



# Mustang Message

April 17, 2009

Franconia Elementary School



**We Love Kindergarten!** Can you tell? These students from Ms. Causey's room show off their new kindergarten t-shirts. They are getting ready to entertain their parents and welcome new kindergarten students to Franconia Elementary during their Waterford Program on Monday, June 8.

Remember, if you have a rising kindergarten student, please contact the school office. Kindergarten orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m..

## From the Principal

Did you know that research says when parents are involved in children's learning at school and at home, school work is better and students learn more? Volunteering impacts student behavior, grades, tests, and even increases graduation rates.

Whether it's joining your child for lunch, chaperoning a field trip, or checking your child's Take Home Friday envelope each week, we know that you have made your child's education a priority. We can see your commitment every day as you check those assignment books and participate in school events, rain or shine.

Volunteering at school does not have to be time-consuming. In fact, there are many things you can do that take minimal time and can be done in the comfort of your own home! Franconia's PTA has compiled a list of volunteering opportunities, with descriptions, for your review. Our PTA does so many things for our school and its students. Consider offering to help. There's only one qualification: an interest in making the most of your child's school experiences. You'll find the volunteer opportunity list in the April PTA newsletter next week. So, take a look. You have all that's needed—your willingness to help!

*Merrell V. Dade*

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## For Your Information

### Beautification Day postponed!

Franconia was scheduled to have its annual Beautification Day on Saturday, April 18. Unfortunately, one key ingredient from the county is missing—mulch. We were informed today that our scheduled delivery of mulch will not arrive due to a broken shredder. Thus, we must reschedule our Beautification Day once we receive notice that the mulch will arrive.

### WANTED: PTA Officers

If you've been looking for a new way to support Franconia students, why not consider becoming a PTA officer? The positions open for the 2009-2010 school year are: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. If you have more questions or would like express your interest in a position, contact Laura Lawrence at [lhines4424@aol.com](mailto:lhines4424@aol.com) or 703-719-0223.

### Spring Book Fair volunteers needed

Come and spend some time volunteering during the week of April 20, 2008. Peruse the books and help students pick their favorites. Contact Paula Thompson at [paulathompson@cox.net](mailto:paulathompson@cox.net) for call (703) 921-5555, if you are interested.

### Field Day May 14

Field Day is a school-wide activity of fitness, team-building, enrichment and enjoyment in which students participate. Please note that we have made a correction in the schedule. The **correct** schedule is: grades 4-6 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.; grades K-3 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Parents are invited to volunteer. We will need two parents per classroom.

### Learn about Sexting

It's been on the news recently—students sending racy photos via their cell phones. How can parents educate themselves about this felony that has devastating consequences? Join the Fairfax County Police for a **Sexting** workshop on Monday, April 20, 2009, at the Kingstowne Library from 7-9 p.m. This powerful presentation will take you far beyond basic "internet safety."