



SEPTEMBER 2008

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## The 2008-2009 School Year Kicked Off with a Bang!

Everyone had a great time at this year's Welcome Back Picnic, held in the gym. It was a great chance to meet the teachers and reconnect with other parents and friends while having dinner on a blanket in air-conditioned comfort! Thanks to everyone who attended!



## HELP!

The PTO would like to form or reinvigorate a few of its committees. These options were not listed on the original parent volunteer sheet sent home at the beginning of the year. If you are interested in any of these endeavors, please contact Joanne Sowell at 292-9967 or [joanne.sowell@comcast.net](mailto:joanne.sowell@comcast.net).

**GREEN SCHOOLS:** The Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation has a program to help schools teach about environmental issues in the classroom and ideas to help make schools more environmentally friendly. Our school has been registered as a green school, but there is no current agenda except to continue our paper recycling efforts. If you would be interested in helping build this program, let us know.

**3-5 YEAR PLAN:** It is time to update the PTO strategic plan. We have already gathered input from Ms. Cheadle and the faculty. Now it's time to prioritize needs and investigate costs. If you would like to help establish our updated plan for improving Sylvan Park, this is the committee for you.

**WORKROOM HELPERS:** Teachers are more valuable in the classroom than the workroom. Wouldn't you like to think your child's teacher spends their planning time concentrating on their lesson plans and our children's needs? If you have a regular time you can dedicate to basic workroom tasks (copying, laminating, etc.), whether it is ten minutes or an hour, the PTO would like to form a pool of willing helpers for the teachers.

### Attention Kindergarten and First Grade Girls and Parents....



We would like to start a Daisy Girl Scout Troop at Sylvan Park and we need you!! We need parent volunteers and girls who want to join in the fun of Girl Scouting. Please join us for an informational meeting Monday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

For more information or to inquire about becoming a leader please contact:

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**SUPPORT SYLVAN PARK!**

There are many easy ways to get money for our school to support our programs without reaching into your own wallet.

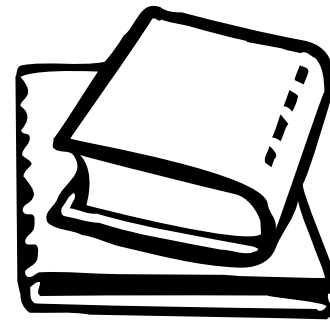
Kroger cards are available for purchase for five dollars. They come loaded with five dollars you can use toward your purchases at Kroger. It is easy to reload the card; just visit the service desk or the register before your groceries are checked, and Sylvan Park gets back 4 percent of all of your purchases. The card can be reloaded again and again.

If you are a Publix shopper, get a Publix key card and swipe it at the register to help support the school.

The Box Tops program is still an excellent way to help Sylvan Park. Just clip the "Box Tops for Education" label off many products you already buy and send them to school with your child. Sylvan Park gets 10 cents for every label collected.

If you shop at Target, designate Sylvan Park as your Take Charge of Education school for your Target credit card. The school gets 1 percent of all of your purchases.

More information will be coming home soon, but if you have any questions or want to purchase a Kroger or Publix card, contact Desiree Reid (desiree.reid@gmail.com) or Jessica McCullars (jmccullars@comcast.net).



**SAVE THE DATE: SYLVAN PARK ELEMENTARY PARENT MIXER & SILENT AUCTION**

Mark your calendars for a one-of-a-kind evening exclusively for Sylvan Park parents! This inaugural event, hosted by the PTO, will have an Italian theme and will fea-



ture a wine tasting,

silent auction, wonderful food, and a great opportunity to mix and mingle with parents and staff of Sylvan Park Elementary.



Friday, September 19th

6:30 pm-8:30 pm (auction closes at 8:00 pm)

Cafe Coco's Italian Market

411 51st Avenue North

PLEASE RSVP: PTO.SPARK@GMAIL.COM

OR CALL 485.2376 (LEAVE MESSAGE)

*\*Each guest will receive two complimentary glasses of wine. Additional wine, as well as beer, will be available for purchase. Coffee and tea complimentary. The menu includes a wide variety of Italian favorites and vegetarian items. For more information on this event, including donations, please email us at pto.spark@gmail.com or call 485.2376.*

**SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 19!**

**Join Us Tuesday, September 9 for our first BounceU event of the school year!**



*BounceU will "bounce back" 50% of the proceeds from this night to our school. September's proceeds will go towards purchasing supplies for the art department. Mark your calendars and come bounce your heart out!*



**Date:** Tuesday, September 9  
**Time:** 5:30-7:00pm (arrive by 6:00 to be included in pizza order)  
 Pizza and Drinks from 7:00-7:30

**Admission:** \$8.95 per child; \$7.95 per additional sibling  
 \$3.25 per adult wishing to eat pizza  
 (all admissions include 2 slices of pizza and drink)



2990 Sidco Dr. • Nashville, TN 37204  
 615-255-1422 • www.BounceU.com

Remember to check [www.sylvanparkschool.org](http://www.sylvanparkschool.org) for the latest in school information!

The Sylvan Park Elementary PTO is looking for your support! Once again, we are kicking off our 2008-2009 fundraising season by selling the Nashville Citipass coupon books. This has been a huge success in past years and I know with your help, we can reach our goal of raising \$4,000 this year.

With the generous support of our parents and friends, previous fundraisers such as Citipass coupon books have helped fund the following programs: scholarships for teachers to attend National Paideia training, new soccer goals and balls for the playground, Teacher Appreciation events, and other educational and administrative needs that benefit all of the children and staff in our Sylvan Park family.

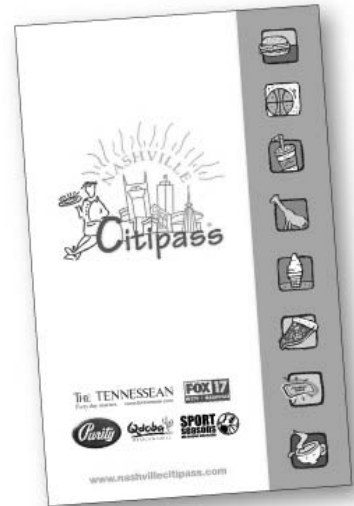
A copy of the new 2009 Nashville Citipass coupon book will be coming home with your student(s). Inside the book is over \$14,000 in savings to some of the top restaurants, attractions, and shopping in the Nashville area. The book sells for \$20 and our school will get to keep \$10 for every book sold! We chose this book because it is actually a product that pays for itself when used once or twice. Make sure you take notice of the “Buy One, Get One Free” coupons to several great local restaurants—those alone will more than pay for the book! And, for every five books a family sells, they will get one free book!

How to Help:

1. Purchase one book for your family!
2. Preview the book, show it to friends and relatives, and take it to work. And they make great gifts!
3. Take additional orders and collect money. Remember, the cost is \$20 per book and as a terrific incentive: sell five books and get one free!
4. Turn your orders and checks in weekly to your child’s teacher. Checks should be made payable to Sylvan Park Elementary PTO.
5. Sale will run through Wednesday, September 17.

Thank you for your support of Sylvan Park Elementary School!

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PURCHASE THE CITIPASS BOOK THAT COMES HOME, PLEASE RETURN IT IN THE ORIGINAL ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME ON IT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 17!



**NEW SCHOOL SPIRIT ITEMS COMING SOON!!**

Check out [www.sylvanparkschool.org](http://www.sylvanparkschool.org) and look for a flyer to come home soon.

**Show your school spirit 24-7...Go Panthers!!**

## Attend the First PTO Meeting of the Year and Help Sylvan Park Earn a New Computer!

On Tuesday, September 16, 5:15 p.m.–7:00 p.m., come to the Sylvan Park Elementary library. Get to know other parents at the school and learn more about the PTO and Paideia, all the while helping our school earn a new computer!

During the 2008–2009 school year, Dell is continuing its support of Metro Schools by sponsoring the Dell Computer Contest. The contest, which encourages parental involvement in school, will award computers to the schools in each high school cluster who sign up the most parents for membership in their PTA, PTO, or Parent Support Groups during their first meeting.




Let's pack the house at the first PTO meeting/Paideia Seminar event on September 16 and win this contest for Sylvan Park! What a wonderful, *easy* way to help our children receive the latest and greatest technology. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend!

Winners will be determined by dividing the number of PTA, PTO or Parent Support Group sign-ups by a school's enrollment. If you can, please RSVP to [pto.spark@gmail.com](mailto:pto.spark@gmail.com) so we can have a headcount for our Paideia folks.



# September 2008

| Sun   | Mon                         | Tue   | Wed   | Thu | Fri  | Sat |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---|-----|--|-----|
|  | 1<br>Labor Day<br>No School | 2<br>Citipass Books<br>Come Home                        | 3   | 4   | 5  | 6   |
| 7   | 8                           | 9<br>BounceU Night<br>5:30pm - 7pm<br>Bouncin' for Art! | 10  | 11  | 12   | 13  |
| 14  | 15                          | 16<br>First PTO Mtg.<br>Library 5:15pm - 7pm            | 17<br>Citipass Books Due<br>Back @ School   | 18  | 19<br>Parent Mixer &<br>Silent Auction<br>6:30pm - 9pm<br>Italian Market | 20  |
| 21  | 22                          | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26   | 27  |
| 28  | 29                          | 30  | <b>SCHOOL SPIRIT MONTH</b><br>BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE NEW SPIRIT STORE ONLINE @<br><a href="http://WWW.SYLVANPARKSCHOOL.ORG">WWW.SYLVANPARKSCHOOL.ORG</a><br>Go Panthers!! |     |  |     |

## SHOW US YOUR SMILES!

IF YOU HAVE PICTURES FROM ANY SYLVAN PARK SCHOOL EVENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE YEARBOOK OR THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO



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