

# DISPATCH

A PTA Publication



## ARISTOCATS

BY: Sue Bader, PTA Theater

I would like to thank the entire cast of the Aristocats. What an awesome job all of you did. You should be very proud of yourselves for all the hard work for the past 3 months. It paid off! Also, I would like to thank everyone involved in helping make this play come to life. Without all of the help from the Oak Hills High School students, the staff and students at Rapid Run, not to mention the countless hours that Rina Dizon, Lori Wainscott and Amy Thompson put in, this would never have been the success that it was. I don't want to forget to mention the fantastic parents we had, not only helping out but bringing your child to and from practice each week for the last 3 months. Good luck to the 5th graders that will be moving on and we hope to see everyone else back next year.



# THE RIESEN"BEAR"GER REPORT

Greetings Dulles Families!

Spring break is just around the corner! This week long break seems to always approach at the most opportune time to rejuvenate for the final surge of learning! We are reaching the final stretch! As already shared, OAA testing will be occurring the weeks of April 29 through May 9, 2014. The following tests will occur on the below stated dates:

**3rd grade Reading OAA- April 29**  
**4th grade Reading OAA-April 30**  
**5th grade Reading OAA- May 1**

**3rd grade Math OAA—May 2**  
**4th grade Math OAA—May 6**  
**5th grade Math OAA—May 7**  
**5th grade Science OAA—May 8**

To help your child during this important time, please make sure that a good night's rest and healthy breakfast predicate the testing days. Rest and fuel will be important factors in a successful testing experience. An early thank you to PTA for also providing a healthy assortment of snacks for testing grade levels on testing days. Please note, there is **NO delayed start on Wednesday, May 7** due to the OAA assessments.

On a different topic, I would like to share with families that recently our staff participated in safety professional development. This is known as **ALICE training**. ALICE is an acronym for **Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate**. Our teachers have participated in how to act if an intruder would enter school and how to help the students remain safe. As a continued practice, JFD will have lockdown drills throughout the year. It is very important in the drills, for those communicating, to be sensitive in balancing the practice with the important understanding that our school is a safe and caring place to be. Thus, discussions surrounding lockdowns will always be framed with the message that Dulles is a safe and caring place. It is the goal of the staff to help children feel that they have a means to keep themselves safe in a situation that may cause the school to be on lockdown.

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Thank you for your continued support and enjoy a much deserved Spring Break!

Kind regards,  
Mrs. Beth Riesenberger  
JFD Principal



## president's letter

Dear Dulles Families,

It's hard to believe that we are in our last quarter of this school year! The PTA has enjoyed being a part of your child's school life, and we hope you have enjoyed the many activities that your PTA has provided.

While there is still more learning and fun to be had, the PTA is looking ahead to the next school year. There are many ways for you to be involved. Your support through membership is always appreciated, as is your support of our fundraisers. All money raised during the school year is used to provide programs and activities for the current year. We are also appreciative of everyone who volunteers their time and who donate items needed to have successful programs.

Another way to become involved is to join the PTA board. Next month, we will have a list of all open committees. There are many opportunities for everyone! Each committee has a budget and the support of volunteers. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month (August through May). If you are interested in becoming an active member of the PTA, please contact me for more information.

We hope you enjoy a fun and relaxing Spring Break!

See you around Dulles!

Leeann

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481-7328

April 8, 2014

Dear J.F. Dulles Parents, Faculty and Staff,

The PTA would like ideas from parents, faculty and staff to determine how to spend any excess PTA funds, after we have taken care of our expense obligations for the 2013-2014 school year. Please take some time to give us your suggestions. Fill out the form below and return it to the PTA mailbox, located in the school office, or email to Beth Ray or Leeann Garrett by **Monday April 28, 2014**

It is necessary for you to be as specific as possible regarding the cost and where the item(s) can be purchased. Try to get information from at least two suppliers. Include pages, copies, quotes from catalogs, brochures, websites, etc., and staple to this form, if applicable. If you have more than one suggestion, this form can be duplicated or additional forms will be available online and in the hallway near the school office.

The Disbursement Committee will be meeting to consider all of your requests. Keep in mind, the School District will need to approve items over \$500 and has the ability to deny purchases they consider to be capital investments or curriculum based. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your input!

Beth Ray, jfdullesptatreasurer@gmail.com & Leeann Garrett, leeann.garrett@gmail.com

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I would like the PTA to consider the purchase of:

The item(s) can be purchased from:

Approximate cost (including shipping/installation estimates, if possible):

Grade(s)/Students that will be using this item(s):

The purchased item(s) will benefit the students in the following ways:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(This information is helpful if we have questions or additional information is needed)



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## 4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

*Sponsored by Faith Fellowship Church,  
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[www.goffc.org](http://www.goffc.org)

**When:** Saturday, April 19, 2014

The fun starts at 10:00 am

**Where:** Kuliga Park Shelter Area

**Bring:** Your Basket

**Who:** Ages 2-10



**Special  
visit by  
THE  
EASTER  
BUNNY**

**Egg Hunt,  
Refreshments,  
Prizes,  
Crafts,  
Games,  
Face Painting,  
Activities, &  
More!**

**IF IT RAINS?**

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Join Us  
FOR

# Easter



### **OHYA FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Online registration for the Fall season will be open starting April 1st. In-person online registration, for anyone who does not have a PC or has questions, will be on Saturday, April 5th, 10am-1pm and Saturday, April 12th, 10am-1pm at Oak Hills High School in the Commons Entrance. Oak Hills Youth Athletics has three programs for the Fall season: 1) Our Little Kickers program is for players who are ages 4 or 5 as of July 31, 2014. 2) Our Regular SAY program is for ages 6 (by Sept. 30, 2014) through 13 (by July 31, 2014); and 3) Our Minors/Seniors SAY program is for players 14 through 18 (by July 31, 2014). Questions? Check out our web site at: [www.ohyouthathletics.org](http://www.ohyouthathletics.org) for information and registration.

### **PTA SUMMER BRIDGE BOOK SALE**

Bridge Books are an easy way for parents to help their children to maintain academic proficiency over the summer. The books contain daily activities that strengthen reading, writing, math, and language skills. The exercises are presented in a fun and creative way to help motivate students to review familiar concepts while being progressively challenged. You can pre-order the books now and they will be delivered to school and sent home before the end of the year. The cost per book is only \$12.00. Students completing the book can return it for a reward at the fall Dulles Ice Cream Social, and will be entered in a drawing for special prizes. Order forms are due Monday, April 28. Call Sheri Bussard at 922-5336 with questions.



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- 2 If you're a new client, your organization will receive \$20.
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\*Only approved 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to receive \$20 for each new client referred to a participating U.S. H&R Block office when that person pays for the preparation of an original personal income tax return between January 1 and the IRS income tax filing deadline (usually April 15) of the current year. An eligible tax form includes: 1040, 1040-A and 1040-EZ (paid only). A new client is a person who did not have his/her taxes prepared by H&R Block the prior year. Referral form must be presented prior to completion of the initial tax interview. Amended returns do not qualify and H&R Block employees are not eligible. Allow approximately 8 weeks after May 1 for delivery of check. Offer may not be combined with any other referral program, coupon or discount offer. OBTPW B13696 02013 H&R Block Services, Inc.

## **Cheviot Savings Banking Contest**

**Congratulations to our March banking contest winners Claire Bryan (5th grade) and Sumer Floekter (1st grade). Each girl won a Target gift card.**



### **OHLSD CALAMITY DAY UPDATE**

(Cincinnati, OH) – Amended Substitute House Bill 416 has been approved by Governor Kasich. As a result, the Oak Hills Local School District will make up snow days on June 5, 6 and 9. These are the same days that were approved by the Oak Hills School Board prior to the 2013-2014 school year.

The last day of school for seniors is June 3. June 9 is the last day of school for students in grades PreK through 11. Morning kindergarten students will attend one full day of school. That day will be determined by each elementary school and parents will be notified of the date.

For more information on HB 416, please visit:

<http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130> HB 416

Questions may be directed to building principals.

# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The last J.F. Dulles PTA Family Movie Night of this school year was held Friday, March 21. About 180 movie goers were in attendance. A great time was had watching the featured film "Frozen" while spending quality time with family and friends. Many families enjoyed pizza for dinner relaxing on their blankets, ready for the movie to begin. Cub Scout Troop 141 provided snacks and refreshments. Many raffle items were given away during intermission and winners included **Jessica Reis, Emily Weinheimer, Jillian Doering, Marin Hater, and Avery King**. In addition, **Annaliese Szabo** won the featured film DVD! Thank you to our Dulles custodial staff, Carl McClurg, and also the many Dulles families who helped to make this evening a successful family event!





# DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Congratulations to the **Extreme 7**, one of our Dulles Destination Imagination teams made up of **Claire Bryan, Sophia Elchynski, Riley Ludwig, Katelyn Rieder, Megan John** (not pictured), **Josie Holland, and Abigail Miller**. They won second place at the regional tournament and are headed to the state tournament on April 26th in Columbus. Destination Imagination is a program where students solve challenges using artistic, scientific, creative, and imaginative skills. And only the students can come up with ideas—no adult help allowed!! These girls researched and described an extreme environment, created extreme gear, and depicted the extreme environment. Congratulations girls and good luck at state!



# Sports Spotlight



4th graders: **Abbey Vetter, Bailey Crass, Megan Schultz, Mia Schnell, and Savannah Bettis** and 5th graders: **Holly Bauer, Charley Boone, Molly Gross, Hallie Weisman and Abby Good** are all members of the Oak Hills Minis Dance Team they competed in an all state competition in March where they placed 1st in the state and received the high point of the whole day with their jazz routine! Which means from k-12 which was over

60 times, they received the top awarded score of the entire competition! Never done by our Mini team before! In April they went to the National competition in Indianapolis where they took 1st place in there jazz routine winning the snazzy white champion jacket! *Again this has never been done by our Minis team before!* They had an amazing season due to hard work, dedicated Coaches Angie and Jessica, and team spirit! Congratulations to these amazing athletes!!!





# BOX TOP CONTEST

**The Box Tops results are in! The class that collected the most Box Tops and Campbell's labels this year is Mrs. Frey's class! Second place is Mrs. Duwel-Glassmeyer's class and third place is Mrs. Brown's class. J.F. Dulles collected over 55,000 Box Tops and Campbell's labels for our school this year! Thanks to everyone for participating!**



## SKATING PARTY

**MONDAY, MAY 12**

**6:00—8:30 P.M.**

**WESTERN ROLLERAMA**



## FEED THE PIG!



The Cheviot Savings Dulles Banking Program is open for business from 8:30 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. each Thursday morning in the multi-purpose room. A new account may be opened with as little as a \$1 deposit and a completed parental authorization form. Subsequent deposits can be as little as 50 cents.

## **OAA REVISED TESTING SCHEDULE FOR 3RD THROUGH 5TH GRADE**

4/29: 3rd grade Reading

4/30: 4th grade Reading

5/1: 5th grade Reading

5/2: 3rd grade Math

5/6: 5th grade Math

5/7: 4th grade Math\*

5/8: 5th grade Science

**\*THE DELAYED START SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO OAA TESTING. SCHOOL WILL START AT THE REGULAR TIME.**

### **DO YOU HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL REFRIGERATOR/COOLER?**

The PTA would like to purchase a large, standup refrigerator/cooler, with clear, double front doors much like those seen in convenience stores. If you know where we can purchase a used one or have one for sale—please let us know! You can contact Laura Miller at [dcm2727@fuse.net](mailto:dcm2727@fuse.net) or 451.4597.

### **GO BANANAS CHALLENGE!**

Dulles is collecting old cell phones and iPods as part of the Cincinnati Zoo's Go Bananas Challenge. If we can bring in the most cell phones out of all the schools and groups participating in the challenge, we can win \$4000 for playground equipment. Drop your old cell phones and accessories (chargers, ear pieces, etc) in the "Project Saving Species" box in the front lobby of Dulles by Friday, March 21, 2014.

### **OAK HILLS YOUTH SOCCER (SAY Soccer)**

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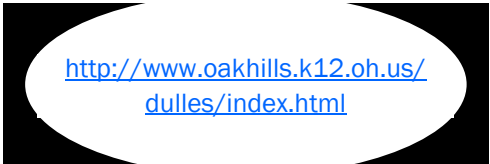
Regards,

Beth Riesenberger, JFD Principal

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**Spring Break**

April 14-18

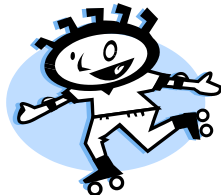
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**Skating Party**

May 12

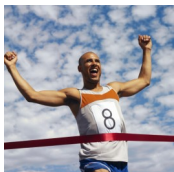


**Materials Workshop**

May 9

**1st/2nd Grade Track & Field**

May 22



**Enrichment Day**

May 23

