



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

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October  
**IMPORTANT  
DATES**

Cheryl Toth, Principal    Cathy Pullar, Assistant Principal

***Math Madness!!***

Forestdale welcomes Tom Scherston this week. Mr. Scherston is working with our staff and students developing math strategies for use in the classroom. From basic math facts to algebra, Mr. Scherston's use of manipulative address student learning styles. During the day, he meets with two grade levels, then works with a designated class and demonstrates these techniques. It is a very exciting time for us and for your children. On Thursday, October 2nd, Mr. Scherston will sponsor a family math night. This will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00p.m. Please bring your family out to Forestdale and enjoy having fun with Math!!



**New Faces at the Dale**

October brings three new faces to Forestdale. **Patrick McCane** joins our staff from Lansingburgh NY. He has spent the past 5 years teaching Pre-k classes but his experience includes upper grade instruction as well. He received his undergraduate degree from Oneonta, NY and his Masters from State University at Albany. Mr. McCane will join our kindergarten team. We are very excited about his expertise in early childhood education.

Working with Mr. McCane will be **Laurie Inman**. Mrs. Inman comes to us with experience as an instructional assistant. She is a mother of 3 in the Fairfax County School System.

Joining our 5th grade team is **Joseph Anderson**. Mr. Anderson is a graduate of Radford University. He has teaching experience from Roanoke City and Montgomery County Schools. Mr. Anderson loves to read and has served in the classroom and as a reading specialist.

In October, we celebrate  
**Custodian Appreciation Week**  
**Bus Driver Appreciation Week**

- 10/2 **Reading Recovery**  
Parent Night—Library  
5:50-6:30 p.m.
- Family Math Night**  
Tom Scherston
- 10/7 **PTA Board Mtg.**  
Library 7:00 p.m.
- 10/9 Nanna Puddin 9-11 a.m.
- 10/13 **Holiday—No School**  
Columbus Day
- 10/15 Hearing and Vision  
Screening—In classes
- 10/16 **Book Fair Buy Night**  
5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 10/17 **Picture Day**—Gym
- 10/20 eCART Testing begins  
Grades 3-6  
Early Childhood Assess.  
Begin for Kindergarten
- 10/21 Open House for grades  
Kindergarten and 5th  
7:00-8:00 p.m.
- 10/31 First grading period ends
- 11/3-4 **Teacher workdays**—no  
School for students



## From the PTA...

We would like to thank all of our Forestdale families who participated in the Entertainment Book fundraiser this last month. We sold over 320 books and made almost \$4000. Wow!! We would like to congratulate our top winners. Annie Medding in Mrs. Quesenberry's class was our top seller with 9 books and received a free digital camera. Ms. Dugan and Ms. Herbert tied for top selling class with 29 books each and will receive their banana split ice cream party later this month. The drawings for the Family Fun Gift Basket were awarded to Justin Perez in Ms. Becallo's class and Ashley Greer in Ms. Dugan's class. We hope all the children who sold 3 or more are enjoying their fuzzy monkeys. Thanks again for helping the PTA kick off a great year and look for upcoming announcements for our next fundraiser at the end of this month...pasta and recipe books.

**Shannon Greer**  
PTA Fundraiser Chairperson

## Donate a Day to the Dale

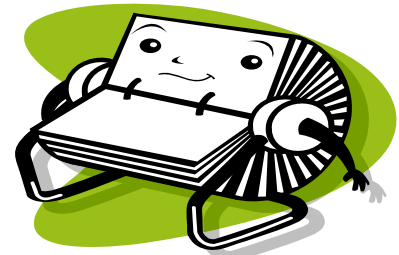
We need you!! Please look at your calendars to schedule one day here at the Dale. The opportunities are many and the rewards and benefits are tremendous! Let your child's teacher know what day you plan to attend and we will make sure we will be prepared for your help!!

**Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!**

**Tom Scherston's  
Math Night  
Thurs. October 2  
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

### Do we know how to reach you??

One of our greatest challenges is keeping phone numbers and addresses current. Please notify the office if your address or 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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## SCA Elected Officials for 2008-09

President Cole Hogan	Vice-President Jaanam Rashid	Secretary Michelle Lembert
Treasurer Alec Villarreal	Reporter Jessica Hindle	Historian Giselle Marchante

### Committee Chairs

Kristine Dulay, Erica Greer, Nick Lamb, Mai Anh Le,  
Annie Medding, Claudia Oduro-Fuso, Neoclis Soteriu, Alysha Spears,  
Amber Supernor, Truc Vu.

## Teacher Conferences

Parents and teachers influence a child's life in many ways. Parents and teachers, in partnership can have a profound and lasting impact on a child's daily successes. Together you provide the right level of guidance and help. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, Nov. 3rd and Tuesday, Nov. 4th. If you have not set up a time with your child's teacher, do so right away!

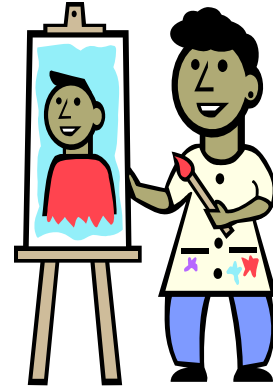
## October Reading Incentive

Each and every child must read 30 minutes after school (at night, bedtime or after homework) for 20 days. Part of every student's homework assignment is reading. We recognize that our lives outside of school can be very busy. Sometimes that 30 minutes slips by us. With that in mind, a minimum of 20 days are required to meet the incentive challenge. Every child has a form. Please help them accomplish this challenge by initialing the days that your child reads and sign off for the month.

Help us reach the goal of 100% participation. Encourage your child to read every night for 30 minutes. Books are available from school, the public library or from home. Reading magazines and /or the newspaper count as well. For younger students, it helps to set a time when you and your child can read together, whether at bedtime, after dinner or on the way to practice.

## Picture Day!! SMILE

It is picture time already. On Friday October 17th, all students will have their fall pictures taken. Parents, if you are interested in purchasing these photos, please fill out your picture order form that went home last Thursday. Remember to make your checks payable to School Pictures Inc. All monies must be presented on picture day. Make sure all of your child's information is on the envelope.



## Winners for September

### Cafeteria Winner



- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade-DeMarco
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-Junkin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-Barry and Slusser
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Scheip
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Quesenberry
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Vanzetta

This month's winners will receive a pencil and class certificate. Next month's winner will receive popcorn.

## BookFair Buy Night Community of Caring Ice-cream Social

Remember to circle October 16th on your calendar. That night we will have our annual BookFair Buy Night along with our Community of Caring service project. While you are here, stop by the cafeteria and enjoy some ice-cream with all the fixings.

## CogAT Testing

All second grade students will be taking the CogAT test October 21-23rd. Selected students in grades 3-6 who are new to Fairfax County or do not have an ability test will take the CogAT on October 21st and 22nd. The purpose of the CogAT is to provide information about students' developed abilities in verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning. Please help your child perform his or her best by making sure they get a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast in the morning, and come to school on time with a positive attitude!

Let's Talk



About

## Responsibility

Our character education focus for the month of October is **responsibility**. As you know, Forestdale stresses responsibility for all students. On the quarterly progress reports there is the category of "accepts responsibility". Children can demonstrate responsibility by completing homework and age appropriate chores. Children learn better and feel good about themselves when they are expected to be responsible. Here are tips about responsibility to discuss with your child:

When you agree to do something, do it!

Answer for your own actions!

Take care of your own matters!

Be trustworthy

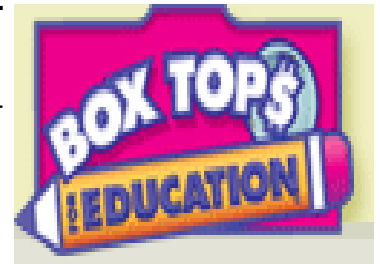
Always use your head!

Don't put things off!

## Box Tops for Education

**Important Notice:** The fall submission deadline for Box Tops for Education is October 31, 2008. Please clip as many Box Tops as you can and submit them to your teacher or drop them in the PTA chest in the school office by October 27.

Have some school supplies to buy at Wal-Mart? Looking for seasonal decorations on OrientalTrading.com? Visit the Box Tops Marketplace at [www.boxtops4education.com/Marketplace](http://www.boxtops4education.com/Marketplace) to see how your purchases can help us reach our goal!



Last year, Forestdale earned \$141 through the program and our goal for this year is \$500 and we're well on our way with all the submissions from the summer! If you have any questions about the Box Tops for Education Program, please e-mail Julie Parsons at [jlparsons8989@yahoo.com](mailto:jlparsons8989@yahoo.com).

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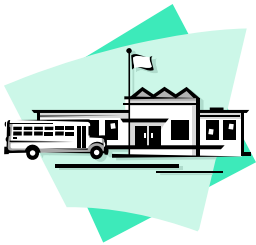
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Website:

[www.FCPS.edu/Foresdale/ES](http://www.FCPS.edu/Foresdale/ES)



"Home of the Falcons"



## Are you moving??

If you are planning on moving and your child will not be attending Forestdale for the 2008-09 school year, please let Cindy Morris know in the office. Student enrollment is very important to us. It helps us to determine the number of teachers we will have along with additional programs for the children of Forestdale. Thank you for keeping us informed on your current and future status!

Cindy Morris—703-313-4300

## Web Page Update

Our Forestdale Web Page is currently under construction. You will notice that the updates are current on the opening page. The links will be updated soon. Thanks to Liz Caligiuri for taking on this mammoth job.



Please bring your used printer cartridges to the computer lab for recycling. It will help us raise funds to purchase needed equipment.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Caligiuri  
School Based Technology Specialist (SBTS)

