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THIS MONTH AT FORESTVILLE

November 10, 7pm	Reflections Awards Ceremony
November 11-13	Book Fair in Library
November 12, 9:30am	PTA Meeting
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...

Our next PTA Meeting is this Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 in the cafeteria. Janie Strauss, our School Board Representative, will be our guest for this meeting to discuss the upcoming budget issues. We are encouraging our parents to submit their questions/concerns ahead of time to me (ConfortiL@aol.com). This will give us an opportunity to organize our parents' concerns and present them to Mrs. Strauss more effectively at our meeting. Please join us and let your voice be heard. We will learn how budget cuts may potentially affect our Forestville community.

Don't forget to visit the Library this week for our Fall Book Fair. If you haven't already received one, you will be receiving a copy of your teacher's WISH LIST to see what books they'd love to have for their classroom library. See ya' in the hallways,

Lynn

REFLECTIONS AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Thanks to everyone who participated in the PTA Reflections Program. **The Reflection Recognition Ceremony will be held Tuesday November 10 at 7:00 pm** in the cafeteria. Every participant will be recognized, and awards will be presented. Refreshments will be served. Families are encouraged to attend.



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 (**carryout only**) 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!



COSMIC ADVENTURES VISITS 6TH GRADE

On Oct. 27th, the sixth grade classes at Forestville had the privilege of seeing *Cosmic Adventures*, a traveling science planetarium show. This exciting presentation and visit to the stars **reinforced a current astronomy unit of study and supports the sixth grade SOLs.**

Inside a sixteen-foot dome under a 360° sky, the students became astronauts and soared through the galaxy. They explored the motions of the heavens, the effects of light pollution, the identification of stars and constellations, the mysteries of Mars, and traveled to the outer regions of space!

This is a wonderful opportunity to ask your child what they heard and saw. Specifically, see if they can identify the magnitude of the North Star (2.0). There was so much to experience!

The PTA is able to provide this and other wonderful programs to our students using the funds donated to Cardinal Club. It is the job of the PTA's Curriculum Resource Committee to work with our teachers to facilitate programs that enrich our children's education. **We could not do it without your generous contributions. Cardinal Club makes it possible!**



THE PTA DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

PTA members should have received copies of the 2009-2010 PTA Directory within the last 2 weeks. Directories were distributed via your child's classroom and should have come home with a Tuesday folder. If you did not receive a copy, please email Kari Lervick at klervick@yahoo.com to verify that we have received and processed your PTA membership form & payment.

Haven't had a chance to send in your PTA Membership yet? It's not too late!!! You can download a copy of the 2009-2010 PTA Membership form from the Forestville website (go to the PTA page and click on "Forms") and send in the completed form & payment with your child. Membership is \$15 and includes a PTA Directory and 1 pad of bus notes.

Finally, thanks to Amy Poisson, Suzy Ffrench, Maureen Gatti and John West for their help entering, editing and distributing this year's directory.

WINTER SPIRITWEAR SALE!

Looking for something to lift your "Spirit"? Looking for gift ideas? Look no further than the Winter Spiritwear Sale! The Winter Spiritwear Sale is being held from Friday, November 6th through Friday, November 20th. Please visit the Forestville website to view the new spirit apparel (Zip Hoodie, Baseball Jersey, Perfect Fit Tee, and Flannel Pants) and the new spirit accessories (Fleece Blanket and Drawstring Bag).

To order, just print out the order form that is on the Forestville website (there will also be order forms on the display rack in the lobby) and send it, along with payment, to your child's teacher.

Please contact Pam Golan, pgolan@yahoo.com, with any questions--and catch the Spirit!!



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 offered 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 <https://www.registrationheadquarters.com/events/?ed5f85d258704087a4a74a31854ae73ea>

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Cole: November 10,11,12
Mr. Jacobs: November 17,18,19
Mrs. Loving: December 1,2,3

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!



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 was 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.

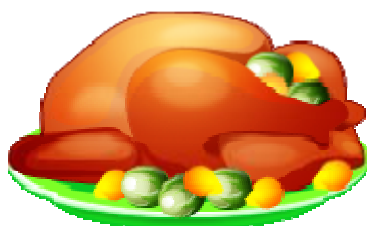
The preordered luncheon tickets will be sent home in the November 17th Tuesday Folders.

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? The Book Fair is coming again to help parents find holiday gifts and fun books/activities for their children!

Hours are:

Tuesday, 11/10 4-9pm (late hours to shop after the Reflections Ceremony!)
Wednesday, 11/11 8:30am-6pm
Thursday, 11/12 8:30-6pm
Friday, 11/3 8:30am-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!

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!**