



# The PTA FLASH

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### THIS MONTH AT FORESTVILLE

February 3	Forestville Chorus Performance at Langley
February 4, 2pm	End of the year 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade planning committee meeting
February 5, 9:30am	GRACE Art meeting
February 5	Deadline for AAP referrals
February 5, 6:15pm	Night of 1000 Stars
February 10	California Tortilla Night
February 11	PTA Exec. Bd. Mtg.
February 12, 6-8pm	Potluck Dinner for families effected by cancer
February 15	NO SCHOOL- President's Holiday
February 25	PTA Meeting

### NOW A WORD FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT...

Happy Groundhog's Day!! I saw my shadow so wouldn't be writing this week.

*Lynn*

\*\*\*If anyone has lost an iPod recently, please contact Ms. Tran at school or at [Huong.Tran@fcps.edu](mailto:Huong.Tran@fcps.edu) to give a description of it.

### FORESTVILLE CHORUS PERFORMANCE AT LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

The concert is scheduled for **TOMORROW Wednesday, February 3 at 7pm**. The event will be held in the Langley High School Auditorium.

- Forestville Chorus students should report to the Langley HS auditorium promptly at 6:00 PM. Parents must provide transportation to and from the concert. Students should be picked up at 8:00 PM.
- Students will wear our standard concert black and white. (Black pants/skirt and white button shirt)
- Students should not bring any personal belongings with them to the concert. Do not bring food, candy, portable game systems, iPods, cellular phones, cameras, backpacks, purses, or makeup.
- Students may bring a bottle of water and a jacket.

**Seating space is limited and in the past there have been many parents and friends left standing in the aisles. If you will be uncomfortable standing for the concert please arrive early or make arrangements to drop off and pick up your child after the concert is over.**

### 6<sup>TH</sup> END OF THE YEAR PLANNING MEETING

If you are interested in helping with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year end party, please join us for our next planning meeting, **February 4, 2010 @ 2pm** in the teacher's lounge. Questions, please contact Nancy Murray at [nemurray@yahoo.com](mailto:nemurray@yahoo.com)

### ADVANCED ACADEMICS NEWS

The scores for the Cognitive Ability and Naglieri tests have been sent by mail. Second grade Advanced Academic Program (AAP) pool letters will be sent in early January only to parents/guardians of students who have qualified for the Advanced Academic Pool. Please note that to be in the pool does not determine AAP eligibility. All other parents should complete a referral if interested in having their child screened for the program.

If you wish to pursue Level IV (full-time placement) in the Advanced Academic Program, referrals are due by **February 5, 2010** to Huong Tran in the school office by 4:00 p.m. There are no exceptions to this deadline. Referrals and other information regarding the program and deadlines are available at [www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt](http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt) Please direct inquiries to Shana Twitchell at: [srtwitchell@fcps.edu](mailto:srtwitchell@fcps.edu).

### NIGHT OF 1000 STARS

Please join us **Friday, February 5th from 6:15-8pm** for an "Olympic" night of storytelling and magic! Forestville students grades K-3 and their families are invited to an evening of fun at school. (Don't forget to wear your pajamas and bring a gently used book to swap!)



Please remember that this is not a 'drop off' event. Parents must stay with their children and also participate in the fun!!

### GRACE ART TOPIC

This Friday the GRACE Art topic will be Michelangelo and daVinci. For those that feel the 'artist within' and would like to share your knowledge with the classes, PLEASE ATTEND!

### JOIN GIRLS ON THE RUN

**Girls on the Run** is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls grades 3 – 5. The program combines training for a 5 k running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. Practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 – 5 p.m. beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Look for registration forms in this week's Tuesday Folder. **Forms should be returned to the office, (attention GOTR) by February 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you need a registration form or have questions, contact Tara Ruskowski at [ruszkowski@comcast.net](mailto:ruszkowski@comcast.net).

### CHESS CLUB SPRING SESSION – REGISTRATION AND START DATE

The Spring Session of the **Chess Club starts Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Registration will start soon – so don't miss out! Please check the Forestville homepage (<http://www.fcps.edu/ForestvilleES/>) for the **Chess Club Registration and Information** headline starting on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration and payment will be processed through the Forestville website.

The Chess Club is open to children in grades 2-6 and welcomes players of all skill levels. A professional chess instructor teaches the class. The Chess Club meets in the cafeteria on Wednesdays immediately after school until 5:20pm and lasts 15 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Leigh Ann Hodor – [leighann@trideaworks.com](mailto:leighann@trideaworks.com). **Chess Club is more than an after school activity – it is a game your child can enjoy forever.**

### POTLUCK FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CANCER

The American Cancer Society estimates that about 1.5 million new cases of cancer will have been diagnosed in 2009. Presently, the risk of an American man developing cancer over his lifetime is one in two. Approximately one in three women in the United States will develop cancer over her lifetime. Leukemia is the most common cancer among children ages 0-14 years and cancer of the brain/other nervous system is the second most common incident cancer in both boys and girls.

Forestville would like to organize a potluck dinner for our families who are affected by cancer. If you are a family with a parent, child, or sibling who either *has* cancer *or has had* cancer, please join us on Friday, **February 12** from 6-8pm for a lovely evening of dinner and games

The purpose of the event is to celebrate, find mutual support, and strengthen our Forestville kids and families. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sarah Stark (703-404-6008 or [sarah.stark@fcps.edu](mailto:sarah.stark@fcps.edu)).

### DINING FOR SMARTBOARDS IS BACK!

Wednesday Feb 10, 20 at California Tortilla at Northpoint Shopping Center in Reston 5-8pm  
Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at Chick-fil-a Sugarland Crossing (Rt 7 near Burlington Coat Factory) 5-8pm

*\*Remember to mention Forestville when you order!*

### NEW PTA CHECK REQUEST FORM AVAILABLE

A new PTA Check request form is available on the Forestville web site. Also, we appreciate committee chairs submitting any outstanding reimbursement requests as soon as possible.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We have a limited inventory of Entertainment Books still available for purchase at \$30. Remember that the Entertainment Books are valid all thru 2010, so there is plenty of time to take advantage of lots and lots of savings. Just send a check for \$30 payable to Forestville PTA and indicate "Entertainment Book" on the memo line. We'll get it to you right away! It would make a great Valentine's Day gift for a loved one!

### AWARD AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The PTA would like to initiate a new committee this year. The purpose of the committee would be to seek out awards and scholarships for our school, teachers and students, and circulate the information to the Forestville community. Where a school wide award is being considered the committee would drive the application process.

The goal of this committee will be to:

Research available awards

Maintain a file of the award criteria and application process

And maintain a calendar of nomination deadlines.

If you are interested in taking the lead on this committee, please contact Malia Kishore at [kishores@cox.net](mailto:kishores@cox.net)

### CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Sloan: February 2, 3, 4  
Mrs. Ade: February 9, 10, 11  
Mrs. Anch: February 16, 17, 18

### CHANGE 4 CHILDREN

Our ongoing Change 4 Children fundraiser in support of Child Life Programs at INOVA Children's Hospital started with a bang last month. Combined with the \$114.26 raised over the break at the Panera gingerbread decorating event, Forestville students raised \$392.15 in December! This money will go directly to improve the hospitalizations of local children. We thank you for supporting your children in this. We have a few more months with some very special activities planned to teach and motivate the students of Forestville.

If your child is participating in the coin collection, please send in the January coins at the end of the month, labeled with your child's name and teacher. Panera has graciously donated gift cards that will be awarded to randomly-drawn participants as a thank you.

Any questions? Contact Sue Williams at [sbwilliams@yahoo.com](mailto:sbwilliams@yahoo.com) or 703-406-1689.

### CAMP FORESTVILLE RETURNS!

Camp Forestville will return this summer with new and exciting programs led by some of Forestville's favorite teachers. The camp will be held the August 16-20. Hours will be from 9-3, and we will be launching a new mini camp for rising kindergartners from 9-12. Registration materials are in the Tuesday folder, or go to [www.CampForestville.com](http://www.CampForestville.com). Registration begins today! Any questions should be directed to [CampForestville@SchoolsOutEvents.com](mailto:CampForestville@SchoolsOutEvents.com).

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FORESTVILLE ADULT SOCIAL

The Adult Social will be held on March 20th from 7:00-11:00pm.

Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come and help celebrate St. Patrick's Day with other Forestville parents and staff outside the school setting. As always this event promises to be an evening of fun and you may even find your pot of gold !!!!!

Any questions, email Kathy Cooker at [kathycooker@aol.com](mailto:kathycooker@aol.com) or [ssmeyers@verizon.net](mailto:ssmeyers@verizon.net)

### SAVE THE DATE

The Bingo/ Ice Cream Social will be held Friday, March 5. Look for the ticket order forms in the 2/26 Tuesday folder. As always, this event sells out so please purchase your tickets early. If you have any questions or would like to get involved with this fun event please contact Cecily Breiseth [cbreiseth@aol.com](mailto:cbreiseth@aol.com) or Suzy Ffrench at [suzyffrench@verizon.net](mailto:suzyffrench@verizon.net)

### JUNE GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Last year, Forestville was the beneficiary of a whopping \$9000 from the June Golf Tournament sponsored in part by Brogue Charities. Lucky us, we have been invited to participate again this year and need enthusiastic individuals to help run the tournament with our Committee Chair, Lynn Conforti. ALL helping hands are welcome - no golf experience necessary! We are looking for people to help with publicity, sponsorship, recruiting golfers, and coordinating volunteers.

Since this is our second year, we do have a little experience under our belts, so things should run pretty smoothly. We will have a blast, I guarantee it. Contact Lynn Conforti at [ConfortiL@aol.com](mailto:ConfortiL@aol.com)

### SOCK HOP CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the PTA needs to find a replacement chairperson to run this year's sock hop. This beloved event gives 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders the chance to dance, snack, and socialize in a highly supervised setting. The chairperson for this event will have a committee to lead volunteers in the following areas:

Advance ticket sales via school website PayPal  
Registration/Check In/Door Sales  
Food/Beverages  
DJ and any other entertainment/play list selection  
Decorations  
Chaperones  
Set up/Clean up

If you are interested in this much-appreciated volunteer opportunity, please contact Leslie Smith at [leslieannsmith@msn.com](mailto:leslieannsmith@msn.com). We will provide you with previous years' packets of how-to information, contacts, pricing, etc. A volunteer committee has already been established. We just need a leader!



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!