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Franconia PTA Newsletter

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Many thanks to all who attended Franconia Night at Lucky's. Lucky's in Manchester Lakes were great hosts, providing money for each child to use in the game room and a balloon man who made unbelievable balloon sculptures. We hope to have another Franconia Night at Lucky's in the spring. Last Saturday, many families walked and ran in our first annual 3K Pumpkin Run. The weather was gorgeous and we hope the winners enjoyed their pumpkin pies! Thanks to Shoppers Food Warehouse for donating the pies. The next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, December 2 in the library and will include a presentation on internet safety. Please join us to learn about what is going on at Franconia. To view the PTA meeting minutes, go to the school website at www.fcps.edu/FranconiaES and select PTA.

Upcoming PTA Events

Mark your calendars for these fabulous upcoming events! We hope to see you soon!



21-Nov-08	Spiritwear Orders Due
21-Nov-08	Kung-Fu Panda Movie Night -FREE
2-Dec-08	PTA Meeting, 7pm
5-Dec-08	Corner Cuisine Fundraiser
9-Dec-08	FLEX Classes End
18-Dec-08	Domino's Night

Always using email? Why not join the Franconia Family Yahoo group?

The PTA maintains an email distribution list for sending information, reminders, and updates to the Franconia Family. It's a great way to receive email reminders about upcoming events at the school and other school related information. Please join this list by sending an email to FranconiaFamily-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or email Paula Thompson at paulathompson@cox.net.

FLEX Classes Begin in February

The PTA is excited to announce that Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) classes will begin a new session in February 2009. Look for your registration form in the Friday folder. Spanish and French will again be offered one day a week after school.

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Chairperson Needed

Each year, the PTA holds a Family Fun Night with Basket Bingo and a Silent Auction. Family Fun Night is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 27. We greatly need a volunteer to chair this event. The Basket Bingo Chairperson would organize a planning committee to decide upon basket themes, collect basket items, and assemble the baskets. If you can help, please contact Carylin Waterval at Carylin_mother2@yahoo.com

Corner Cuisine Fundraiser

Are you so busy during the week that home cooked meals turn into a trip through the drive thru window? The PTA has joined forces with Corner Cuisine to bring you Kiss N Ride Delivery on December 5. Corner Cuisine is a time-saving kitchen providing ready-to-cook homemade dinners for your family. Simply go online and order your meals; Corner Cuisine will deliver your prepared meals to you during Kiss and Ride on December 5. Some items on the December menu include Baked Chicken Florentine, Parmesan-Crusted Chicken, Vegetarian Lasagna, and Southwestern Grilled Steaks...Yummy! See the attached flyer for more information.

Spirit wear Reminder

Order Forms for sweatshirts and sweatpants were sent out last week. Don't miss on the opportunity to purchase spirit wear for your child. Orders are due Friday, November 21.

Thank you Volunteers!!

Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered for PTA/school events since our last newsletter: Strategy Lab, Innisbrook Gift Wrap Pick-Up, Election Day Bake Sale, Box Top Counting, Franconia Pumpkin Run and the Thanksgiving Luncheon. The help provided by many parents is invaluable to the Franconia Family! If you have any questions about volunteering, you can contact the PTA Volunteer Coordinator Carylin Waterval at Carylin_mother2@yahoo.com

Box Top Updates

Congratulations to Mrs. Younger's 2nd grade class for submitting over 300 box tops to win the 1st quarter ice cream party. We appreciate the 2000 plus box tops submitted for the first quarter! Remember to send your 2nd quarter box tops to school by December 21.

Cartridges for Kids

Franconia Elementary is recycling and would like your help. We are recycling used cell phones, empty laser, fax, copier, and inkjet cartridges as well as, laptops, Palm Pilots, iPods, video games, GPS Systems, DVD's and digital cameras for two reasons. First, we are trying to preserve our environment by keeping these harmful items out of landfills, and secondly, to raise funds for our school. The recyclable items that are collected are returned to Cartridges for Kids® (CFK). Just send them to school with your child or place them in the collection box outside the gym. See the attached flyer for more information

Franconia Promotions

Franconia is participating in five major promotions programs for this year: Giant Food's A+ Bonus Bucks, General Mills' Box Tops for Education, Office Depot, Safeway's Club for Education, and Target's Take Charge of Education. All five programs provide instructional equipment, vendor certificates, and cash rebates to Franconia when you make everyday purchases. To sign up and support these programs, please see the information below.

Franconia's School ID for Giant Bonus Bucks program is 02290; sign up at any Giant store OR log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus OR dial 1-877-366-2668. Remember, even if you designated last year, you **MUST** re-designate this year. You may also fill out the form below to register then simply return the form to school with your child in an envelope marked PTA. Please support this program.



Visit www.giantfood.com/aplus or complete this card and mail or drop at the customer service desk to register your card for this school year and select the schools to receive your A+ Bonus Bucks.

You can earn A+ Bonus Bucks from October 3, 2008 - April 2, 2009.

1. Clearly fill in your 12-digit card number below:

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2. Clearly fill in the first three letters of your **last** name:

3. Fill in the School ID number for your chosen School(s).
You may choose up to three schools:

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If you choose more than one school your A+ Bonus Bucks will be evenly distributed among those three schools.
Fill in the school ID codes of ALL schools each time you add/change your registration.

You can only select schools that have registered for the program.



Office Depot donates 5% of your purchase to Franconia when you use Franconia's school ID 70103060 in the store and on-line! If you shop at Office Depot, please use our school ID.



Safeway has partnered with eScrip to support Franconia. Franconia's ID is 6505092. Sign up at www.escrip.com. Remember, even if you designated a school last year, you **MUST** re-designate this year.



Target's Take Charge of Education program. Here's how it works: Visit www.Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcardSM (Target® Visa® Credit Card, Target Credit CardSM or Target Check CardSM), Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to the eligible K-12 school of your choice.



The program is simple. Clip Box Tops from your favorite General Mills products, each one is worth 10¢ to our school. Use the envelope sent home with each family to store your Box Tops during the quarter. At the end of each quarter, October 3, December 21, March 14 and June 1, send the Box Tops to school with your child. The class with the most box tops submitted each quarter will receive an ice cream party.

Another easy way to help our school is to sign up for the Box Tops website at www.boxtops4education.com. You'll get updates on our school's Box Tops earnings, money-saving coupons, family-pleasing recipes, chances to win Bonus Box Tops, the latest Box Tops news and much more. Best of all, it's absolutely free!