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### **Opening PTA General Meeting**

Thank you all for coming out the night of Open House to our first General Meeting of the school year. It was wonderful to see all of you!! Thank you for your support in approving the budget and welcoming our new Vice President of Membership, Diana Carrera. We look forward to this being a great year!!

### **Membership Information**

Our membership has continued to grow each year. We are thrilled! Envelopes have been provided to your child's homeroom teacher to join the PTA. We will be providing incentives to the class at each grade level with the highest percentage of membership with a pizza party at the end of October. The children are definitely looking forward to this!!

Please remember to go to [pta.org/activate](http://pta.org/activate) in order to register with Florida and National PTA as well as receive a variety of incentives and discounts. Thank you again for your support!!

### **Fundraising**

**The Charleston Wrap Catalog Sale** was completed on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone for making this such a wonderful kickoff fundraiser!! Delivery of the items will be in the middle of October.

**Avon Gift Basket Sales** will begin on October 17<sup>th</sup> and continue until October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a table out during SMACK Night on October 16<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to this being another great fundraiser!!

**La Tiendita/Le Shoppe** has been doing well. We are grateful for your children's support. It is our hope that we are providing items that are useful to your child and save you time in being able to purchase them at your child's school.

### **Volunteers**

We greatly appreciated all, who were able to attend the morning of September 18<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you were provided valuable information on how to register to volunteer at Air Base as well as the various opportunities that are available. This school is truly unique, and this is due in large part to the remarkable contributions made by parents, aunts and uncles, and grandparents. Thank you again for your willingness to support your child and Air Base Elementary School!!

If you were unable to attend, please send an e-mail to the PTA at or leave a message for Mairy Hernandez at 787-667-6483. There will be many different types of ways for you to volunteer during the school year, and we welcome you!!

### **Autism Presentation from UM-CARD**

Thank you to Dr. Lynette Estrada from the University of Miami Center for Autism and Related Disorders (UM-CARD)!! She came out the night of Open House and did a wonderful job in the Media Center at the Resource Fair

providing information to parents. She also came to speak to the teachers at a faculty meeting. Her wealth of information and resources were very much appreciated!! If you would like to contact her, you can through UM-CARD at [lestrada@psy.miami.edu](mailto:lestrada@psy.miami.edu).

### **Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Larry Feldman**

We were grateful for the opportunity to host Dr. Feldman on the 24<sup>th</sup>. He along with Mr. Calzadilla were able to recognize a number of our outstanding students for "Being Caught Doing Something Good." Also, many of these eleven students were also recognized earlier this month in our Character Education Program as Student of the Month for "Pursuit of Excellence." What a wonderful event!!

Additionally, it was our privilege to recognize one of our outstanding parent volunteers, Ms. Mirna Vergara. She has done so much assisting at various events, supporting classroom teachers, and now being a valued member of the PTA Board. Congratulations!!

### **Beautification Day Green Apple Day of Service**

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, a number of students, parents, and faculty gave time on their Saturday to work on a number of projects at the school. What a magnificent job!! The carpentry skills alone are impressive; our students are already making use of these new additions!!

***We are looking forward to seeing forward to seeing you and your family on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> for SMACK Night at 6 pm!!***