



# Folger McKinsey PTO Newsletter

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## A Note from the PTO President

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Welcome back! My name is Karen Reynolds and I am the returning PTO President for Folger McKinsey. Your returning Board Members are Kelly Cornacchia, VP Administration and Anna O'Connor, VP Programs. New Board members this year are Kim Burton, VP Finance; Jacqui Riley, Secretary and Michelle Patschorke, Treasurer. We are all looking forward to a great year of supporting our children and the staff at Folger.

Sneak a Peek at your Seat was a lot of fun! Seeing friends again and having the Marketplace available for school supplies were great. (The school store will be open weekly to provide your students with all their school supply needs.) The icing on the cake that evening was meeting our teachers. Some familiar faces and some new faces- but all teachers are enthusiastic and excited to work with our children this year.

As a PTO- Volunteer commitment gives us the ability to not only see our superstars during the day, but provide support for the teachers as well. Don't miss your chance to be part of the action. Give us 2 hours of your time during the year- you'll be glad you did! There are countless ways in which you can volunteer- whether it's behind the scenes or in the spotlight. Your involvement will make a huge difference in the lives of our students!

Finally, as a PTO- Our commitment to the kids often means financial support to our staff in the form of a technology wish list- which helps students by providing access to educational programs. *Yes, I'm talking about fundraising!* We are planning two major fundraisers this year. First, the Direct Donation Campaign will start next month. Based on parent comments and last year's success, this fundraiser asks parents to contribute directly to the PTO, eliminating the need for students to solicit friends, family and neighbors to purchase gift wrap or similar items. Parents loved that 100% of the proceeds go directly to the PTO. Be on the lookout for a flyer with more details. When considering a contribution, remember that your donation is 100% tax deductible! The outcome of this fundraiser will determine the need for smaller efforts throughout the year. Our second fundraiser is the Folger 5K/1Mile Fun Run- held in the spring. This event helps give us a starting point for the next school year budget. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and support the school while modeling an active lifestyle for your family- and it's a lot of fun!!

I hope that you'll find the PTO to be a committed parent and teacher group full of information and fun. Together, we will strengthen our community through volunteer support. Together, we will pool our resources to provide the technology, cultural arts programs and fun family events that benefit students. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our children every day. The purpose of the PTO is to support the educational needs and well being of the students at Folger McKinsey Elementary. That's what we're all here for!

I look forward to an amazing year!

Karen Reynolds

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*Quote of the Month:*  
*"C'mon, Son-  
you have to make  
the bus....  
I don't know where  
the school is!"*

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## PTO Membership



### Attention all business owners!

Are you looking for economical ways to generate business while supporting the work of the Folger McKinsey PTO?

We have the perfect solution for your business! Advertising in the PTO newsletter is an easy way to gain exposure from over 400 families.

Consider placing a monthly advertisement.

Full page ads are available as well as being included in the weekly blasts. Please email

Rob Blanchfield,  
[rob@blanchfield.com](mailto:rob@blanchfield.com) or

Kim Burton,  
[burton746@verizon.net](mailto:burton746@verizon.net)  
for more information.

What an incredible night we had on Sneak a Peek night! I was a little nervous as I drove up to the school, wondering if I'd figure out where to park and which door to use. It was such a relief to see the familiar Folger McKinsey Elementary School sign greeting me! I immediately felt at ease. I knew that all of the other parents were probably as apprehensive as I was and I thought that most people would just be anxious to find their children's classrooms and meet the teachers. As we set up the Membership table I really didn't expect that we'd attract much of a crowd. After 7 years at Folger, I should have known better! More than 100 families braved the crowds and the lines (and the table full of novelties for sale right next to us) and joined the Folger McKinsey PTO. These parents know that joining the PTO directly benefits their children and our school. It shows our children, their teachers, and the administration and staff that the parents of Folger are committed to supporting and enriching the educational opportunities that Folger provides. They also know that it gives them a voice in shaping and directing the future of Folger. And, of course, they know they will be getting that super handy PTO Membership Directory!

If you haven't joined yet, it's certainly not too late! The deadline to have your information listed in the directory, however, is Friday, September 10th so please get those forms turned in as soon as possible! Forms are available to download on the front page of

[www.folgermckinsey.org](http://www.folgermckinsey.org) or via this direct link

<http://www.folgermckinsey.org/billboard/PTO%20Membership%20Form%202010-11.pdf> and we will make forms available on Back To School

Night on Tuesday, September 7th. The registration cost is \$15 per family (cash or checks payable to FMES PTO) and you can send completed forms to school with your child in an envelope marked PTO Membership.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [cornax@hotmail.com](mailto:cornax@hotmail.com) or (410) 647-5318.

We also had a raffle on Sneak a Peek night. Congratulations to the winners who will each receive a \$5 credit at the Owl Outlet, our school's very own store! Certificates will be distributed in class.

- K - Bret H.
- 1 - Hannah S.
- 2 - Gavin S.
- 3 - Sophia D.
- 4 - Chloe W.
- 5 - Cora S.

And be sure to look for LOTS of volunteering opportunities coming your way SOON!

Kelly Cornacchia  
Folger PTO, Vice President of Administration

## Folger Art Show- Needs Help

Folger is having an Art Show in the spring and we need someone to work with the Art Department to make it happen. Please contact Anna O'Connor [annaro@msn.com](mailto:annaro@msn.com)



Folger Art Show in May 2011

## Ledo Pizza Night

When you have your calendar out and are checking your dates, don't forget to add Folger-Ledo night the second Tuesday of every month. Stop by Ledo Pizza, get dinner and socialize with friends from Folger every second Tuesday from now until May!

Now that school is back in session it is time to think about raising some money. Ledo's Pizza is doing their raffle again this year, 1st \$250, 2nd \$100, and 3rd \$50. Just mention Folger when you dine in or carry out and you will get a raffle ticket to fill out and hopefully win some cash.

More than just pizza!

## Thank You...

*Jennifer Lee, for all your hard work and preparations which made the Folger McKinsey Marketplace on the evening of our first "Sneak a Peek" a wonderful experience for parents and children. Jen ordered supplies, planned items for each table by grade, and pulled it all together. Parents were impressed and pleased at how well it was organized. They also loved the convenience of the one stop shop. Children loved making their own choices with all the selections that were offered. Great job, Jen!!!*

*School store will be open weekly for students just before school starts. It has all of the required supplies that your student needs...and some fun and useful things they want!*

*Thank You...*

*Kathie Hamlett, Lise Chaisson, Susan Keller, Matt Hall, Krystine Milewski, Sherry Leikin, Mary Pat Seeman, Renee Bellanca, Stella Gladys, Michelle Patschorke, Maureen Whittington, Denise Jones, Lisa McConkey, Megan Stemburger, Kelly Cornacchia, Jacqui Riley, Anna O'Connor, Kim Burton and all the wonderful Ambassadors that assisted families around the building. The spirit and success of the evening would have not been so great without your help! You all played a very important role in making things go smoothly. Thanks very much for jumping in. You made it fun!*



*Very Sincerely, Karen Reynolds*

## September At-a-Glance

Date	Day	Event	Time
6	Monday	No School/ Labor Day	
7	Tuesday	Back to School Night	6:30-8PM
9	Thursday	No School/ Rosh Hashanah	
14	Tuesday	No School/ Primary Election Day	
14	Tuesday	Ledo's Pizza Night	
17	Friday	Picture Day	
16-27	Thurs-Mon.	Media Book Fair (Non-PTO Function)	
21	Tuesday	Media Book Fair Family Night (Non-PTO Function)	
24	Friday	PTO Newsletter Deadline	
28	Tuesday	PTO Meeting at Folger McKinsey	11:00 AM
28	Tuesday	Volunteer Orientation and Room Parent Luncheon	12:00 PM

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# Folger McKinsey PTO Membership 2010-2011

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Welcome to the Folger McKinsey Elementary school year 2010/2011!

The PTO is a very active and enthusiastic group of parents and teachers. Through membership and fundraising, we strive to support our students and teachers to allow them to achieve their goals. Membership in the PTO rewards you with our coveted PTO Directory, an invaluable resource for contacts with classmates and teachers. Providing your email address gives you access to the Weekly Blasts which offers information on upcoming events at school. Joining the PTO helps keep you informed and gives your student an academic advantage. Studies show that there is a direct relationship to student success when parents get involved and volunteer! Stay in the loop, and sign up today!

*Membership into the PTO is still just \$15.00! Please make all checks payable to the Folger McKinsey PTO.*

Directory Listing Information: (Please list both parent names if you wish to include them in the directory)

Parent/Guardian Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Child / Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child / Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child / Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child / Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please, do not put my information in the PTO Directory

*The purpose of the PTO is to support the education and well-being of the students at Folger McKinsey Elementary.*

