

**Forestdale Elementary
School News**
*A Newsletter for and about
Forestdale and our PTA*

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December
**IMPORTANT
DATES**

Cheryl Toth, Principal Cathy Pullar, Assistant Principal

Focus on Winter Weather

It's that time of year when the weather can have a significant impact on our normal daily routines. Whether it be snow, ice or extreme temperatures, delayed openings and early closing decisions are made based on road conditions throughout the county that could effect transportation. Please make sure to use the media to inform you of this important information.

Announcements will be made by the local TV networks, Channel 21, and on WTOP radio. Those who are signed-up for Keep in Touch will receive an email notification as well. You may also find information at www.fcps.edu or call the FCPS hotline at 800-839-3277. Decisions will be made by 5:30 a.m. whenever possible. Please remember that when there is a 2-hour delay students are not to be dropped off at school until 10:15 a.m. as there is no staff here to supervise the students. Bus will start their runs two hours later then the regularly schedule time. Make a plan for who will supervise your child during inclement weather before the first storm so you are prepare.

Thank you for being prepared!

If school is closed-SACC is closed. If school is delayed or dismissed early, SACC opens by 8:00 a.m. and closes at 6:15 p.m.

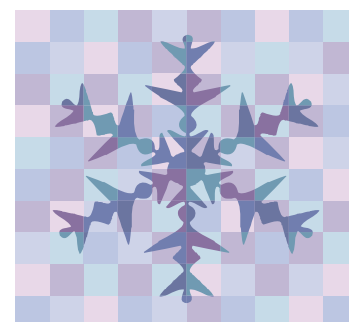
Winter Concert

Due to the growth in our student body we will be hosting our Winter concert on two separate nights. Please reserve Wednesday, December 10th, for Forestdale's Winter concert for grade K-4 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Students should report to their classrooms by 6:45 p.m.



Thursday, December 11th will be the Winter Choral concert for the 5th and 6th grade chorus also at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Students should report to the library by 6:45 p.m.

- December
- 12/5 Green & White Day
 - 12/6 **Falcon Flea Market**
8:00-12:00 noon
 - 12/9 Class/Group Pictures
 - 12/10 Concert
Grades K-4
Gym 7 p.m.
Pasta pick-up (Caf)
 - 12/11 **Interims Go Home**
Chorus Concert
Grades 5 & 6
Gym 7 p.m.
Pasta pick-up (Caf)
 - 12/15-12/19
HGD Grades 5 & 6
 - 12/19 Pajama Day
 - 12/23 **Class Parties**
Last day of school
Winter Break Dec. 23-Jan.5th

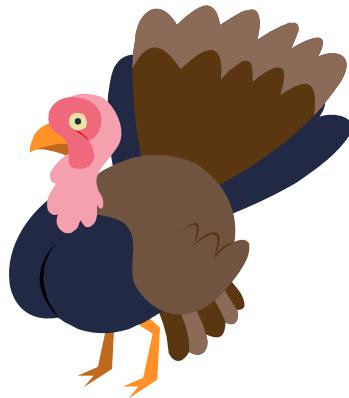


Thanksgiving Luncheon

A BIG Thank you goes to all the parent volunteers who gave their time to help out with the Thanksgiving Luncheon. As you know, this is the busiest day of the year for the cafeteria. It was a great success and a lot of fun. Your help was greatly appreciated by the PTA, students and staff of Forestdale Elementary.

Our thanks go to:

Sherry Ballou
Ken Marentette
Taara Bhat
Kelly Cohen
Harry Hoffman



**The next PTA Board
Mtg. will be
Jan. 6th
7-8 p.m.
Library**

Winter Vacation

All Fairfax County Public Schools will officially be closed for winter break from Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008 through Jan. 4, 2009. Students will return on Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at 8:15 a.m. The Forestdale School office will also be closed while the students are on vacation from Dec. 24th through Jan. 4, 2009. The office answering machine will accept calls from parent who wish to leave a message.

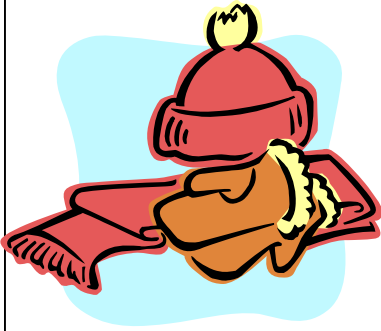
Gifted and Talented Referral Process



If you would like your child to be considered for the Gifted and Talented Center Program (Level IV-Springfield Estates), please return your referrals to the office no later than February 6, 2009. The referral will be reviewed and evaluated by screening committee. If the local school screening committee determines that there is insufficient evidence to support a need for GT center screening, you will be notified. Referral forms are located on line at www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt. For further questions you can email our GT resource teacher at Donna-Lynn.Cooper@fcps.edu.

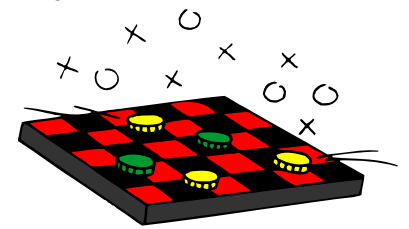


Gifts of Winter Wonderland



We want to thank our Forestdale Community for their support with our efforts for collect items for the Konoinia Foundation. Forestdale's SCA is continuing to collect canned goods, new toys, books, gloves, hats and gently used coats to donate to the Konoinia Foundation for needy families in the Springfield area. This drive will be ending on Friday, December 12, 2008. Any and all items will be appreciated. Donation boxes are located in the front lobby. Please help us help those less fortunate during this holiday season.

Thank you!



Do we know how to reach you??

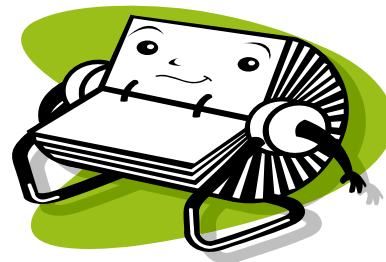
Cafeteria Winners

Winners for November

- 1st Grade- Mrs. DeMarco
- 2nd Grade- Tie-Ms. Becallo & Mrs. Junkin
- 3rd Grade- Mr. Slusser
- 4th Grade- Mrs. Kelleher
- 5th Grade-Tie-
Mrs. Quesenberry & Mr. Anderson
- 6thGrade- Mrs. Vanzetta

This month's winners will receive a movie with Mrs. Dere. Next months winner will receive cupcakes grade 1-2, a homework pass for grades 3-6.

One of our greatest challenges is keeping phone numbers and addresses current. Please notify the office if your address of phone number has changed. If it is best to reach you by email, make sure you let the office staff know. Thank you for helping us keep the most current information available in case of emergency.



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"Home of the Falcons"



New PTA website

The PTA website is now linked to the Forestdale Elementary website. Thanks to Saurabh Gupta for implementing our new site. We are currently working on the content for this web site. If you have any recommendations for the type of information you would like to see on the website, please let us know. We would like to make our site as useful to our parent and teacher community as possible.

Character Trait-Respect

Respect and Children – Family Discussion Topic

Some children are unfamiliar with this simple, yet timeless message of respect for one's self and others: ***Treat others the way that your wish to be treated.*** Ask your children what they think it means and how it applies to their lives at home and school.

Reach out to others and learn about their beliefs and customs.

Enjoy the differences among people – they make life interesting.

Show respect for rules and laws by obeying them.

Put on your best manners. Speak politely and choose kind words.

Eat right, get plenty of sleep and exercise, and practice healthy habits.

Care about plants, animals, and the air and water that we all need.

Treat property that belongs to you and other people carefully.

