



The PTA FLASH

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THIS MONTH AT FORESTVILLE

October now-30th	Sister School Winter Clothes Drive
October 22	REFLECTION ENTRIES DUE
October 22, 9:30am	PTA Exec. Bd Mtg.
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...

Thanks for showing your support at Chick-Fil-A's Forestville Night fundraiser last Tuesday. We earned some money that evening that can be used towards the purchase of a new SMARTBOARD! We expect to be scheduling another "EAT OUT" night again very soon, so when we have the date, you will have dinner plans!

Hope you are all signed up for Friday's Skate Night at Reston's Skate Quest. This has been a very popular event for Forestville and it's really a blast. You may pay at the door, so if you couldn't go before and your plans have changed, you can still enjoy our Family Night of ice skating.

As I mentioned last week, 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. The Board plans to discuss this parent-proposal and other fundraising options for SMARTBOARDS at our meeting on Thursday. We welcome our members' input, so if you wish to share your ideas with the Board, please email me at ConfortiL@aol.com. As a PTA member, you have a voice and we'd like you to be heard.

See ya in the hallways,

Lynn

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

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

Mrs. Biernik: October 20,21,22
Mrs. Crotty: October 27,28,29
Mrs. Stanley: November 4,5

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

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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



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.

LUNCH BUDDY PROGRAM AT HUTCHISON



Forestville's Sister School, Hutchinson 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 meeting which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on **Tues October 27th at Hutchinson ES**. At that 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 way 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.

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

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 THANKS YOU

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** as well as continuing to fund programs designed to enrich your child's education such as **Special Guest Speakers, GRACE Art, Odyssey of the Mind, Reflections Contest**, and **Technology** acquisitions and upgrades. Your donations help our teachers stay up-to-date and productive with the various technologies that are available to them through continued training.

If you missed the SMARTBoard presentation at the General PTA meeting, here is a link that demonstrates the power of SMARTBoard technology in the classroom: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lCfmJCSAG70&feature=related>

We are making steady progress toward our goal of \$24,000. 31% of our families have helped us reach 67% of our goal of \$24,000. All donations, large and small help. A smart mom at the PTA meeting noticed that if every family at Forestville participated in Cardinal Club by donating \$48.00 we would reach our goal!

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!

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM DEADLINE IS 10/22



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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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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