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Franconia Elementary School
June 15, 2011



Franconia students enjoy one of the many wonderful musical programs presented this school year. Second graders performed "Seussical" in front of a packed house. It was an outstanding show.

Other end-of-year activities included a concert by our strings, band, and chorus, a teacher/student volleyball game, and the SCA online elections.

Congratulations to all students who ran for an SCA office and to the 2011-2012 officers: Omar Ashraf, President; Grant Holder, Vice President; Leigh Abell, Secretary; and Ariana Chavez, Reporter. What a great team! We look forward to their great ideas and leadership in the 2011-2012 school year.

From the Principal

It's hard to believe that it's already the end of the school year. It has gone by in a blink of an eye, and I know that we will all be sad to say goodbye to our students on June 21, particularly our 6th graders who will be moving on to other schools.

Franconia is a very special place for many of us for many different reasons. For me, it's the people, the students, the parents, and the staff. I love seeing the faces of the students each day as they learn and play; and it's a pleasure to work with the parents and staff who work together for one collective purpose.

Franconia wouldn't be the place it is without the support and help from its families. We are very fortunate to have such an active PTA that supports our staff and students each year.

Thank you to all the PTA Board members who have worked tirelessly to support Franconia staff and students. Special thank you to this year's PTA board members: Paula Thompson, David Noguera and Rebekah Everest.

The 2010-2011 PTA Board members are: President, Carylin Waterval; Vice President, Tracee Gartman; Treasurer, David Noguera; and Recording Secretary, Cory O'Meara.

Remember, the PTA's job is never done. Consider volunteering next year and have a wonderful summer. We'll see you in **September!**

Merrell V. Dade, Principal

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For Your Information

Promotion and Awards program on June 16

Families are invited to attend the Sixth Grade Promotion and Awards program at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 16. The program will be in the gym.

Students in grades K-5 will receive awards to acknowledge their achievements during the 2010-2011 school year. Family members are welcome to attend. The program for grades 4-5 will begin at 1:30 p.m.; the program for K-3 will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Last day of school, June 21. Students dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

The end of school is a busy time for all students and their families. Please make note that Tuesday, June 21, is the last day for Franconia. School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

School attendance on June 21

All students are expected to attend the last day of school. If parents know that their children will not be at school on June 21, the office requests that parents notify the teacher *as soon as possible*.

Teachers will distribute the final progress reports to their students on the last day of school. If children will be absent on the last day, parents may provide the office with a self-addressed stamped business envelope so the report can be mailed home, or they can pick up the report card from the office after June 21.

Summer office hours

The Franconia school office will be open in the summer from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. The office phone number is 703-822-2200.

Looking ahead to 2010-2011

Don't forget to mark your calendars. Students return to school for the 2011-2012 school year on **Tuesday, September 6, 2011**. Open House will be held on Thursday, September 1, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.