

# **KANGAROO KIDS NEWSLETTER**

## **APRIL 2008**

We would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** to those jumpers and families who participated in our annual Festival and helped us celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We hope you enjoyed the day. A special thank you for the generous donations to the “Roo Baskets”, as well as to all of the parent volunteers for their assistance at the Festival and to all of the Coaches and jumpers. We also want to especially thank the following people for their extra efforts to make everything run so smoothly: **LORI HARTLEY, DENISE RICHARDS, SUE SMITH, CATHY JO YOUNG, KATE DOLAN, AND DEBBIE TARASH. And, THANK YOU to CINDY BORK, our Festival Chairperson!**

**SPRING** is a time of the year when we receive many requests for shows. **April, May and June will be busy.** So, sign-up for shows ASAP and participate as often as you can. **Reminder-your first option is to sign-up for the shows of your choice; your second option is to be assigned to a show(s). Jumpers--you must turn in your show sign up sheet to your Team Coordinator. If there is a change in your schedule and you need to cancel out of a show, please notify your Team Coordinator, the Coach in charge and Mrs. Euler at [kangarookids1@gmail.com](mailto:kangarookids1@gmail.com) . You may send an email if it is a last minute change. And, if you have a change in schedule at the last minute and are available to do a show and there is space available, you should also notify your Team Coordinator, the Coach in charge and Mrs. Euler at [kangarookids1@gmail.com](mailto:kangarookids1@gmail.com) . Telephone numbers for the Coaches and Mrs. Euler are listed at the bottom on the monthly calendars. The Team Coordinators numbers and email addresses are listed on the recently distributed Board Members and Coaches List.**

**Good luck to our Competition Team Kids who will be competing at the Glenwood Community Center in order to qualify for the AAU Competition this summer. The Kangaroo Kids is hosting this event on Saturday, April 12th.**

**We hope that our Travel Teams enjoyed their recent Spring Break trip to Pennsylvania. Thank you for participating and sharing your skills and talents with these students!**

**Keep those Longaberger Raffle tickets coming in! Our first drawings were last week and they will continue until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Kathy Simpson for being responsible for the Longaberger Raffle drawings and for making sure the winners got their beautiful products. Hope you (and/or your family/friends) were or will be one of the winners!**

**Evaluations will begin in May for Team placement for the Fall 2008. We will be restructuring our Team format for next year. Details to follow.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO KANGAROO KIDS TRYOUTS IN JUNE.**

**END-of-the-YEAR POTLUCK DINNER:** Will be held at **Bollman Bridge Elementary School, located at 8200 Savage-Guilford Road in Jessup-20794, on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.** You and your family are invited to join us to celebrate the end of another successful and fun year! **We are planning a special program for your entertainment, which we know everyone will enjoy. A flier and details to follow.** We will also have a very brief meeting to elect our Officers for 2008-2009 at our **General Election** which is held at this event. A list of our nominees will be available in our May newsletter. **Thank you to Andrea Frank and Kim Metz for planning this event.**

**Summer Class Workshops:** Kangaroo Kids will be offering two Summer Class Workshops, which will be open to the public, as well as to our current Team members. The first Summer Class Workshop will be held on **Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Our **second Summer Class Workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATED ON ROUTE 108.** **Details to follow.** Tell your friends about our Summer Class Workshops. **The cost of a one day workshop is \$40.**

**PARENTS/JUMPERS/COACHES PLEASE NOTE:** We have some dates in April and May when Kangaroo Kids will not have access to Wilde Lake Middle School (and to Harper's Choice Middle School for the Competition Team). These dates will also be noted on your monthly newsletter. **We are presently aware of the following dates we will not have access to WLMS: Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>—there is No School, therefore No Practice; Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Competition Team, please note: For Harper's Choice Middle school we cannot use their cafeteria on the following dates: Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> ; Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> .**

Take a “peek” at our Kangaroo Kids website, which is still a work in progress, but looking good! Many thanks to Roger Andreas for his time, expertise, and assistance in improving our site. Check it out at: [www.kangarookids.org](http://www.kangarookids.org) .

Last Practice Dates are: Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> ; Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> ; and Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> . We do have some shows scheduled after our last practice dates. Please be sure to sign up for these shows.

**Board Meeting:** Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at WLMS. Meet in the café at 6:30 p.m.

## **FUTURE SHOWS**

Upcoming Scheduled Shows (Subject to change): 2 shows on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for BYT; May 8<sup>th</sup> for selected Red Travel; 2 shows on May 10<sup>th</sup> for BYT; May 31<sup>st</sup> for Orange/Red; June 1<sup>st</sup> for BYT; June 17<sup>th</sup> for BYT; June 14<sup>th</sup> morning & early afternoon for Orange/Red; June 14<sup>th</sup> for BYT (3:15 P.M.).

Unless otherwise noted all bus trips will depart from the rear parking lot at Atholton Shopping

Center (ASC). Promptness is a requirement for departure and pick-up if you wish your child to participate in these trips. Parents, when we car pool to a show, it is very important for the Kids to arrive at the scheduled arrival time. **BYT means Blue, Yellow, Travel Teams are invited to do the show.**

### **PERFORMANCE DATES**

**(++ Indicates Shows Open to the Public)**

- Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: ++**      **10:00 a.m.:** Meet at Howard Community College, located at 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia-21044, at building ELB for a 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 show for the National Multiple Sclerosis “5K Walk”. For BYT. Show is outside on the blacktop. There is No Rain Date. They will provide our jumpers with lunch. Park in parking lot B or C. Coach: Mr. McCleary. Cannot sell ropes.
- Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: ++**      **12:00 noon:** Meet at Waterloo ES, located at 5940 Waterloo Road, Columbia-21045, for their “Carnival”. Show is from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Performance will be either on their playground blacktop parking lot or inside in the cafeteria . For BYT. Coach: Sue Smith. Cannot sell ropes.
- Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: ++**      **12:15 p.m.:** Meet at ASC for bus to the Comcast Center for a half-time show for the “Capitol Classic” basketball game. Arrive by 1:30 p.m. for a half-time show for the 2:30 p.m. game. They will not be providing us with tickets, but will assign us an area to sit as a group. All jumpers, coaches and chaperons should ride the bus. Our half-time show will be 10 minutes long. For Orange/Red. Coach: Mr. McCleary. Cannot sell ropes. Return ASC at approximately 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>: ++**      **1:00 p.m.:** Arrive at Mt. Hebron Nursery School, located at 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive, Ellicott City-21042, for a 1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. show. Outside on the parking lot or inside gym if it rains). For BYT. Coach: Amanda Beck, Rachel Beck . Can sell ropes.
- Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>: ++**      **6:15 p.m.:** Meet at Mt Hebron High School, located at 9440 St. Road, Ellicott City-21042, for a half-time show for the Resurrection St. Paul School Faculty vs. Students basketball game. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. Our half-time show will be around 7:30 p.m. For BYT and ALL RSPS KIDS—on Performing and Non-Performing Teams. Parents must enter with the jumpers. Otherwise, they will need to purchase a ticket. Coach: Carol Miller. Non-performing Kids, check with Coach to see what to wear if you do not have a uniform. Cannot sell ropes.
- Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:**      **1:45 p.m.:** Meet at Transitions Health Care Center, located at 7309 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Sykesville-21784-for a show for their seniors. Show is from 2:30-3:00 p.m. in the downstairs dining room. For BYT. Coach: Sue Smith. Cannot sell ropes.