



The PTA FLASH

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THIS MONTH AT FORESTVILLE

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| October now-30th | Sister School Winter Clothes Drive |
| October 12-16 | Custodial Staff Appreciation Week |
| October 14-15 | Fall Picture Day |
| October 22 | REFLECTION ENTRIES DUE |
| October 23 | DEADLINE for ordering Thxgiving Luncheon tickets |
| October 23, 7:30-9:30PM | Family Fun Skate Night |

NOW A WORD FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT...

Welcome back from your Columbus Day weekend. Thanks to all of the wonderful parents who attended our Membership Meeting last Thursday. It was great to see so many new faces (and plenty of familiar ones, too)!

Hope you were as impressed with the SMARTBOARD presentation as I was. If you missed the presentation, I encourage you to contact your teacher to learn when he/she will use the SMARTBOARD next and pop in your child's classroom to watch this in action. No wonder the students and teachers are enthralled with it – even the parents were “oo-ing” and “ahh-ing”.

Allow me to take a moment to clarify one important matter as I think there is a little bit of confusion surrounding the purpose(s) of our Cardinal Club fundraiser. Every year we ask for contributions that are primarily used to manage and maintain the current PTA programs that we offer throughout the year. Meeting our goal of \$24,000 will assure us that we can do just that and a bit more. Recognizing this, we set an additional goal to begin the process of equipping every classroom with a SMARTBOARD. Meeting our goal of \$24,000 will provide us with a good start, but it should not be considered the “be all end all”. At a cost of approximately \$2,000 each, it would, indeed be a remarkable feat if we raised enough money to purchase all 18 SMARTBOARDS necessary to outfit the remaining classrooms. But we remain sensitive to these uncertain economic times and did not want to overwhelm or disappoint ourselves by setting an unrealistic goal (an additional \$36,000 beyond the budgeted \$24,000) in such a short period of time. So please understand that while our Cardinal Club funds raised this year will help move us towards outfitting every classroom with a SMARTBOARD, it was not intended, or expected to completely fund our SMARTBOARD needs this academic year.

Several parents have approached the Board expressing an interest in pursuing other means of raising dollars to get a SMARTBOARD in their individual classrooms – quite simply, the class parents take on the responsibility of raising their own funds. Such an approach needs to be discussed among the Board members to see if fundraising in this fashion is possible at all. Our next meeting Board meeting is October 22. The Board welcomes your input on this parent-proposal and I encourage you to share your thoughts with us so we may incorporate them into our Board meeting discussion October 22. We will be happy to consider any proposition that you may offer. We all want the same thing – a SMARTBOARD for every classroom. And I'm sure that together we can make that happen.

See ya in the hallways,
Lynn

LAST FLASH ON PAPER

Due to the cost of paper, and everyone's effort to “Go Green”, the FLASH will now be available on line and sent to Forestville families via Keep In Touch (KiT). If you are already receiving KiTs from Forestville, then you are all set. You will now receive a weekly FLASH on Tuesdays in your e-mail's inbox. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE KiTs/updates from Forestville, please call the Office and you can start receiving notices and the FLASH electronically.

IF YOU STILL WANT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE FLASH ON PAPER, PLEASE CALL/EMAIL MICHELE KOZICH AND WE WILL SEE THAT YOU GET A FLASH IN THE TUESDAY FOLDER.
Michele Kozich 703 421 5614
kzmchl@verizon.net

FAMILY FUN SKATE NIGHT

Family Fun Skate Night is coming up on Friday, October 23rd from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Registration forms went home in the September 29 Tuesday folders. Come with your friends/classmates for a great time with music and the disco ball!!

Please direct questions to Linda Nimmo at lvespernimmo@yahoo.com

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION

After School Activities Begin This Week! Please make sure your child knows where to go, and your child's teacher knows where to send them. Without a note, your child will be sent home on the bus. Please be on time for pick up- 2:30pm on Mondays, and 5:00 pm every other day. Any questions, please contact Britt Ellinger at brittelling@yaho.com.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES IN PARKING LOT

At the end of every school day, cars are lined up in the Kiss and Ride line waiting for their children. There are also cars leaving the parking lot that **must wait in that line** as well, to leave the school grounds.

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO PASS THE KISS AND RIDE LINE OF CARS TO EXIT QUICKER. IT IS A SAFETY ISSUE. STAFF WILL BE WRITING DOWN THE LICENCE PLATE NUMBERS OF THOSE THAT DO PASS ON THE LEFT.

FORESTVILLE LANDSCAPING

We would like to thank VA Groundworks for beautifying the front grounds of Forestville. They graciously donated their time by mulching and weeding the front area of the school. Thank you so much for all your help!

There is still time.. EARN \$\$ FOR FORESTVILLE WHILE YOU SHOP!

Last school year, Forestville earned more than \$2,500 through the Grocery Receipts Program! We did it simply by signing up our value cards with the various vendors and earning proceeds every time we swiped the card. Flyers detailing the participating vendors and steps for signing up will be sent out soon. Please contact Julie Choi with any questions or concerns at thechois@verizon.net

LUNCH BUDDY PROGRAM AT HUTCHISON

Forestville's Sister School, Hutchison Elementary in Herndon is looking for dedicated adults to participate in their Lunch Buddy Program for the 2009-2010 school year. Individuals are needed to have lunch (30 minutes) once a week with a child identified by a guidance counselor as having a need for a special adult relationship.

All volunteers will meet for an orientation at which time they will learn about the children in the program, pick their lunch buddy, see the child's lunch schedule and pick the day that works for them. If you volunteer for this program it is imperative that you commit to meeting with your lunch buddy once a week for the entire school year. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions please contact ShelleyJG@cox.net or LynnToloczko@yahoo.com

SISTER SCHOOL NEWS



The Hutchison Winter Coat and Accessory Drive has begun!! For those of you new to Forestville, Hutchison Elementary School, located in Herndon, is our "sister school."

Forestville's "Sister School Committee" is committed to help Hutchison's students in any we can.

From 10/6 through 10/30, we will be collecting new and gently used winter coats and accessories in infant and youth sizes to be donated to Hutchison's annual clothing sale held in November. Items we are accepting are: winter coats, gloves/mittens, boots, sweat-pants, and sweatshirts. Items must be clean and mended.

Boxes labeled "Hutchison" will be in the Forestville lobby. The Hutchison community truly depends upon our generosity. If you have questions regarding this activity or would like to know more about Sister School volunteer opportunities, please contact Shelley Gordon at shelleyjg@cox.net or Lynn Toloczko at lynntoloczko@yahoo.com.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON 2009

Please return a Thanksgiving Luncheon form for your child whether you are bringing your own lunch to the event or buying a hot lunch. We want to make sure that everyone is aware of this event! **Forms are due by October 23, 2009.**

Volunteers make this event a great success. Please consider volunteering to serve at a luncheon before or after your child's luncheon, or on the opposite day. Helpers are also needed to decorate the cafeteria the morning of Thursday, Nov 19th and Friday, Nov 20th.

Information for this event will be sent out via the "Keep In Touch" system and can be found on the Forestville website or by contacting Beccie Collier at BeccieCollier@cox.net.

Thursday, November 19, 2009

First grade 11:00-11:50
Third grade 12:00-12:40
Fifth grade 12:50-1:30

Friday, November 20, 2009

Second grade 11:00-11:50
Fourth grade 12:00-12:40
Sixth grade 12:50-1:30



CARDINAL CLUB NEWS

Thank you . . . to all the families who have already made contributions to the Cardinal Club. Every donation gets us closer to our goal of outfitting every classroom with a SMARTBoard.

If you haven't done so already, please consider making your tax-deductible Cardinal Club donation today. Please make checks payable to Forestville Elementary PTA. Checks can be dropped off in the office or sent into school with your child in an envelope marked "Cardinal Club".

If you have questions regarding the Cardinal Club, please contact Molly Ascrizzi at mascrizzi@cox.net. Thank you for your support!

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

If you signed up during Back To School Night for volunteering in the cafeteria, please watch the weekly FLASH for reminders!!

Mrs. Kime: October 13,14,15
Mrs. Biernick: October 20,21,22
Mrs. Crotty: October 27,28,29

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Community Outreach Committee is sponsoring a coin drive for INOVA Children's Hospital. We need to collect supplies to help the students make the cans to keep their spare change in. More information about the actual fundraiser will follow. In the meantime, **please send in the following** to be placed in a box in the lobby: Pringles/Lays chip cans with lid, coffee can with lid, formula can w/lid, you get the picture...any plastic container with a lid that we (adults) can cut a coin slot in and the kids can decorate. Please clean before sending in. Contact: Sue Williams 703-406-1689

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM



Do you **express** your creativity through dance, music, story, or poetry?

Do you **dream** of having your drawings displayed in a special exhibit?

Do you **enjoy** taking photographs or videotaping your friends?

Participate in PTA's Reflections Program. Join thousands of other students as they create entries based on the 2009-2010 theme is "*Beauty is . . .*" Think about the theme. Then select a category:

Film/Video Production v Dance Choreography
Musical Composition v Photography
Visual Arts v Literature

All entries must be in by October 22.

Put on your dancing shoes, grab a camera, or pick up a pen or paintbrush and create! It'll be fun!

For more information and to download a student entry form visit the Forestville Website

<http://www.fcps.edu/ForestvilleES/Programs/reflections.html>

Or contact Kim Helman: kim@helmans.net

GRACE ART



Meetings are typically held the first Friday of each month, 9:30 AM in the Village (the modular unit outside of the school).

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| Friday Nov. 6 | Garza | Frieseke |
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Questions? Feel free to call or email us.

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Remember every time you see a cardinal next to an article, it means that all committees and activities are benefiting from funds raised through PTA's Cardinal Club. THANK YOU!



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