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THIS MONTH AT FORESTVILLE

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...

Many thanks to all of you who attended our PTA meeting last Thursday. Janie Strauss, our School Board Representative, gave us great insight as to the challenges that we will face during the FY2011 budget process. I walked away from the meeting in a state of shock after learning how deeply the budget cuts will impact our own school and community. She has empowered us to get involved and be a voice in this process.

Following the lead of many of our neighboring PTA's, Forestville will also assemble our own "Budget Committee" to track the budget process, keep our community informed and lead the charge to attend hearings and community dialogues throughout the year. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please let me know right away. Our work is cut out for us and the sooner we organize the better.

We have also been invited to join coalitions with our nearby schools to strengthen our purpose and develop a strong grassroots effort. I will pass along any valuable budget discussions that are happening so you have a chance to attend at least one of them. And in fact, on Wednesday, December 2 there will be a Community Dialogue on the budget at Herndon H.S. I will pass along more info on this as soon as I have it. While Janie Strauss is our advocate, she does not cast a vote - that is the responsibility of the County Board of Supervisors. Therefore, it is our hope that we will be able to have one (or more) of the Supervisors come to the school - preferably in the evening - to hear our concerns directly. We are working on that now. Stay tuned - the budget process is lengthy and emotionally charged!

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Lunches with your children this week.

And don't forget to attend our first-ever "Forestville Under the Stars" Night at the Observatory on Friday the 20th. Let's hope for clear skies so that we can take in all the wonders of our solar system.

See ya' in the hallways,

Lynn

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Jacobs: November 17, 18, 19
Mrs. Loving: December 1, 2, 3
Mrs. Keuchel: December 8,9,10

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!



THE SCA PROUDLY PRESENTS FORESTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S CANNED FOOD DRIVE!

Help needy families receive food for the holidays!

From now until December 2, students will be collecting canned food or non perishable items for the Salvation Army and bringing it to their classrooms.

We also need LOTS of boxes for the classrooms. If you have any that you can donate, please drop them in my office.

More information will be posted on the Forestville web site!! Thanks! :) Sarah Stark



EARN \$\$ FOR FORESTVILLE WHILE YOU SHOP!

As we gear up to begin our holiday cooking season, it is a great time to register with the various vendors so our school can earn money while we 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. Please look out for flyers with details in your Tuesday folders. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Please contact Julie Choi with any questions or concerns at thechois@verizon.net

5TH GRADERS SAW AWESOME LIGHT SHOW!!

On Monday, November 9th, the Maryland Science Center came to Forestville to share a program called "The Light Fantastic" as part of the 5th grade Curriculum Enhancement Program*. Nikki and Lindsey (MSC representatives) "WOWed" the 5th graders with lasers, light shows and experiments all relating to the Light and Sound unit that the 5th grade is currently studying. This high tech, highly interactive program was a real hit amongst the 5th graders, so if your child hasn't told you about it already, be sure to ask!

*This is a PTA sponsored program made possible by using your donations to the Forestville Cardinal Club. Thank you for your generous contributions!



THE P.T.A. PRESENTS: FAMILY NIGHT AT OBSERVATORY PARK!

This Friday, November 20th, at 7:30pm. join us at Observatory Park for an evening of sky tours. Learn how to use a sky map, identify constellations, and look through telescopes at galaxies, nebula, stars, planets, and more! This is a free family event sponsored by your P.T.A. Observatory Park is located on Springvale Road between Georgetown Pike and Route 7. Get a sky map from skymaps.com, bring a flashlight covered with red cellophane, dress warmly and have fun!

To sign up, please e-mail Carol Wolf at ceswolf@verizon.net with the number of family members attending. This event is weather dependent.

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!

Just a reminder that the Winter Spiritwear Sale ends Friday, November 20th. There is plenty of time left to order gifts and to find something to lift your "Spirit"!

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!!

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 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 Schools Out 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>

NEXT GRACE ART MEETING

December 4th is the next GRACE Art planning meeting at 9:30 in the Village. This month's featured art works are: AN INTRODUCTION TO ARCHITECTURE and SEASCAPES.

Any questions? Call or email Jan Rossberg 703 450 0466/ jrossberg@verizon.net



PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the Reflections program entitled, "Beauty is....". There were many interesting interpretations, and everyone enjoyed looking at the pieces during the ceremony.

Special congratulations to those that won and were recognized by the contest:

Literature: Primary K-2	Literature: Intermediate 3-5
Participation Joseph Mechenikunnel	Participation Justin Shumadine
Award of Excellence Joseph Mechenikunnel	Award of Excellence Cameron Charron Thomas Mechenikunnel
Outstanding Interpretation Michael Shumadine	Award of Merit Mackenzie Campbell Kendall Raymond Clare McConnell
	Literature: Middle-6 Victoria Yang
Visual Arts: Primary K-2	Visual Arts: Intermediate 3-5
Award of Excellence Caitlyn Shumadine	Award of Excellence Brooke Baird
Outstanding Interpretation Jessica Broyles	Outstanding Interpretation Lexa Hummel
Award of Merit Stephanie Derminassian Isabel George	Award of Merit Isabel Oh
Music: Primary K-2	Music: Intermediate 3-5
Participation Jonathan Reiss	Outstanding Interpretation Megan Beskin
Photography: Primary K-2	Photography: Intermediate 3-5
Participation Roxanna Chaney	Participation Danielle Harmon Steven Shumadine (3)
Outstanding Interpretation Alex Tisseront	Award of Merit Megan Anderson
	Award of Excellence Lauren Elias Gwyneth Murphy
	Outstanding Interpretation Lillian Kishore
	Photography: Middle 6
	Participation Daniel Rees Akansha Ramamurthy (2)
	Award of Merit Grant Thomas Ananya Hegde
	Award of Excellence Akansha Ramamurthy
	Outstanding Interpretation Ben Kishore

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 THIS WEEK!!



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



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 **THIS THURSDAY, 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!

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* 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.

We are making steady progress toward our goal of \$24,000. As of 11/11/09, 177 families have raised \$20,240. All donations, large and small help.

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!

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!**