

FORT HUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

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Fall-O-Ween Fun

Leigh Mang, PTA 2nd Vice President



It's right around the corner and the night is shaping up to be quite a party...that's right, Fall-O-Ween is Friday, Oct. 23, 6:30-8:30. There will be a form to pre-order tickets in your Tuesday folder this week, a handy tool to avoid long lines of excited, anxious children. Just fill out the form and send it in to school. Then, simply find the "will call" table at Fall-O-Ween to pick up your pre-reserved tickets and you'll be good to go.

Make sure your entire family dresses up for the festivities and remember, be ready to play. We will have a bean bag toss, fortune tellers, a "tattoo parlor," creepy corner, guessing games, baked goods, popcorn, coloring table and even parades... and don't forget Bingo in the library! Bring your whole family for a night of fun and games. There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer... you might even win a prize! For info, email Leigh Mang at mangcrew@verizon.net.

Reflections Is...Underway!

Julie Smith, Chair

Don't miss the fun! This year's theme is "Beauty Is..." Encourage your child to use his/her talents to interpret the theme in the categories of Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Film/Video Production, or Dance Choreography. Complete guidelines and the entry form can be found on the Fort Hunt web site, <http://www.fcps.edu/FortHuntES>.

All entry forms must be typed and signed. Access the entry form on the school web site and attach it to the entry following the category guidelines. All entries will be collected before school begins Mon-Wed, Oct. 19-21.

Restaurant Night Proves to Be Best Ever

Amy Walker

Thank you, Fort Hunt, for supporting your school at Cosmopolitan Grill. We made \$360, the most we have ever earned. I know Wednesday night was a little hectic; I appreciate your patience and hope you will consider a return visit. This is why I love this place: On Tuesday, a gentleman in a suit walked in, set his briefcase down behind the bar and started waiting on tables. I asked the owner, "Is that man your husband?" She said, "Oh no, that's my brother. My husband is cooking in the back!" So it truly is a family affair at Cosmopolitan Grill. I thank them for hosting us. Our next night will be Thu., Dec. 3 — stay tuned for details.

FALL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

23 — Fri — Fall-O-Ween, 6:30-8:30pm

NOVEMBER

2-3 — Mon-Tue — Student Holidays

5 — Thu — PTA Meeting, 7pm (Pizza at 6:30)

11 — Wed — Thanksgiving Luncheon

— Sally Foster Pickup, 3:30-8pm, Gym

14 — Sat — Fairfax County & FCPS Community Dialogue, Sherwood Regional Library, 10am

26-27 — Thurs-Fri — Thanksgiving Holidays

The Art of Thanks Mural

Kristen Culver, Member-at-Large

Special moments happen every day at our school. A teacher goes the extra mile; a staff member offers words of encouragement; a friend lends a helping hand or a parent pitches in. If you have experienced one of those moments, the mural is a great way to express your gratitude, and to nurture a positive spirit of support in our school.



This year we are using your notes of thanks to complete the picture. Right now we have an empty tree in need of some foliage. So take a leaf-shaped piece of paper from the basket outside the office, right across from the mural-in-progress, jot down your thoughts and use the magnets on the board to leave your message of gratitude and join in the art of thanks.

Special thanks goes to Brenda Denham for designing and painting the tree for our mural. The Student Council will be helping with future designs for the mural. Your notes of thanks/positive thoughts from last month's mural were given to the staff and teachers for them to enjoy. We hope you continue to be a part of this ongoing effort.

Perfect Picture Day

Mary Whitehouse

Thank you to our fabulous volunteers for making both picture days a fabulous success this year: Susan Allen, Michelle Brewster, Rita Filmonchik, Julia MacInnis, Lori Markley, Pam Reynolds, Elisa Schlacter and Amy Walker. You are all greatly appreciated! Picture makeup day is October 29 for anyone who was absent or needs a retake.

Ink Cartridge Recycling for Fort Hunt

Marilyn Aboff & Nicole Weinberg

Please save the ink cartridges from your printer and send them in to school. By recycling them, we not only help our environment, but the PTA will earn money for each cartridge that you turn in! Simply place your cartridges in a Ziploc bag (to avoid a possible mess from a leak) and bring in to school. There is a dark green box located next to the water fountain by the office and cafeteria that you can put them in.

Please also consider asking your place of work if they would consider donating their printer cartridges to the school.

Thank you!

Remember to Be Safe!

Just a quick reminder to all of the parents driving kids to and from school... please slow down when children are present, obey the crossing guards, and though you may feel like a bus while dropping off or picking up, make sure to stay out of the bus lanes! We all want our kids to be safe... do your part!



Volunteer Update

Marilyn Aboff, Volunteer Coordinator

Hi! Just four weeks into school, and I have loads of good news to share! We have 45% of our students with a willing parent/guardian volunteer! I don't know where you would find a more involved community. We provided every teacher with a preliminary list of their homeroom volunteers before each of the Back-to-School nights and the finals were out the first week of October. A big thank you to Kate Sheinis for data entry help.

Here's a quick review of "volunteer etiquette" for all new and returning helpers. We want to remain a welcome and valued part of our school, so please remember to sign in as a volunteer at the office. There's a laptop just inside the office door for this that will also print you a nametag, which you must wear while in the building. If your project takes you near the classrooms/pods, please do your work as quietly as possible so the children aren't distracted. When your project is finished, just sign out on that handy laptop and you're all set.

Thanks, again, to all you survey responders. We have lots of opportunities in the coming months for everyone. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, or would like to fill out a survey, just jet an email my way at marilynaboff@yahoo.com.

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