



Salem Salamander News

Newsletter of the Salem Elementary School PTA

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From Our Principal

Make Math Count

I want to thank all of our math Superstars for their hard work on the PTA Math-A-Thon. Math is the one topic I would teach all day if given the opportunity. I love to read, but I love to teach math even more. You can help your child to love math by making it a part of their everyday experiences. Show them how you use math everyday. Have them help you with measurements in carpentry or cooking. Sometimes math is scary because it seems like only very smart people can do it. But not all mathematicians have been geniuses.

The Elementary Mathematics Adoption Committee recommended a new math series for next year. The program was selected by the committee because of the quality and rigor of student task, structures of differentiation within the classroom and correlation to NC Standard Course of Study and the national math standards. This program supports the district goal of high achievement and growth of all students, including Level IV, by promoting active engagement, skill development, conceptual understanding and higher level thinking to solve problems and explore ideas. Computation remains an important component of this program.

The amount of work that went into the selection of this particular program makes me feel very comfortable with this program. All K-5 teachers in WCPSS were invited to participate in the selection process. The entire process took about 5 months. Our own Grade 3 teacher David Copperwheat and Grade 2 teacher Nicole Lewis have each been training teachers on the new math strands across the county.

We are now in the process of projecting our student enrollment for next year and placing an order for these new math materials. All K-5 WCPSS teachers will be offered the staff development training on the new adoption. Our math instruction will be improving even more as a result of this hard work on the part of the adoption committee and many dedicated teachers in Wake County Public Schools.

Savon Willard, Principal

Notes From Our President!



Thank you to all the students who participated in this year's Math-A-Thon! We will have a great time honoring those students at our awards ceremony and General PTA meeting on Thursday February 19 at 6:30PM. The PTA truly appreciates all the parents, students, and sponsors who helped with this fundraiser. A very special thank you goes to Anna Johnson, Samantha Enoch, and their entire Math-A-Thon committee for their hard work and dedication. Few people realize how much time and effort goes into our programs and fundraisers. Math-A-Thon has always been a fundraiser that incorporates many stages of planning and organization. Anna and Samantha did a fantastic job making sure that this fundraiser ran smoothly. Thanks again to them and their committee for all their time and enthusiasm!

I would like to congratulate all of our students that participated in Reflections this year. These students were honored at a special breakfast reception this past week. I would like to thank Chelsea Wood, our Reflections Chairperson, for all her hard work. She did an awesome job promoting this year's theme! We had so many entries! Chelsea also hosts a great breakfast. Thanks again for all you did Chelsea!

We all look forward to collecting items for Will Power again. I want to thank Alison and Tommy Hager, the organization's founders, for their tremendous help getting this together. The Salem Elementary family looks forward to participating in this wonderful event again this year. Please watch your Friday Folders for more information on this wonderful service project.

A nomination committee for next year's PTA Executive Board has been formed and is being chaired by Karyn Knoke. The nominations are open for positions on the Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons. If you have any interest in serving on our Board, please speak with Karyn Knoke. If you are approached about serving on the PTA Board, please give it consideration. All Board members will tell you that serving on the PTA Board has been rewarding. You, too, will find that your time can help the success of our school. Some positions require more of a time commitment than other positions. Our current board members range widely in their time constraints due to family and professional obligations. You will find that there are several Board positions that fit your schedule and the amount of time you are willing to commit. Salem Elementary is proud to have one of the most active PTA units in Wake County! Please consider joining our Board as an officer or chairperson and see how gratifying it can be to work for your child's school!

If you have any questions or interest in running for a position, please contact Karyn Knoke (363-4060) or anyone on the current board. I would be happy to answer any questions about the duties and time commitments of all positions. Please feel free to contact me at 303-5295 or kellyjaynes@nc.rr.com.

Another big thank you goes out to all the Salem Elementary families for all your dedication to our school.

Kelly Jaynes, PTA President



Flu Season

This is the time of year we need to focus on school attendance and student health. The flu season is upon us. Preventing the flu this season is important for having teachers and students in class on a daily basis ready to learn. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services have asked principals to remind teachers and parents about the three key steps to remember to help prevent the flu.

- Remind children to wash their hands with soap and water frequently to reduce the risk of infections.
- Remind children to cover their noses and mouths with disposable tissues when coughing or sneezing. They should then throw the used tissue in the trash and wash their hands with soap and water.
- Parents of sick children should keep their children home whenever the children are running a fever.

Whenever your child is out of school, you will still receive an automated call from Wake County Public Schools. Even when you call the school to let us know your child will be absent, you will still receive a call. This is a double check for parents and a reminder to send in a note upon the student's return to school. Without the note from you, the absence is considered unexcused.

Please make sure your home and work phone numbers are correct in the school office. This is the time of year we are often finding changed numbers, disconnected phones, and new numbers.

Make sure you keep the teacher informed of any changes so we can contact you in an emergency or if your child is sick.



Angels Among Us 5K and family fun walk

As many of you know, a student at Salem Elementary, Cameron Jackson, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in February of 2008. This year, on April 25, 2009, there will be a 5K and family fun walk to raise money and support for the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke. Team "Action Jackson" is being created in honor of Cameron and there are many ways you can participate in such a worthy cause. Please contact LeAnn Jackson at lwjackson@nc.rr.com or visit Cameron's Web site <http://camjacksonupdate.blogspot.com> for more information.



Volunteer of the Month

The volunteer of the month is Kim Barbour. She jumped right into helping out at Salem when her oldest daughter started school in Mrs. Bridges's kindergarten class last summer. Kim also has a one year old at home but that doesn't stop her from volunteering once a week in Mrs. Bridges's class. She has also helped the PTA with many things – book fair, Friday Folders, teacher's gifts, Cultural Arts assemblies for Salem children; she even helped with the Kindergarten Tissue Tea that was supposed to be for kindergarten parents to attend! Whenever Mrs. Bridges has special events in the classroom, Kim always tries to help out in anyway she can. The list of her volunteering goes on and on.

Outside of helping at Salem, Kim and her family enjoy the outdoors. They love to go to the mountains, the beach and hiking too. Kim and her family moved to Apex from Maryland so they love to travel there often to see their family and friends. Salem Elementary is very lucky to have such a wonderful and willing volunteer. Thanks Kim!

Do you know of a special Salem volunteer? We like to highlight someone new each month. Let us know whom you recommend!

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Mark your calendars for Salem Elementary's Pajama Party

Thursday March 26, 2009

6:30-8:30PM

This will be a fun-filled night for the entire family!
(More information will be sent home closer to the date!)



MEDIA MATTERS

By Sandra Wagner

TRACK-OUT AND SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Many students ask if they are allowed to check-out books during track-out time. As a librarian, I would never discourage anyone from reading whatever they wanted to read. Students need to read books and magazines during the track-out period.

My answer varies each time with questions such as these: Do you want to take books home during track-out? Are you planning to go a vacation? If so maybe you might not want to take books from the school library. Do your parents want you to take books home during this period? Some parents have indicated that they take their children to the public library and would prefer not mix school and public library books.

The media and school staff would like to invite parents to bring their children to the school library during the track-out period. Please let us know your preference for books during the track-out period. We would love to hear your suggestion on how we can provide service for the students during track-out times.



What past cabinet post did Condoleezza Rice hold?

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month we will celebrate Black History Month with several book displays in the media center. We will display fiction books written by African-American Authors throughout the library. There will be a book display about civil rights and we will have a display of President Obama and past African-American Cabinet Members and possible future ones. Hopefully, this display will remind all of us about the duties of the Cabinet members and the missions of their office.



The Book Fair is coming! Mark your calendars!
March 26 – April 2, 2009

Donations of books are always welcome. We would like to thank the following people for donating over a hundred books to our media center: The Jaynes, Devita, and Pilkington families.

Thank you!

MEDIA MATTERS (continued)

By Sandra Wagner



SCRABBLE CLUB NEWS: This year we have seven teams going to the Scrabble tournament in Chapel Hill on February 28, 2009. Scrabble is a game where we not only learn interesting words but we also sharpen our addition and multiplication skills. I am most impressed with the growth I have seen in this year's club members.

Thanks to all the volunteers that help out with the Scrabble Club and the Media Center. We appreciate every minute that you share with us in order to help at the school.

NORTH CAROLINA CHILDRENS-BOOK-AWARD-VOTING IN EARLY MARCH

Each year our students participate in the voting for the best children's book in North Carolina. The students in the state of North Carolina vote for the book they think is the best based upon the written word and the illustrations. This year nominees are located at this Web site: <http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/nccba/>

Chess Club is looking for parent volunteers

We are looking for some parents to help from 8:40AM until 9:20AM on either Tuesday or Friday mornings. Grades 3 - 5 meet on Tuesdays. This can be a large group, especially when tracks 1 and 4 are tracked in. Grades K - 2 meet on Fridays. This group tends to have more beginners and tons of questions.

Our goal is to hold meetings each week until the end of May. In order to achieve this goal, we need at least one additional volunteer at each meeting while Track 1 is in school. During March, when track one is on vacation, we need 2 parents that can help run each of the meetings. Having a few volunteers during March will help us avoid the possibility of shutting the club down during this time.

If you are able to join us on either Tuesday or Friday mornings in the cafeteria, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the Chess club, please contact the Deanhardt family at dee@deanhardt.com or 386-0152.



Testing “Tid-Bits”

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 Testing Coordinator

The “Testing Season” is upon us. Below is a brief summary of standardized tests that are administered to all students enrolled in Wake County Public Schools.

Grade 3:

The **Pre-End of Grades (Pre-EOGs) for reading and math** are administered to all third graders during the first three weeks of school. Score reports are generated by the state, via a Parent Report and are sent to schools during the school year. The renorming of the Reading portion of this test has caused delays in scores becoming available to parents. As soon as we receive the Parent Reports, we will send these home with your third grader.

The **Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)** is a nationally normed aptitude test that assesses the pattern and level of students’ cognitive development. The CogAT measures a general thinking and problem solving skills and indicates how well the student uses these skills to solve verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal problems. This test is administered to all third graders in the middle of the school year. Results from this test become available to schools by mid to late February.

The **Iowa Survey Tests Battery (ITBS)** is an achievement test given in the areas of Reading and Math to students who score in the 75th percentile on either the CogAt subtest(s) or on the composite score. This test requires a signed parent permission. Score reports are sent to schools by mid April. This year’s ITBS will be administered (Tracks 1, 3, 4) the week of February 23. Track 2 third graders will take the ITBS the week of March 16.

The CogAT scores and scores from the ITBS, along with other sources of data are used in determining participation in the school’s Academically Gifted (AG) program.

End of Grades (EOGs) in Reading and Math: see table below.

Grade 4:

This year Wake County Grade 4 and 7 students are participating in the Writing Assessment System Pilot. This system takes the place of the traditional one day writing assessment that was previously administered to students in the spring. The pilot consists of 4 writing assignments that are administered by the classroom teacher throughout the course of the school year. Each writing assignment is scored by two trained scorers at the school level. Scores from the assignments are used by teachers to differentiate and guide their instruction in writing based on individual student needs. Dates of administration for each of the writing assignments vary between tracks. Look for these dates to be announced in the teachers’ classroom newsletter and/or Blackboard site. Scores are reported to DPI, but are determined at the school level. These scores can be shared by your child’s classroom teacher in your parent/teacher conference(s).

End of Grades (EOGs) in Reading and Math: see below.

Grade 5:

The Science End of Grade (EOG) test will be administered to students during the fourth quarter of school. These dates have not been released yet.

End of Grade Tests (EOGs) in Reading and Math are administered to all Grade 3 through 5 students during the fourth quarter of school. Below is the testing schedule for EOGs for the 2008-2009 school year.

Track 1	May 11 –May 15
Tracks 2, 3, 4	June 8 - June 12

Counselor's Corner

Throughout the month of January, we have celebrated the character trait of **SELF-DISCIPLINE**. Students have learned about setting goals and sticking to them....never to give up or quit! How can you foster self-discipline at home?

Here are four ways to encourage everyone in the family to take action and meet some new goal:

1. Pay attention. Suppose your child has decided she wants to do her homework without nagging. The first time she sits down without being reminded, pay attention. A short, "Grace, you're meeting your goal for the day. Good work!" is all it will take.
2. Don't wait. We all get caught up in what we're doing. But there is nothing that works as well as immediate feedback. "Kylie, thanks so much for taking the dog for a walk," you'll say. Kylie will be much more likely to take the dog for a walk tomorrow.
3. Reinforce the small steps. She wants to pull her spelling grade up to an A. This week she's not quite there--but she made some improvement. Remind her of the fable of the tortoise and the hare. Slow but steady really does win the race.
4. Be specific. Your child is trying to bring up her math grade. So after she does her homework, she takes time to check her answers. Don't just say, "Good job." Tell her, "You checked your work. That's a good way to catch little mistakes that can lower your grade."

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Salem Elementary staff enjoyed breakfast on Saturday, January 24. All items were donated from area businesses. We would like to thank the following businesses:

The Wake Zone (coffee shop next to our school)
McDonalds (Hwy. 64 and Lake Pine)
Biscuitville (Hwy. 55/ High House)
Starbucks (Hwy. 55/High House)
Harris Teeter (Apex Peakway and Hwy. 55/High House)
Lowe's Foods (Apex Peakway)
Food Lion (Laura Duncan)

A special thanks to Jenny Cass for helping to organize this event!



Have you heard of this organization? DonorsChoose.org is a great way for our teachers to get additional classroom materials they may want or need to enhance the classroom experience. Teachers post a request. You look at the request and see what you can give toward their goal. Our students directly benefit from your generosity. Check it out! Some of our Salem Elementary Teachers have wish list items already posted!

Wake SEPTA

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) www.ecac-parentcenter.org

ECAC is North Carolina's Parent Center and is committed to improving the lives and education of *ALL* children. ECAC is all about **Parent Education!** Since its conception in 1983, ECAC has been committed to "*improving the lives and education of children*" by providing parents with the knowledge and skills to become their child's best advocate. **ECAC's parent education programs are designed to meet the needs of parents and families, young children and students and educators and other professionals.**

ECAC's Parent Education Programs include:

- [The NC Parent Training and Information Center Project \(PTI\)](#) - for parents and families with children with disabilities
- [The NC Parent Information and Resource Center \(PIRC\)](#) - for families students and educators in Title 1 schools
- [The NC Family-to-Family Health Information Center \(HIC\)](#) - for families with children who have special healthcare needs
- [NC State Improvement Project](#) - working with state and local educators to provide information and materials to families on literacy, behavior, writing, and mathematics
- [Behavior and Reading Improvement Center \(BRIC\)](#) - evaluating school-wide programs designed to prevent behavior and reading problems
- [Bridging the Gap](#) - providing information to families of children (birth – 3) in the hospital

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Internet Safety Presentation What you don't know can hurt your child...

Computers and the Internet (and social networking sites like MySpace® and Facebook®) play an important role in the lives of many young people. Technology provides great benefits and opportunities, but it can also leave young people vulnerable to serious dangers. Each year, one in twenty-five youths receives an aggressive unwanted sexual solicitation online according to a recent study. Parents and caregivers need to understand the dangers young people face on the Internet and learn about the steps that can be taken to prevent victimization. Adults must encourage positive uses for computers while simultaneously monitoring and supervising young people online.

Please join us **Thursday evening, February 12 at 6:30 in the multi-purpose room.** Please consider making alternative plans for your children. Typically, children are not present because we don't want them to get the tips we give the adults, and we don't want them to hear language that some would consider inappropriate. Please check your child's Friday Folder this month for further information.

This presentation is designed to help parents and caregivers understand online safety issues and provide practical information to assist them in keeping young people safe on the Internet. Resources provided during the workshop were produced by the North Carolina Department of Justice in partnership with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

We feel it is very important for as many parents as possible to attend this program. For this reason if you are unable to make alternative plans for your children, we will have some teachers on hand in the Media Center to watch children ages 3 and older.



Campbell's Labels

Wow! We're guessing there was a lot of delicious cooking in Salamander homes over the holidays with 815 labels collected in January! Thanks for keeping up with your own during the festivities. Mrs. Moccari's class contributed a whopping **173** of the labels to win the Golden Can Trophy and will host the trophy in their classroom when they track back in later this month.

As a reminder, we collect the UPC symbols from Campbell's, Pepperidge Farms and Prego products to earn supplies for our great school. Thanks for all your support and help sending in UPC's!

Rozanne Todd and Kelly Kunkel, Campbell's Labels Co-chairs



Don't Throw Away That Dime

We have collected \$2,217 in Box Tops. That is 74% of our goal.

January Awards

Class Participation

The following classes participated in the Box Tops Program for January:

Kindergarten - Crabtree, Mackey, ****Monza**

Grade 1 - Bartlett, Bentley, Gray, Moccari

Grade 2 - Phillips, Sarver

Grade 3 - Smith, Joyce, Miller

Grade 4 - Bergauff, Ortiz, Robertson, Shue

Grade 5 - Hoffman, Scarborough

**** Thanks to Mrs. Monza's class for collecting the most Box Tops in December!**

500 Club Members

A class becomes a member of the 500 Club when they have collected over 500 Box Tops for the year.

Mrs. Bartlett's Class, **Mrs. Bentley's Class ***, Mrs. Bridge's Class, Mr. Copperwheat's Class, Mrs. Crabtree's Class, Miss Fowler's Class, Mrs. J. Gray's Class, Mrs. N. Gray's Class, Mrs. Joyce's Class, Mrs. Mackey's Class, Mrs. Moccari's Class, **Miss Phillip's Class ***, Mrs. Monza's Class, Mrs. Shue's Class

* denotes new member of the 500 Club

Laura Brockman

Susan McMorris



Win \$10,000 Cash for Our School!

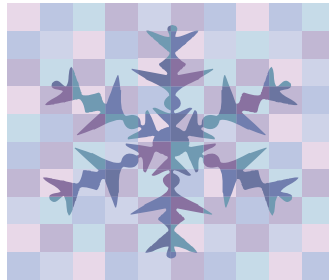
Here's your chance to hum, strum, march and sing your way to a BIG Reward for our school.

This means that marching bands, orchestras, choral groups, music classes and any school related group can offer their rendition of the Harris Teeter Jingle. We can submit as many different entries as we'd like.

Don't miss this great opportunity to have fun and make a difference at our school!

Schools wishing to submit an entry to Harris Teeter's My Jingle contest should send a standard VHS Tape, Mini DV Tape or DVD of an eligible group or band singing the "My Harris Teeter Jingle" and a completed [official rules and entry form](#) by February 12, 2009 for your chance to win. You can download the rules and entry form at: http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/jingle.aspx.

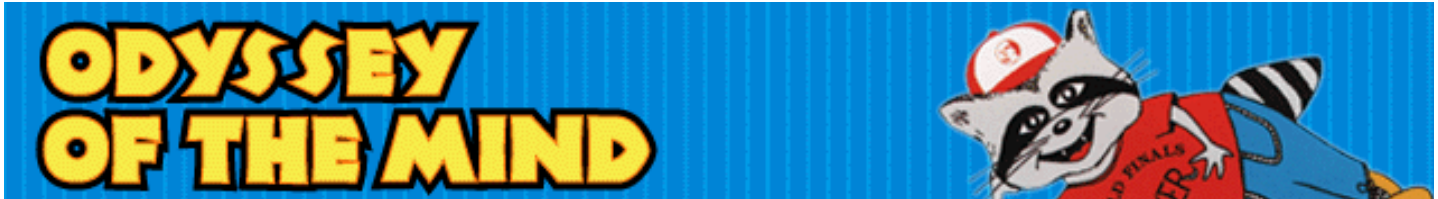
You can also print the lyrics through this link as well. Any questions don't hesitate to contact me Cheryl Boss at ceboss3@yahoo.com.



COAT DRIVE

Salem Elementary's Coat Drive kicked off on Monday, January 26 and ran through Monday, February 2. We received many coats which will be divided and delivered to Wake County's Salvation Army as well as other local area charities. Thank you to everyone who donated a coat to support these charities! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

To be able, under all circumstances, to practice five things constitutes perfect virtue; these five things are gravity, generosity of soul, sincerity, earnestness and kindness. - Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC)



What Are the OMers are Up To?

Well, we have looked at the calendar and can't believe it! *Only Five Weeks to Competition!!!*

It seems so long ago that our *journey* began – way back in September when our Odyssey of the Mind (OM) teams were handed their long-term problems. Since then, the teams have met, discussed, planned, brainstormed, researched, and yet, there is still so much more that they do! For instance, each week, our teams arrive at school early to practice being *spontaneous*. This is an important part of their creative *journey*, as a third of the total score a Division I Team can receive at competition comes from how the team conducts themselves during a spontaneous problem. This past week, many of our Division I OM teams attended the Odyssey of the Mind Spontaneous Fair at Creekside Elementary School to learn from experienced spontaneous judges how to improve their spontaneous skills and scores. What was the number one thing they learned? Teamwork is a BIG part of a successful spontaneous problem solution!

Many teams have also ramped up their meeting times to accommodate what has lovingly come to be known as “February Crunch Time.” This is when the teams turn creative ideas into problem solutions. Work is diligently done on the construction of sets and mechanical apparatuses, costumes are sewn, and the skits are finalized. It is the time when the homes of our volunteer coaches turn into OM Zones. The coaches are frequently eating meals with cardboard trees in their kitchens, parking their cars outside to make room for OM vehicles and backdrops in their garages; vacuuming becomes a challenge when coaches try to maneuver around the obstacle course of “OM stuff” in their family rooms.

As we continue along this *journey*, we realize the value of practice and support. So, to further prepare for competition we hold Town Meeting and OM Nite Dry Run performances for our family and peers. This year, many of our teams will be performing for their grade level peers at Town Meetings at the End of February and OM Nite will be Wednesday March 4, 2009, with the first performance starting at 4:30PM. The teams use these dry run performances to polish up on their long-term problem solution and work out any kinks before competition – *the practice!* All Salem Elementary students and their families are invited to watch these impressive student-created performances and cheer on the hard work of our Salem OMer's – *the support!*

And then it's here... *the competition!* The gathering of OM teams from throughout the region to showcase the results of many months of hard work along their *journey*. This year, the Eastern Region Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 in Chapel Hill. Any Division I Team that places first or second in their overall problem category will have their *journey* continue on to compete at the state level, which will be held at Wingate University on Saturday April 4, 2009, with World Finals to follow May 27-30, 2009 at Iowa State University. And while each OM Team would welcome their *journey* to continue, many will end on March 7. However, we are encouraged by our *OM Spirit* and remember that we embarked on this *journey* not only to reach the competition, but for the *journey* itself, getting there together, as a **team!**

The 2009 OM teams and coaches would like to thank the entire staff and administration at Salem Elementary for their continued support and sponsorship of the Odyssey of the Mind Program. We would also like to commend Rosanne Taft and Sujata Shirsekar for their dedication to the continued administration of the OM Program at our school. However, like any good run, a torch must be passed.....will you be the one to take the next lap in our *journey*?

For additional information about OM, please visit their Web site at www.odysseyofthemind.com and the NC Eastern Region at www.ncome.org .

Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Salem Elementary Spring Event

Saturday April 19, 2009

10:00AM to 2:00PM

We have **Jam-Packed** our **Earth Day** themed **Spring Event** with:

Lots of FUN!!

- ❑ Delicious Lunch Catered by **Outback Steakhouse®**
- ❑ Electric Scooter Rides Provided by **Great American Electric Bike Outlet**
- ❑ Many Arts & Crafts and Learning Activities for the Kids
- ❑ Student Art and Project Displays
- ❑ Raffle and Auction Items
- ❑ Traditional Themed Classroom Baskets
- ❑ “Make Your Own Art” from Recycled Materials with the **Scrap Exchange**
- ❑ Plenty of Eco-Friendly Enlightenment for Everyone

We are still looking for a catchy Slogan for this Event! To find one, we decided to hold a “**Name that Event**” Slogan Drive. Entry forms went home in the Friday Folders. If you didn’t get one, stop by the front office to pick up a copy. All Entries are due to back to the PTA by **Wednesday February 18, 2009**.

Much more information is to come via this Newsletter, Room Parents and of course, the Friday Folders. Please feel free to contact any of the PTA Spring Event Co-Chairs with your ideas, questions, raffle items, and offers to help!

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EARTH DAY FACTOID

The first Earth Day, held in 1970, gathered steam from Senator Gaylord Nelson as “a national day of observance of environmental problems to teach the world respect for the Earth”. When we think of Earth Day, we think about recycling, reusing what we have, reducing waste, protecting our resources from pollution, conserving water and energy, teaching respect for the environment, going green and overall being friendly to our planet.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
Thursday February 5	2:30PM	PTA Board Meeting
Thursday February 12	6:30PM	Internet Safety Presentation – Media Center
Thursday February 19	6:30PM	General PTA Meeting – Math-A-Thon
Wednesday March 4	2:30PM	PTA Board Meeting
Thursday March 5	1:00 PM	EARLY RELEASE
Friday March 13		Spring Pictures – Tracks 2 & 4
Thursday March 26	6:30PM	General PTA Meeting – Curriculum Night
Thursday March 26	6:30PM - 8:30PM	Salem Elementary Pajama Party
Thursday March 26 – Thursday April 2		SPRING BOOK FAIR

A hearty **thank you** to the Apex Bicycle Chain for their generous donation of over 30 helmets to our annual Salem Holiday Gift Program!



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