

# KANGAROO KIDS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2008

We hope that all of our Kangaroo Kids performing teams will take advantage of the shows we have scheduled for May and June. Spring is always an especially busy time for us and a fun time as well. The May and June shows will be your last opportunity to perform this year, so take this opportunity to “shine” and show the benefits of all of your hard work at practice. Non-performing teams, we welcome your support at any or all of our performing team shows. Support **your** Kangaroo Kids!

**May is Evaluation month. Coach Evaluations for Team placement for next Fall will begin in May. Beginning next Fall, Kangaroo Kids will be restructuring our Team format. Important information and details regarding this restructuring will be provided to you in the near future. Both jumpers and parents will be notified of the evaluation results.**

**Reminder: Dr. Antico will conduct a free Wellness/Fitness Clinic and Workshop on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at WLMS. All Kangaroo Kids jumpers and families are invited to attend. Travel Teams will practice from 4:30 - 5:30, then attend this Workshop.**

Please note on your calendar the following dates which Wilde Lake Middle School (and Harper’s Choice Middle School for Competition Team members) **will not be available to us and, therefore, WE WILL NOT HAVE PRACTICE: Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - No WLMS or HCMS; Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - No WLMS or HCMS.**

**Travel Team Members: Effective Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> through the remainder of the year, Thursday Travel Team practice will end at 6:00 p.m., not 6:30 p.m. At this point in time, you know the routines, have improved your skills and now just need to work on polishing your performance. Good work! Competition Team Kids will stay until 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

If your child has signed-up for a show and **it needs to be canceled due to rain**, the Coach in charge of the show will contact the jumpers as soon as the decision to cancel the show has been made. **The Coach will email the jumpers, so be prepared to check your email on show days.** In addition, **the Coach should contact Mrs. Euler to leave a message on the Kangaroo Kids telephone to relay this cancellation information.** FYI: Most of the Spring shows are outdoor shows and they often do not have a space inside where we can perform. (Although, sometimes when there is a show with No Rain Date, we do have the option to perform inside, when space is available). We will do what we can to “go on with the show”, but will always consider the safety of our jumpers and Coaches first and foremost.

Don’t forget to sign-up and join us for the **Kangaroo Kids End-of-the-Year Potluck** which is being held at Bollman Bridge Elementary School, located at 8200 Savage-Guildford Road in Jessup-20794 **on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.** A flier with details and sign-up will be in your mailbox in the near future. **Please return your sign-up to your Team Coordinator by May 29<sup>th</sup>.** (At your practice that week). **We have made arrangements for “Mark the Groovy Science Guy” to be our special entertainment.** You won’t want to miss his fantastic show! We will also have our General Election of Officers at this event. (This will be a very short meeting). **Our nominees to serve on the**

**Kangaroo Kids Board for 2008-09 are: President - Kathy Rogers; Vice-President - Mary Pat Andreas; Treasurer - Marie Simpson; Recording Secretary-OPEN. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN FILLING THIS BOARD POSITION, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. EULER ASAP! We also need volunteers to Chair and be responsible for Publicity and Ropes, two very important board positions. (Call the Kangaroo Kids office at (410) 750-8062 or email: [kangarookids1@gmail.com](mailto:kangarookids1@gmail.com)). We want to thank JANE HANRAHAN, our current Recording Secretary, SABRINA FIORETTO, our current Ropes Chairperson, and CAROL MILLER, our current Publicity Chairperson, for the many hours they have devoted to our organization as they served on our Board. They have done an outstanding job and they will be difficult to replace! And Thank you to Kathy Rogers, Mary Pat Andreas and Marie Simpson for your willingness to continue to provide us with your guidance and expertise. A special THANK YOU to ROBIN RICE, our Competition Team Coach, who will not be returning next year. We appreciate your contribution towards the success of our Competition Team and your many hours of hard work and your dedication to Kangaroo Kids!**

**We are looking for someone who would be interested in being a Kangaroo Kids Coach. You also can have fun and keep physically fit by assisting us with Coaching our Kids. If you or someone you know would like to be a Coach, please contact us. You will receive training.**

**Summer Workshops:** Our Jump Rope Workshops are being held at the **Columbia Presbyterian Church**, located on at 10001 Rt.108 in Columbia-21044, near Centennial Lane. (Please ask for a copy of the directions if you are not certain of the location of this church). Our Workshops are scheduled **from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND TUESDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>**. If you would like to attend one or both of these Workshops, you must register online by emailing: [kangarookids1@gmail.com](mailto:kangarookids1@gmail.com). The cost is \$40 per Workshop. A flier with details regarding this Workshop will be attached to this newsletter. The deadline to register is **JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**If you are returning to Kangaroo Kids in the Fall and will be moving over the summer, please notify Mrs. Euler of your change of address and confirm your phone number. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AT ANY POINT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, YOU MUST NOTIFY US! Team members will receive an information letter via email in late August. We are hoping to continue our practices at Wilde Lake Middle School. If there is any change, you will be notified. Every Kangaroo Kids team member is important to us. We value each of you and we hope you will continue being a Kangaroo Kid!**

**LAST DAY OF PRACTICE: Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> for Green & Yellow Teams; Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for Blue, Lavender & Purple Teams, and Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> for Orange & Red Travel Teams. For your information, the Kangaroo Kids program will begin in September the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>. You will be notified of the specific information in your August email.**

**We wish all of our Competition Team members the best of luck as they participate in the USAJRF, AAU, and the World's competitions this summer. Have fun, keep safe, and remember that WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**

**Board Meeting: Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Meet in the WLMS café.**

Bus and car pools will depart from the rear parking lot at Atholton Shopping Center (ASC). When meeting at the performance location, jumpers must arrive by the scheduled arrival time, not the performance time. **WE MUST HAVE PARENT CHAPERONS FOR BUS TRIPS!**

### **PERFORMANCE DATES**

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

- Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: ++**                    **11:15 a.m.:** Meet at Northfield ES , located at 9215 Northfield Road-Ellicott City-21042, for their “Carnival”. Show from 12:00-12:30 p.m. outside on the blacktop parking lot (in the cafeteria if it rains). We will warm-up in the gym. For BYT. Coach: Mr. McCleary. Can sell ropes.
- Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:++**                    **1:45 p.m.:** Meet at Clarksville Elementary School, located at 10241 Rt. #108 (Clarksville Pike), Clarksville, MD 21029, for their “Spring Fling”. Show is 2:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. For BYT. Coach: Cindy Bork (assisted by the Becks). Can sell ropes.
- Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:++**                    **11:30 a.m.:** Meet at Catonsville Elementary School, located at 615 Frederick Road-Catonsville 21228, for a 1:30 -2:00 p.m. show outside on the blacktop area or inside the gym or auditorium if it rains. Jumpers get free lunch tickets upon arrival to eat lunch before warming-up for show. For BYT. Coach: Sue Smith. Can sell ropes.
- Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:++**                    **3:00 p.m.:** Meet at ASC for bus to Bykota Senior Center, located at 611 Central Avenue, Towson 21204. Arrive by 4:00 p.m. for a 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. show outside on the street. (The street will be closed off to allow for a performance area during their “Open House” event from 4:00-7:00 p.m. No Rain Date. Will jump inside in gym if it rains. For BYT. Coach: Mr. McCleary. Cannot sell ropes. Return to ASC at approximately 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> :++**                    **12:30 p.m.:** Meet at Rockburn Branch Park in Elkridge (off Montgomery Road), for a 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. show for Cystic Fibrosis “Great Strides Walk”. No Rain Date. For BYT. Coach: Kathy Law. Cannot sell ropes.
- Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:++**                    **1:30 p.m.:** Meet at ASC for bus to Washington Mystics basketball game ½ time show. Arrive by 2:30 p.m. for a 3:30 p.m. game. For Red/Orange. Coach: Mr. McCleary. Cannot sell ropes. Return to ASC at approximately 6:30 p.m. They will provide us with 45 tickets for jumpers, coaches, chaperons on the bus. No other free tickets are available to us.

### **June Shows - See Advanced List Previously Issued (Details Still Subject to change)**

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Centennial Park for the “We Promote Health” Health & Fitness Fair; Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Fire House in Sykesville; Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Maryland Special Olympics at Towson Univ.; Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> “Savage Fest” in Savage (Just added); Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Columbia Festival of the Arts for Orange/Red; Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation “Take Steps Walk” at Western Regional Park in Glenwood.**