



The PTA FLASH

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THIS MONTH AT FORESTVILLE

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| Month of May | SOL TESTING |
| May 1-31 | On-line School Supply Sale |
| May 7-11 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| May 9, 7:30-9pm | Dranesville District Dialogue |
| May 11, 9:30am | GRACE Art meeting |
| May 23, 9:30am | PTA General Meeting: 2007-2008 Elections |
| May 24-25, library | Book Blitz Book Fair |
| May 25, 1:30 | 6th grade party planning meeting |
| May 28 | Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL |

A NOTE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

THIS IS AN EXCITING WEEK AT FORESTVILLE!!!

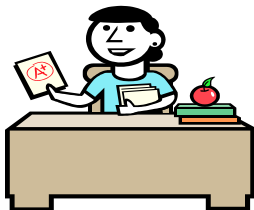
Good luck to all our students with the SOL testing. Rest up and know you are ALL bright, hard working kids learning from the very BEST teachers.

And on that note...it is Teacher Appreciation Week... with some lovely activities planned and an opportunity for all of us to let the staff know how fortunate we are to have such caring teachers at Forestville. Also, a special thanks goes to Melanie McKula for her thoughtful suggestions and coordination toward making this an extra special Teacher Appreciation Week.

Hope to see many of you at the **Open House** I will have to celebrate this school year on **Fri. May 18th** from 9:30 am – noon at my house, 11900 Holly Spring Drive (Holly Knoll off Rte.7.) Whether you volunteered on a committee, came to an event, or your volunteerism this year meant that you woke your kids up, and got them on the bus; YOU deserve a nice morning to celebrate it, so come on over!

Our last general PTA meeting, scheduled for 9:30 am, Wed. May 23rd will begin with the UNVEILING of THE TILE WALL!!! (I took a peek; it is awesome!). Please join the Executive Board for the *Reveal*.

Along with the unveiling, we are sure to have an exciting last meeting with our new Executive Board being voted in... And a few other surprises. Thanks, Ginger Mahon



3 WEEKS LEFT TO GET YOUR 07-08 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Continue to order your 2007-08 school supplies, **online only**, via the Forestville website Shopping Mall through May 31. Everything is packaged with your child's name and delivered to their classroom by Open House.

Questions or no computer access? Contact Marie Cecil, 571-434-7561, mrcecil@mindspring.com.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE AT FORESTVILLE. . .

Forestville PTA Slate of Officers 2007-2008

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| President | Julie Casso |
| President-Elect | Malia Kishore |
| Past President | Ginger Mahon |
| Vice Presidents | |
| Community Affairs | Christine Cintron |
| Curriculum Enhancement | Lisa Omsberg |
| Fundraising | Karen Alden |
| Social | Laurie Bennett |
| Secretary | Marie Cecil |
| Treasurer | Gigi Bonham |
| Assistant Treasurer | Ruthie Robinson |
| Parliamentarian | Patty Reyes |

PTA elections will take place during the General Membership meeting on **Wednesday, May 23rd at 9:30 a.m.** in the Forestville cafeteria. All PTA members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The following committees still need chairpersons for next year:

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| Book Fair – Fall 07 | Curriculum Resource |
| Curriculum Night | FLASH |
| Grocery Receipts | Kids' Spring Raffle |
| Landscaping | Lost and Found |
| Playground/Recess Coord. | |
| Reflections | Room Parent Coordinator |
| Sister School | Sock Hop |
| Spirit Items | TV Turn Off Week |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Assistant Webmaster |

Please direct questions regarding the slate of officers and upcoming election to Dawna Poyner, Nominating Committee Chair, at poyner6@verizon.net.

SOL TESTING DATES FOR THIS MONTH

Each year, the state of Virginia requires students in grades 3-6 to participate in Standards of Learning (SOL) tests. It is important that students be present on the days that we are testing. Please try to avoid scheduling vacations and doctor's appointments on testing days. In an effort to help you plan ahead, please mark your calendar with the following dates:

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| May 9 | 3 rd -Science |
| | 5 th -Reading |
| May 10 | 4 th /6 th -Math |
| May 15 | 3 rd -Reading |
| May 16 | 3 rd -Reading |
| | 5 th -Science |
| May 17 | 4 th /6 th -Reading |
| May 22 | 3 rd /5 th -Math |
| May 23 | 4 th /6 th -Social Studies |
| May 24 | 3 rd -Social Studies |

In May, the testing window runs from May 9-May 30. In order to complete make up tests for any students absent on a testing day, we will use any day that a particular grade level is NOT testing as a make up.

Please check the school website for any updates and changes, as necessary.



SPRING RAFFLES SENDS 56 STUDENT WINNERS ON OUTINGS!

Winning tickets were drawn on April 20, for the 2007 Teacher/Staff Outing Raffle. Overall, 56 winning tickets were chosen from the ticket boxes, too many to list, but view the full list on the website in the PTA section. Ironically, two of the most popular outings kept the students in school—Jennifer Federico won “Principal for an Afternoon” and Cameron Cintron “Kindergarten Teacher for an AM or PM class.” Teachers, staff and winners will be coordinating a mutual acceptable date and enjoying their special outings before the end of the school year.

But wait...there’s more! As advertised, students who were not chosen for the outing prizes have been automatically entered to win one of three iPods and iTunes gift cards to be drawn at the Talent Show when rescheduled. Thank you for to Forestville families for the support in raising \$3200 for extra programs and activities for our students. If you have any questions or need help with coordination, contact Julie Casso at juliecasso@cox.net.

BOOK BLITZ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year’s Book Blitz book fair will be held **May 24-25** in the library. We are looking for volunteers to help set up on the 23 (12-3pm), sell books on the 24 and 25, and pack up on the 25th.

Please contact Corinne Thomas at Corinne.thomas@comcast.net if you are available for any amount of time on those days!!!



CHORUS NOTES

Please join us for our spring concert on **May 24**. We have prepared music based on an international theme for our spring concert this year. The Forestville Chorus will be singing text in German, Spanish, and Japanese. Our concert will begin at 7:00pm. Ms. Conner’s 6th grade class and Mrs. Meyer’s 1st grade class performing skits based on the poetry of Shel Silverstein will join the chorus.

All chorus members are expected to attend school for the full day on the 24th so they can participate in the in school concerts for Forestville students. All chorus members are expected to attend the evening concert wearing white and black concert attire.

6TH GRADE PARTY PLANNING MEETING

Time is quickly approaching...and there will be another 6th grade party planning committee meeting in the front lounge at Forestville on **May 25, at 1:30**. Contact Jeanne Yu with any questions at jcyu@cox.net.

A DOLLAR PER MILE.....

Ms. Kim is running the marathon (June 3 in San Diego) with *Team In Training*, an organization that raises money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! Please help her raise \$4000 for the society!! Visit her website: www.active.com/donate/tntnca04/soosoo

BAND NOTES.....

Spring Concert: Forestville’s Spring Band Concert will be on **Wednesday, June 6th**. We will perform an afternoon school concert for students at 2:30 and an evening concert for family and friends at 7 p.m. (Students need to arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.) Students will need to wear their band uniform for both concerts. The uniform consists of white dress shirt or blouse, dark dress pants or skirt and dark dress shoes and dark socks. All band students are expected to attend both concerts.

CAFÉ VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MAY

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| May 8,9,10 | Mrs. Good |
| May 15,16,17 | Mrs. Sloan |
| May 22,23,24 | Mrs. Lina |
| May 29,30,31 | Mrs. Conner |

SIXTH GRADE CAREER SEMINAR

The sixth grade of Forestville will be hosting a Career Morning on **Thursday, June 7** and *volunteers with careers* are needed. As the students look toward middle school and beyond, exposure to a variety of careers and the many choices available is very meaningful.

Volunteers that would like to share their careers, *past or present*, are encouraged to contact Leslie Craver at dewcraver@cox.net or Susan Kim at susan.s.kim@fcps.edu. Thank you!!!

STRING NOTES

Save the date! Our spring concert will be **June 12th**. Please put this date on your calendars now. The students will perform for the school that day and our evening concert will start at 7pm for the parents. More information will follow.

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at Cortney.Natkow@fcps.edu

PARENTS OF RISING 7TH GRADERS!! COOPER PTA NEEDS YOU!!

The Cooper Nominating Committee is presenting the following people to the PTA for the Executive Board in 2007-8: The Nominating Committee will conduct the election on May 15th at the next Cooper PTA meeting.

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| President- Una Higgins- | Forestville Elementary |
| Vice President- Alison Regen- | Colvin Run Elementary |
| Corresp. Secretary- Ally Weingast- | Colvin Run Elementary |
| Recording Secretary- Tish Butler- | Churchill Elementary |
| Treasurer- Lynne Giordano- | Springhill Elementary |
| Parliamentarian- Sylvia Roman- | Great Falls Elementary |
| Cultural Arts- 1-Joda Coolidge- | Forestville Elem/ForestEdge |
| 2-Nancy Rau- | Springhill Elementary |
| Membership - 1-Sue Anne Morabito- | Churchill Elementary |
| 2-Andrea Ray- | Churchill Elementary |
| Fundraising- Christine Wallace- | Churchill Elementary |

We are also seeking Committee Chairs for:

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| Book Fair | Bulletin Board |
| Cafeteria Monitoring | Comm. Affairs/Legislation |
| Community Service | Cooper Spirit Items |
| Directory | Eighth Grade Party |
| Grocery Receipts | Hospitality |
| International Night | Landscaping |
| Parent Education | Parent Network |
| Reflections | School Plan |
| Special Ed Liaison | Talent Show |
| PTA Website/ Technology | Get Ready for OpenHouse |

If you are interested, please contact Susan Grow, Cooper MS Nominating Committee Chairperson, at jamesbgrow@aol.com to learn more. We look forward to hearing from you!!

PARENTS OF SCA OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

The SCA will have an end of the year barbeque on **June 13th from 11:30 am until 2 pm**. We need parent volunteers to help with the barbeque and most importantly, we need a grill! If you have one that we could use (or perhaps you want to come and show off your grilling skill!), please let Mrs. Braun (sarah.braun@fcps.edu) or Ms. Kim (sskim1@fcps.edu) know.

WANTED FOR FIELD DAY...

The PE staff is requesting clean, empty plastic gallon milk jugs and gently used games for the upcoming Field Day and indoor activities.

Please contact Kristin Pualoa or Susan Langford for more info.

'07-08 FLASH EDITOR NEEDED

If you have knowledge of Microsoft Word, want to know what’s going on in the Forestville community, and want to volunteer from home, the FLASH editor is for you!! Contact Dawna Poyner at poyner6@verizon.net for more info.

Please provide FLASH submissions to Michele Kozich at kzmchl@aol.com (preferred contact).

Next FLASH on May 15 .