



The PTA FLASH

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THIS MONTH AT FORESTVILLE

November 2-3	NO SCHOOL- Parent Teacher Conferences
November 6, 9:30am	GRACE Art Meeting
November 11-13	Book Fair in Library
November 12, 9:30am	PTA Meeting
November 12, 7pm	Reflections Awards Ceremony
November 17	Entertainment Book Sale starts
November 18	Picture Make-up Day
November 18	Forestville Night at Pizzarama
November 19, 9:30am	PTA Exec. Bd. Mtg.
November 19-20	Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 20	Forestville Under the Stars
November 25	2 hour early closing
November 26-27	NO SCHOOL-Happy Thanksgiving

NOW A WORD FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT...

I hope your ghosts and goblins enjoyed a spooky, sugar-saturated, safe Halloween and I hope you found your Teacher Conferences to be both informative and worthwhile. Tomorrow, it's back to work!

Don't forget that Forestville's popular Book Fair is next week (November 9-13). Helping hands are always welcome if you have time to spare.

Sally Foster gift-wrap is arriving soon and should be available for distribution next week on the 9th and 10th. Watch for more information on when and where to pick up your goodies.

Our next PTA meeting will be Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 in the cafeteria. Please note that this is a change to the original date (and time) located on the back of your PTA directories.

New to our FUNdraising efforts this year will be the sale of the widely popular Entertainment Books which begins in a couple of weeks. While making money for Forestville, YOU will be SAVING MONEY for your family. There are discounts on dining, admissions, travel, local sports tickets, and so much more. If you aren't familiar with this book, I

encourage you to check it out.

<http://www.entertainment.com/discount/home.shtml>

FORESTVILLE UNDER THE STARS: Thanks to the Analemma Society, we have been offered a wonderful opportunity for stargazing and planet peeking on Friday, November 20 at nearby Observatory Park on Springvale Road. Please jot this date down and look for details in the coming days. We have also planned a spring date as well.

Coming soon – FORESTVILLE RECYCLES. We are currently investigating a more vigorous approach to cafeteria recycling of trays, water bottles, etc. which will directly involve our students.

See ya in the hallways,

Lynn

DINING FOR SMARTBOARDS!

Our PTA membership has spoken with a resounding "we want more SMARTBoards". We have added another fundraising night where all money raised will go towards the purchase of new SMARTBoards in our quest to have one in every classroom.

Please join your classmates, invite your neighbors, call the grandparents and order pizza from Pizzarama on Wednesday/November 18th 5-8pm. 15% of revenue generated from pizza (dine-in or carryout) will go towards funding new SMARTBoards. You must mention Forestville when placing your order and the deal is good specifically for pizza. A delicious dinner and money for SMARTBoards!

Watch for your flyer in the Tuesday folder on November 10th!

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).

Friday Nov. 6 Garza Frieseke

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!

FORESTVILLE ES FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM – BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH

Back by popular demand, the PTA will once again offer foreign language classes before and after school. The program is offer for beginner and experienced students on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In the past, the PTA contracted with the Great Falls Language Academy for language classes but they have stopped providing the service. The SchoolsOut program has agreed to provide this valuable offering as part of our before and after school extracurricular activities program. Spanish classes are taught using multiple learning techniques including hands-on games, interactive exercises, flash cards, pronunciation exercises, bilingual translation, grammar rule and art. Registration is now open at <http://www.fcps.edu/ForestvilleES>">[www.fcps.edu/Forestville ES](http://www.fcps.edu/ForestvilleES)

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Stanley: November 4, 5
Mrs. Cole: November 10, 11, 12
Mr. Jacobs: November 17, 18, 19

SISTER SCHOOL NEWS – SIGN UP FOR A HUTCHISON THANKSGIVING DINNER BASKET

Many thanks to all of you who have made donations to the "Hutchison Winter Coat and Accessory Drive". The Hutchison community was very appreciative.

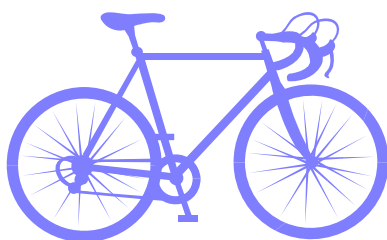
Each year Forestville's Sister School Committee coordinates Thanksgiving Dinner Basket donations for Hutchison families that are most in need. This year we need to deliver 40 baskets, so we really need your help. Donating a dinner basket is a great project to get the kids involved in, and you are welcome to team up with friends, neighbors, or relatives. Perhaps some of the classes would like to coordinate a basket donation.

A flyer with basket requirements and more details will be sent home in a Tuesday folder. If you would like to sign up to donate a basket please contact either Shelley Gordon at shelleyjg@cox.net or Lynn Toloczko at lynntoloczko@yahoo.com.

Thank you for supporting our Sister School!

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!!

The Forestville families would like to thank **Performance Bicycles of Vienna and Performance Bicycles of Baileys Crossroads** for their recent donation of a bike rack for the school. It was installed recently through the help of our Custodial staff. Now children are able to ride their bikes/scooters to school and keep them safe and secure. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!**



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON 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

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

Looking for something new to read? Preview the latest on November 9th and 10th! Sales start the evening of the 10th at 4pm and continue until after the Reflections Ceremony! After that, you may purchase books from 8:30am through 6pm on the 11th and 12th, but please bring a parent with you if you will be shopping before or after school hours. Friday, November 13th is the last day for book sales and we will be open from 8:30am through 4pm.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out on sale days. If you are interested, please contact Lauren Barton (barton77@ix.netcom.com) or Susan Gries (susan.gries@gmail.com).

We have some great new titles this year -- please join us!

INOVA BLOOD DRIVE AT FORESTVILLE

On January 19th, Inova Blood Donor Services in Dulles will be hosting a blood drive at Forestville from 7:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. There is always an urgent need for all blood types during the month of January.

Also, January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, so everyone completing the screening process will receive a thank you gift.

For more information or questions, please contact Jo Oo at jo@soeoo.com or 571-245-2633.

6th GRADE END OF THE YEAR PARTY PLANNING MEETING

Please join us **November 19th at 2pm** in the Cafeteria to discuss the End of Year Party for the Graduating 6th Grade Class. The theme will be voted on at this time. There are also 2 remaining chair positions that need to be filled: Decorations and Blow Up Games (ordering, running, managing, etc).

Hope to see you there, 6th Grade Party Planning Committee and Room Parents.

Just so you know, the graduation and party is June 21-graduation at 9:30; party from 6-9...just in case you need to know!