

# Reading METCO Program

## NEWSLETTER

November, 2006 Edition

### *Directors Editorial*

I would first like to thank all Parents who attended the October Parent meeting. The next parent meeting will be held on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at METCO, Inc. It is important that parents begin to take an active role in their child's learning by attending parent meetings.

### **Reading METCO PTO...**

This year we have a new and vibrant PTO Board! Please know who your parent PTO representative is.

**Shawna Howard- Parker Parent Rep**  
**Alma Vega- Parker Parent Rep**  
**Leotha Goss- Event Coordinator**  
**Paula Ragland- Sophomore Parent Rep**  
**Liz Hill- Coolidge Parent Rep**  
**Annette Elam- Senior Parent Rep**  
**Deb Haynes- Treasurer**

### *Academics*

Just a reminder that report cards are out and available on edline. If you need assistance with edline, please contact the school librarians at your child's school.

### *Transportation*

This year we are fortunate to have three buses run for the Reading METCO Program.

- Middle/High School morning and afternoon 2:30 PM bus
- Elementary School morning and afternoon 2:45PM bus
- 4PM late bus three times a week- Tues, Wed, and Thurs

**If you have questions or concerns pertaining to transportation , it is advised that you contact Joanne Zebal or Dorothy Howard at METCO, Inc. The telephone number is 617.427.1545.**

***New Academic Liaisons for 2006/2007:***

The academic liaisons for 2006/2007 are Laura Nichols at Parker Middle School. Gretchen Webster is the liaison at Coolidge Middle School. The homework help is available after school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The students will be able to take the 4:00PM late bus home. I encourage you to send your child after school for extra help, and assistance with completing any and all academic work.. Now that report cards are out, there are some students are required to attend the after school homework help.

***Upcoming Events/Meetings: November-December***

- Parent retreat all day –Saturday November 4, 2006
- Reading METCO Parent PTO Potluck- Monday November 6, 2006
- Reading METCO all Parent meeting November 14, 2006 at 6:00PM
- Reading METCO Holiday potluck on Saturday December 9, 2006 1PM-6PM
- Holiday Pie sale- December, 2006- PTO sponsored
- Wheelock College- FREE lecture series on Educating Black Males 4PM-6PM- 210 The Riverway Boston, MA 02125/ November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Early Release on 11/22 at 11:00A.M

***METCO, Inc and after school Programs***

- There are free tutorial services available at METCO, Inc. If you wish to sign your child up, please call 617-427-1545.
- Boys & Girls Club of Roxbury is now recruiting for their after school program, please call Andrea Swain at 617-427-6050
- Greenwood Shalom After School Program is currently recruiting students for their program. Please call Ms. Tanna at 617.288.8410

**MDA (METCO DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION)**

The Annual MDA Conference will be held on Friday December 15, 2006 at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. The cost for the conference will be \$175.00 per person. For more information on the conference, please go to [www.mda-ma.org](http://www.mda-ma.org).

**Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!**

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