

**Welcome to Salem Elementary E-communication!** We are so thrilled that over 340 of our Salem Families, and our entire staff (over 100), are going **green** with us! We look forward to using these bi-weekly e-mails as a way to keep all our Salem families “in the loop” whether tracked in or tracked out!

## **What's happening at Salem Elementary in August???** **Read below to find out!**

1. **First in Fitness Testing**- Coaches Hager & Zenkel have posted sign-ups for volunteer for fitness testing outside of the gym. Please sign-up for a time and help our children all become more fit!
2. **Reflections**- Talented Salamanders- Salem is going to participate in the National PTA Reflections Art Program. We can't wait to see your creativity come to life! Create works of art for the theme "Beauty Is" and turn them into the front office October 12-16th. Watch for more detailed information in the Friday Folders and Salem site.  
This year, we will have more recognition at school and will have a public Art Show/Gallery Reception, Saturday, October 31st. Then, Salem will send 24 winners to the next level of competition at the NBC-17 studios. Last year we had two first place winners at the county level! Questions? Contact Chelsea Wood, Reflections Chair [chelseawood@mac.com](mailto:chelseawood@mac.com)
3. **Newsletter**- Our August edition of the *Salem Salamander News* can be found on the Salem School Site- <http://salemes.wcpss.net/newsletters/0908.pdf> Next month you will NOT receive a paper copy. Thanks again for helping us go **GREEN!**
4. **EARLY RELEASE!** Don't forget, this **Wednesday, August 12 is an early release!** The children will get out at 1:15. (Did you know that on EVERY early release the PTA serves the teachers lunch? Thanks to our hospitality volunteers and coordinators!) We also have an Early Release on September 2.
5. **Citipass** fundraiser will begin on August 17 for tracks 1 & 3 and September 9 for tracks 2 & 4. Don't miss your chance to save at many local businesses!
6. **Fall Pictures**- August 19 for track 1 & 3, September 23 for tracks 2 & 4! Track 3- please note that your forms will be received on

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and MUST be returned by picture day,  
Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>!

7. **Salamander Fund**- Please consider making a donation to our Salamander Fund! This money will provide cultural arts programs for our students, start-up funds for our teachers, as well as upgrades to our technology. It is tax deductible and 100% of the money goes directly to our school. Forms went home in Friday Folders.
8. **September 3** is HATS ON DAY FOR CANCER! Watch upcoming spirit wear information on a new Salem baseball cap!!!
9. **Spirit Wear**- You can always see what is available for spirit wear on the school website:  
<http://salem.wcpss.net/fundraisers/spiritwear/spiritwear.php>
10. **Directory**- We are currently putting together the Student Directory for the 2009-2010 school year. If you have not return a completed form for your family, the forms can be found at on page 9 in the Newsletter at:  
<http://salem.wcpss.net/newsletters/0908.pdf>

Also, we are still looking for Ads for the Directory to offset the printing costs. If you, or someone you know, are interested in sponsoring an Ad, please use the form on page 10 in the Newsletter and return it to school with payment by Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Look for our new PTA website to launch soon!  
And please send any feedback to our 1<sup>st</sup> e-mail to this address!!!

Thanks,  
Your Salem Elementary PTA

If you wish to be removed from this E-Communication list simply reply and place your request in the subject line.