



2/5/12 Message from the PTA Co-Presidents, Kate Boyd and Susan Cook

THANK YOU...

To the parents in Ms Durkin's class who stepped up for **Crossing Guard duties** last week! We had every shift filled and it was a great start to this new effort. This week, Ms Kincaid's class is signing up, and next week duties will be handed off to Ms Smaciarz's classroom. Look for a sign up sheet and take part.

IF YOU MISSED LAST WEEK'S PTA MEETING

Here are the highlights:

- There was a discussion about bringing back wrapping paper sales next year.
- Liz Foote updated us on the planning for the upcoming spring fundraiser, which will be on Saturday April 14. It will include a sit-down dinner, a DJ, dancing, and a no-host bar.
- The PTA is working on producing a t-shirt that will be free to all students, which will be paid for by corporate sponsors.
- We discussed having parents take over the crossing guard duties on G Street after school since it is very difficult for teachers to get there in time. Each classroom will be asked on a weekly basis to sign up for 30-minute shifts.

To read an unapproved draft of the minutes from this meeting, [click here](#).

VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP

Last year, more than 70 children attended the poetry workshops and wrote over 100 original poems. It would be wonderful to continue cultivating this passion and interest at McNear, but we are in need of a **poetry workshop leader**. Please contact Lyn Van Tighem at 765-9394 or l.van.tighem@gmail.com if you can give some time to our eloquent students.

Read about [volunteer opportunities here](#). To **join the PTA**, [download a form](#).

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Please let us know if you have any questions, feedback or ideas. Or look for the **Suggestion Box** folder in the office and drop us a note!

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