

April 2010 PTA News
For Incoming Kindergartners



Welcome to Carmel! What an exciting and nervous time this can be, registering and sending your little one off to kindergarten in a few months. We have all been there before and know the feeling!

If you have any questions, big or small, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our PTA is made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members who all want to serve the best interests of all our students. Whether you have a question today, want to know more about Carmel, take a tour of the school, would like to purchase Carmel Spirit Wear or think of a question over the summer, **we are here to help.** Contact us at carmelpta@gmail.com or 404-936-5601.

We invite you to get involved in whatever way suites your family needs, availability, skills and interests. There are so many ways to be involved and make an impact. You can even start today if you like! Although the kids will be on summer break, there are many PTA volunteers that will be making plans throughout the summer for a wonderful 2010-11 school year!

Proudly Serving, Rebecca Hayes and Gary Parkes, 2010-11 PTA Co-Presidents

Remember to save your **Box Tops** and enter our contest for incoming kindergartners only!



Contest Collection sheets due back by Aug 13th!

BUY 1 GET 1 FREE SALE

Carmel and Scholastic Books are having their first ever Buy-One-Get-One Free Book Fair at Carmel May 4-6 from 8am to 6pm (open until 8pm on May 4th)

Make Money for Carmel, the TrueBlue Way.

At Georgia Natural Gas, they understand that a strong school system is integral to a community's success. That's why they created the TrueBlue Schools® Program – a simple fundraising solution open to all residential or commercial natural gas users.

By enrolling in TrueBlue Schools, you automatically help raise money for Carmel Elementary School. That's right, **they'll donate up to \$100 a year** for every person in our school community who chooses GNG and selects Carmel!

And all TrueBlue Schools participants are eligible for a guaranteed **5¢ discount per therm** by choosing their Market Advantage Plan.

For additional details for both new and existing Georgia Natural Gas customers, please visit www.trueblueschools.com



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Carmel Elementary School PTA.

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There are chair, co-chair, and committee members needed for these positions and others. If interested in learning more or signing up, please email us at carmelpta@gmail.com or contact one of our PTA Board Members. We will get you the information you need to make the most informed decision possible. As life throws us curveballs, our ability to volunteer can change and we understand that. We are all volunteers-having fun, making a difference, and supporting each other!

We can't do it without you!!!

<p><u>PTA Membership Team</u> Works together to create a membership campaign for the coming year. They continue their work by enrolling members during school events throughout the year. The bulk of the work is in August and September.</p> <p>If you are a people person, this is a perfect fit!</p>	<p><u>PTA Holiday Workshop Elves</u> Do you love the holidays? This team will have lots of fun as they plan the crafts, food, entertainment, and Holiday Shoppe for Carmel. For many Carmel families this is a day to remember! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle bells rock!</p> 	<p><u>PTA Fall Festival Team</u> Planning one of our most popular annual events requires good organizational skills. This team helps plan the activities, ticket sales, volunteers, raffle baskets etc. By dividing the responsibilities into multiple areas, no one person would have too much to do! Cleaning up after the ponies is optional!</p>
<p><u>Carmel PTA Cooks Team</u> <i>Love to bake or at least don't mind it?</i> This team will coordinate with PTA Chairs to determine when to bake and what to bake throughout the year. This team can bake if they like of course, but more importantly organize the Carmel bakers as needed!</p>	<p><u>PTA Labels for Education Team</u> This is a perfect task to be completed entirely at home on your own schedule, in your pajamas! Campbell's labels is an easy Ca\$h for Tra\$h program that allows our school to get free educational equipment.</p> <p><i>Eating soup is not required!</i></p>	<p><u>PTA Bingo Team</u> Who doesn't love a good bingo game? This team will help plan our annual bingo night. Tasks include organizing prizes, volunteers, food, and entertainment. It is easier than it sounds and a whole lot of fun! You need not be over 80 years old to play!</p>
<p><u>PTA Staff Appreciation Team</u> This team plans and organizes our staff appreciation events throughout the year! We love the staff at Carmel and this team is key in making sure they know it! No cooking required!</p> 	<p><u>PTA Passive Fundraising Team</u> This group or individual will oversee our passive fundraising projects such as the Publix Commitment Cards and TrueBlue for Schools. This group can also research other passive fundraising opportunities-there are many! These earn \$1000's for Carmel.</p> <p>A perfect work-from-home job!!</p>	<p><u>PTA Family Night Team</u> Will coordinate with our family night partners to make sure the Carmel community knows when the family nights are. This will entail phone or emailing from home, possibly picking items up from partners, etc.</p> <p>THIS TEAM IS NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR THE CHICK-FIL-A COW COSTUME!!</p>
<p><u>PTA Ca\$h for Tra\$h Team</u> This includes the overall coordination of our various programs including Campbell's Labels, My Coke Rewards for Schools, Tyson Labels, Box Tops etc. Note: There is a separate Box Tops Chairperson managing the Box Tops program. This is an at-home task that can be done in your sweats!</p> 	<p><u>PTA Room Parent Team</u> This group or individual will make sure the room parents are in the know and that they have the most up to date information to communicate to their parents. The majority of work will be in the form of email and can be done while home in your slippers!</p> 	<p><u>PTA Fundraising Team</u> What to do? This group will evaluate fundraising options for Carmel and will be involved with deciding what we do for a fundraiser(s). Fun Run? Wrapping Paper? Cookie Dough? Candles? Coffees? Magazine subscriptions? So many choices.....you help decide!</p> 