after school. (Food is sold after school only.) Healthy snacks include rice cakes, sunflower seeds, yogurt, granola bars, popcorn, fruit drinks, and sports drinks. We do not sell soda or candy bars.

Student Choice Award—Each year the students have an opportunity to vote on their "Teacher of the Year". Every student is given a ballot in homeroom and asked to write a few words about their favorite teacher. The votes are tabulated and the winner is announced during Teacher Appreciation Week. The winner receives \$250 from the PTSA.

Baccalaureate Service—The PTSA sponsors and coordinates the Baccalaureate Service for our Seniors.

Graduation Video—We coordinate a professional video tape of the graduation ceremony. The PTSA does not receive any income from this project. We offer it as a service to our students and parents.

Scholarship Fund Donations—Each year, Tucker PTSA contributes \$500 to the Moody Scholarship Fund and \$50 to the Marybeth Graff Scholarship Fund.

Reflections—Tucker PTSA sponsors this arts-in-education event every year. Students have the opportunity to express a theme in an artistic manner. Two years ago, a Tucker student received the Award of Merit for visual arts at the National level. Only five students in the United States receive this honor.

J.R. TUCKER PTSA—WHAT DO THEY DO? Cont.

VOLUNTEER UTILIZATION:

PTSA Events—

- Hospitality asks volunteers to donate baked goods, help make monthly mailbox treats and help serve meals.
- Party All Night requires over 80 volunteers for tasks such as decorating, fundraising, registering students, providing and serving food, supervising “rides”, dealing cards in the casino, “tattooing” students, taking and mounting pictures, setting up and cleaning up for the event.
- Volunteers assist in staffing the bookstore before and after school.
- Craftsmen’s Classic—The PTSA provides over 70 volunteers at the Christmas and spring Craftsman’s Classic Craft Show to raise funds for the PTSA.

School—

- Volunteers help in the main office to answer phones during lunch.
- Assist with Hearing and Eye screening.

FUNDRAISING:

Instead of asking the students to sell a product, Tucker PTSA has the “Tiger Trust” program. We ask the parents for a one time donation each year instead of asking them to sell something. We also make money from the Tiger’s Den (bookstore), spirit wear (neck ties, gloves, umbrellas, scarves, bracelets, shorts, license plate covers, etc.), and the two Craftsman’s Classic Craft Shows. We have corporate sponsors to help with our biggest budget item, Party All Night.

HOW DOES THE PTSA SPEND THE FUNDS?

Our biggest expenditure is Party All night. We also spend funds on our newsletter, hospitality. In addition, we usually make a large purchase to benefit the school. The principal identifies a need and we help to fund that need. Last year, the PTSA purchased folding chairs for special occasions in the gym to replace chairs that were over 40 years old.



TIGER TRUST

OUR PTSA’S MAIN FUNDRAISER

Individuals and families assist the PTSA by contributing generously to the Tiger Trust. It is our PTSA’s Main Fundraiser. We do not ask parents and students to sell wrapping paper, candy, etc., so we ask for your one time, tax-deductible contribution to the J.R. Tucker PTSA each year. The Tiger Trust campaign is in its tenth year at Tucker. We spend all contributions during the current year to benefit Tucker students, teachers and staff. Thank you for your past support. We sincerely appreciate any amount you can give.

If you have any questions regarding Tiger Trust, please contact Diane Sharpe, Tiger Trust chairperson, at jrtpa@yahoo.com.

PTSA Meetings

Monday, September 25, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium

Back to School Night - Join us for the first PTSA Meeting to hear our plans for the 2006-2007 school year. The meeting will be held in the gym. After the meeting, you can proceed to your student’s classrooms to meet their teachers.

Monday, October 30, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Café 3 College Night and Tucker Club Fair

Seniors and parents – come to hear this informative session on preparing to apply for college. Information will include: filling out applications, essays and how the Tucker Guidance department can help you.

Juniors, Sophomores & Freshman – come and see what clubs you can join at Tucker. Many of the Tucker High clubs will be represented with information about joining.

PARTY ALL NIGHT

Party All Night (PAN) is the J.R. Tucker PTSA's gift to students of a fantastic after-prom celebration, in a safe, substance-free environment. Prom is one of the riskiest nights of high school. In response to a VA DMV request, the VA Department of Education developed the PAN format to keep our teens safe.

This year, Tucker's 17th annual PAN took place at the Tuckahoe YMCA from 12 – 4 am on May 13th. We had a casino, scrumptious food, amazing prizes, a DJ, a giant inflatable slide, human bowling, laser tag, caricature artists, keepsake Polaroid photographs, car video games, ping pong, pool, foosball, a balloon drop (with cash prizes), dancing, limbo, tattoos, and lots more fun. The PAN t-shirt distributed at 2 am was designed by two Tucker students, Umair Khimani and Cory Feldman.

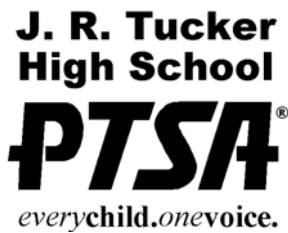


Our prizes were unbelievable! We had MP3 players, a refrigerator, TV/DVD players, a bicycle, photography sittings, jewelry, cosmetics, automobile services, sport tickets, furniture, cash, gift certificates to area restaurants, resort, entertainment centers, theaters, manicure and tanning salons, and more.



Party All Night would not be possible without the generous support of our community and our parent volunteers. When you look for a caterer, go to dinner or to shop, go out for fun, or need a service; please consider the businesses listed. **Let's support the businesses that support Tucker!**

Many thanks to our major contributors who each donated \$500 or more in cash and prizes!



Party All Night Contributors – Thank You!

Thanks to all generous merchants, organizations, and families who donated gifts and/or money to make Party All Night a great success! Year after year they say "Yes!" to Tucker. **Please return the favor with your patronage.**

Community Support

AAA
A Tanning Salon
American Family Fitness Centers
Applebee's Neighborhood Grill
Arbonne – Donna Taylor
Arby's – Short Pump
Atlantic Leather
Austin Hamlin Homes
Ava's Day Spa
Baker's Crust
Bassett Furniture Direct
bebe Nails
Berticci's
Best Buy
Bon Secours Richmond Health System
Bottoms Up Pizza
Bruster's Old Fashioned Ice Cream
Busch Gardens
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Franklin Covey
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G-Force Karts
Gelati Celesti Ice Cream
Ginter Park Women's Club
Golf Galaxy
Green Top
Hair Artistry by Celeste
Hair Perfections
Hancock Fabric
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Henrico's Doctors Hospital
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Home Team Grill
Hondo's
Hunting Hawk Golf Club
Koontz-Bryant, P.C.
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Loyal Oder of Moose Inc. Tuckahoe
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Maggianos
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Oasis Sports Park
O'Charley's
Outback Steakhouse
Pacific Coast Tanning
Padow's Ham & Deli, Inc.
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Pepsi and Aquafina
Performance Designs
Pizza Hut & Italian Bistro
Planet Hair
Red Hot & Blue
Red Robin
Regal Cinema-Short Pump
Richmond Kickers
Ritz Nails
Royal Nails & Spa
Sam Ash
Sams/Wal-Mart
Shoney's
Sport Clips Haircuts
Staples
Starbuck Coffee
Tiffany's Salon
Topeka's Steakhouse 'N Saloon
Tripps Restaurant
Tuckahoe Family YMCA
Tyson Foods, Inc.
Ukrop's
Value City Furniture
Victory Lady Fitness
Water Water Everywhere
Wavemakers, Inc.
Westbury Pharmacy
Wintergreen Resorts
YMCA of Greater Richmond

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Kathy Lynch
Sandra McAllister

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Nelle Pender
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Sandy & Joe Traylor
Fred & Carol Walker
Michael Weedon
Louise Whitehead
Randall & Doreen Williams

Parent Volunteers

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Gail & Adonis Campbell
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Eve Sharpiro
Martha Shotwell
Elizabeth Stevens
Donna & Gary Taylor
Mason Taylor
Joe & Sandy Traylor
Matt Tuggle
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Diane Waters
Susan Wood
Celeste & Rich Young

Many people volunteered to make this event a success. We apologize if your name was mistakenly omitted.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 23, 2006	Freshman Tiger Camp
Tuesday, August 29, 2006	Junior & Senior Fee Night 4–6:30 p.m. Senior Parking Sticker Information 4–6:30 p.m. Stuff A Bus
Thursday, August 30, 2006	Freshmen & Sophomore Fee Night 4–6:30 p.m. Stuff A Bus
Tuesday, September 5, 2006	First Day of School
Monday, September 25, 2006	PTSA General Membership Meeting , 7 p.m. Auditorium Back to School Night
Wednesday, October 4, 2006	Principal's Coffee—Guidance Services, 9–10 a.m. Café 3
Friday, October 13, 2006	Homecoming Game vs. Thomas Jefferson
Saturday, October 14, 2006	Homecoming Dance
Saturday, October 14, 2006	First SAT Test Date—Register by September 12, 2006
Monday, October 30, 2006	PTSA General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m. Café 3 College Night and Tucker Club Fair