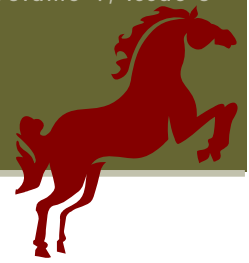


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Franconia PTA Newsletter

<http://www.fcps.edu/FranconiaES/pta.html>

Happy New Years to all Franconia Families. 2011 is going to be an exciting year as we progress through the school renovation. As the end of January approaches, get ready to see some of the completed renovations. New areas will open up for school use and other areas will begin renovation. Watch future Mustang Messages for important updates from Ms. Dade.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)
Superintendent Jack D. Dale has released the school system's FY 2012 Proposed Budget of \$2.2 billion with a projected enrollment of 177,416 students. The proposed budget includes an additional 258.4 positions to support changes in student demographics and projected membership growth of 2,120 students as well as market scale adjustments and step increases for all eligible employees following two years of frozen salaries. To support the budget, the school board will ask the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for an

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increase of 3.0 percent, or \$48.8 million, in the transfer of funds over the FY 2011 level. There are public hearings on January 24 and 25 if you wish to speak or hear community feedback. For complete information on the FCPS FY 2012 budget, including the budget calendar, visit:

<http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2012.htm>

Carylin Waterval, PTA President

Upcoming Dates



January 11	PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
January 14	2nd Quarter Box Tops Due
January 21	Movie Night
January 28	FLEX Registration Deadline

December Restaurant Night Results

Thank you to the families who purchased food from zPizza on December 15th in support of the PTA Restaurant Night. We earned \$217 from

zPizza for Franconia related pizza sales. Stay tuned for the next Restaurant Night in February.

Family Movie Night

Join us on Friday, January 21 for our annual family movie night in the school gym. We will be showing a newly released movie (featuring a donkey and an ogre), beginning at 7pm. Bring blankets, camp chairs, and pillows to sit on the

gym floor. Admission is free for the entire family. Fresh popcorn and other movie snacks will be sold for \$1.00 each. Franconia spirit car magnets will also be available for sale.

FLEX Classes Update

Flex classes will begin February 22, 2011 and run for 15 weeks. The cost of the class is \$152, which includes materials. Classes will be offered for Spanish Level 1 and Level 2 in three groupings: K, Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6. Classes run from 3:45pm - 4:45pm. Parents must pick-up children from school after class. The specific class days for each session can be found on the FLEX registration form, which is being sent home in next week's Wednesday folder. Registration can be completed

via the paper form or on-line. The link to online registration is: <http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses/>. We must have 8 students registered for each class or the class will be canceled. Registration forms and payment must be returned by Friday, February 4. If you have any questions about the FLEX program, contact Svetlana Hovhannisyian, the PTA Flex Coordinator at shovhann@gmail.com.

Volunteer Thank You

Thank you to parents who volunteered during the month of December at the school book fair. Mrs. Gawalt reported a successful book fair, which will

assist in providing the library additional funds for library materials.

Volunteer Requests

Movie Night volunteers are needed on January 21. Responsibilities include making popcorn and selling movie snacks. We need four volunteers, two people during each shift (6:30 - 7:30pm and 7:30 - 8:30pm). If you can offer assistance during one shift, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Jill Vaughn at jesseandjillvaugh@gmail.com.

Gladys Pemberton at gladyspem@hotmail.com.

Staff Appreciation Sweet Treats – calling all bakers. The PTA is providing sweet treats for the school staff on Monday, January 31, which is a teacher work day. Baked goods can be brought to the school office on Monday morning, the 31st. If you are interested in providing a treat, please email

Friday, January 28 – A school-wide celebration will be held to reward the students for achieving the school-wide quarterly PBS (Positive Behavior Support) goal of 800 Mustang Motivators. Parents are needed in the afternoon to make fresh popcorn and distribute to the classes. What a great way to show your support to the students for their outstanding efforts! Please contact Assistant Principal Wiatta Padmore at wtpadmore@fcps.edu if you can help.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Look at these fun community events taking place in January

"Annie" On Stage at Lake Braddock Secondary School Jan 27 – 29, Lake Braddock Little Theater



Address: 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA

Times: January 27 at 7:30 p.m., January 28 at 7:30 p.m., January 29 at 2 and 8 p.m.

The sun will come out on the Lake Braddock Little Theatre stage January 27, 28, and 29 as Lake Braddock Musical Theatre presents its production of the Broadway musical "Annie". Annie will be joined by the orphans and familiar characters such as Miss Hannigan, Daddy Warbucks, Grace, Rooster, FDR, and Lily St. Regis along with a chorus of colorful performers singing all of your favorite songs. You won't want to miss this classic, fun-for-all-ages show. Performances are Thursday January 27 at 7:30 p.m., Friday January 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday January 29 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. at Lake Braddock Secondary School Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road. Tickets are \$12 at the door or online after January 8th at www.lbmusical.webs.com. Don't let the sun go down before you get your tickets to a show you won't want to miss!

Groundhog's Day Out Jan 30, Frying Pan Farm Park



Address: 2739 West Ox Rd., Herndon, VA

Times: 2:00–3:30pm

Phone: (703) 437–9101

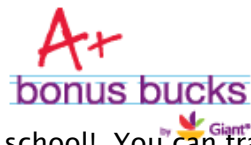
Admission: \$5.00 each

Groundhog Day comes a little early at the park. Visit a groundhog burrow. Learn all about groundhogs and other ways to forecast the weather. Enjoy a puppet show, crafts, games and hot chocolate.

All Ages/Families Registration required – \$5 per person. Meets at the Visitor Center. We will take a short walk to a burrow. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/Calendars/01-3011.htm> for more information.

Franconia Promotions

Franconia is participating in six 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**, **Target's Take Charge of Education** and **Cartridges for Kids**. All six 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.



Giant Bonus Bucks program. Each time you shop at Giant using your Giant Card, you will earn CASH for our school! You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. To register your Giant card, sign up at any Giant store, log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus, or call 1-877-366-2668. Franconia's School ID for is 02290. Remember, even if you designated last year, **you MUST re-designate this year**. The program runs October 8, 2010 through March 24, 2011, register your card now.



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. This program is in effect year round.



Don't
Throw it Away...
Raise Funds
TODAY!

Cartridges for Kids (CFK) Help us be green, earn some green, and save some green by recycling with CFK! 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. We are trying to preserve our environment by keeping these harmful items out of landfills. 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.



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 by November this year**, the program now runs year round.

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.



General Mills Box Tops for Education 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 15, January 14, March 25 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 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.

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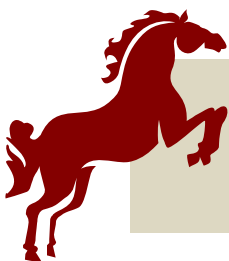
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