

# PTAS / MSAS

August /September 2011



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## MEET YOUR NEW DIRECTOR

Hi! My name is Hannah Wait and I am the new director over PTAS/MSAS for the coming year! I graduated from Western Carolina University with a degree in psychology, and now work at the Y as our new Middle School Teen Director.

The things that I LOVE include Jesus, sharks, OPI nail polish, cosmic brownies, and poodles! I have a heart for mission work and most recently traveled to Uganda, Africa where I stayed in an orphanage for a few weeks and did community and medical outreach.

My goal this year is to have a safe and fun place where your children can be themselves. I want to teach them that they are part of something much bigger than themselves!!



Hannah, Michael, and Kelsay gearing up for an amazing year at PTAS/MSAS!

## ELECTRONICS AT AFTER SCHOOL

This year at PTAS/MSAS we are taking a new approach with personal technology (cell phones, iPods, Nintendo DS's, Gameboys etc.) . These items are **not** allowed at after school. Due to the immense amounts of distractions they cause, stolen items, and cyber bullying we ask that you keep these types of items at home.

If your child has an emergency cell phone we ask that they stay in their book bags. If there is an emergency we ask your child to come to a counselor and we can contact you via our office phone.

I thank you for your understanding and help with this issue.



**NOTICE**  
**CELL PHONES AND**  
**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**  
**NOT PERMITTED**  
**BEYOND THIS POINT**

## THIS SEMESTERS THEME IS....STAR WARS!

From Ewoks and Chewbacca to Storm Troopers, Skywalker, and Darth Vader the force is certainly with us! This semester we are focusing on growing the force within!

Our incentive program this semester is based off of the age old classic Star Wars. We are going to challenge each child and their huddle to strive for the best. In doing so they will earn incentives for their huddle including popsicle parties, tie-dye day, pie your favorite counselor, and even a lightsaber blackout dance.



## MEET YOUR COUNSELORS

### PTAS

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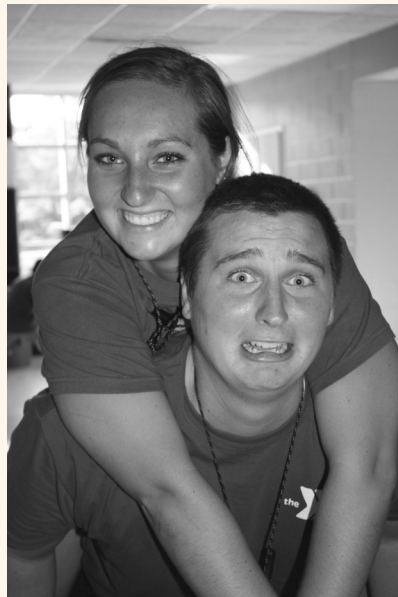
Amanda G  
Abbie V

#### CHEWBACCAS (2/3)

Allison C  
Jackson A

#### STORM TROOPERS (4/5)

Joey G  
Nick C



### MSAS

#### SKYWALKERS (6)

Hayatt Z  
Ryan G

#### DARTH Vaders (7/8)

Derek C  
Paul B

## RIDES OUT/PROCEDURES

### ABSENT FROM PTAS/MSAS

If your child is not going to be at after school we ask that you call our front office (919)469-9622 ext. 143 and leave a message for Kelsay so that she can make note of it.

### RIDES OUT

We begin at 5:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm . If you are planning on picking up your child before 5:00 pm, please walk inside and sign your child out at the afterschool desk. Make sure to have your photo ID or your pick up card.

## LATE FEE POLICY

Our program ends at 6:00 pm, if you arrive after that time the Late Fee is \$5.00 for the first 10 minutes, and \$1.00 for every minute after 6:10 pm. If you know you are going to be late please call a head of time so that we can plan accordingly with our staff.



## PTAS/MSAS & Cary Y Program Calendar

### AUGUST 21

Super Skipper Tryouts

### AUGUST 25

Traditional - First Day of School

### AUGUST 29

Junior Leaders Club informational meeting @ Cary Y @ 7:00

### SEPTEMBER 5

Year Round/ Traditional Student Holiday

### SEPTEMBER 16

Year Round/ Traditional Early Release

### SEPTEMBER 25

American Heart Association Walk @ RBC Center

### SEPTEMBER 30

Traditional Teacher Work Day

### OCTOBER 6

WeBuildPeople Kick Off @ 6:30

### OCTOBER 22

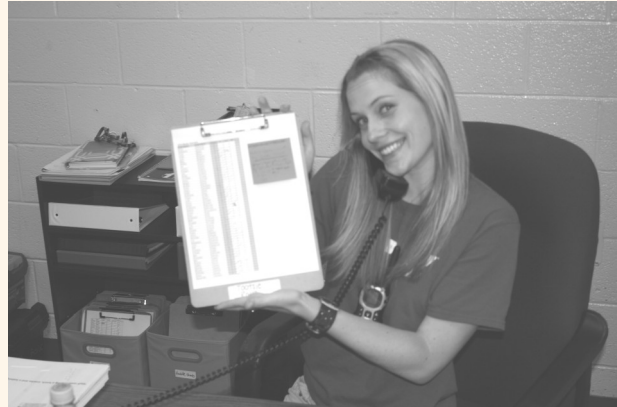
Rocktoberfest @ the Cary Y

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## STUDY AND PLAY ALL IN ONE DAY!

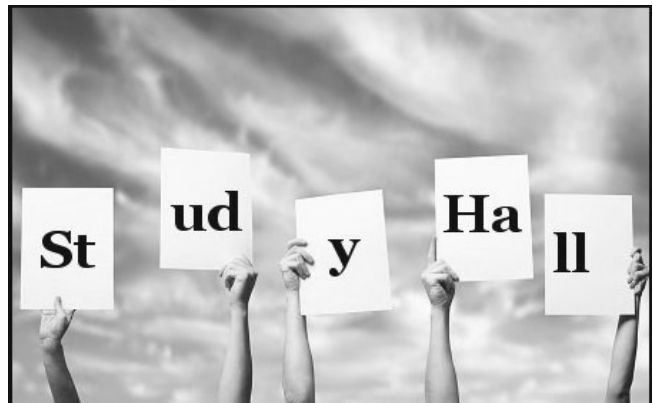
In an effort to provide you with the most effective communication possible about your child's homework time at after school, we are sending information about our YMCA homework program. Please look over these frequently asked questions and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Will my child's homework be checked for accuracy?**

Our homework staff will help children with their homework when possible. However, we encourage parents to review all homework completed at the YMCA with your children following after school. The YMCA does not provide one-on-one homework assistance or tutoring, so it is important for parents to be involved in individual homework review with their children.

### **What are the responsibilities of the homework staff?**

Our homework staff helps to maintain a quiet atmosphere that allows our children to be productive, while also providing homework help when possible. Another major responsibility for our homework staff is to recognize the good work that your children are completing. It is our goal to continually encourage and support your children.



### **Do you have extra supplies available for children if needed?**

There are school supplies available. We want your children to be successful with their homework and will supplement their supplies when needed. However we also encourage children to bring everything they need to complete their homework each day.

Attached is a form that you can fill out and return to Kelsay so that we can ensure they are on our study hall roll sheet. (you may also email myself, Hannah.Wait@ymcatriangle.org and I will make sure it gets put in our study hall folder)