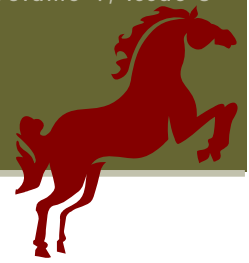


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Franconia PTA Newsletter
<http://www.fcps.edu/FranconiaES/pta.html>

Thanks to all who attended the PTA Family Fun Night on Friday, March 11, 2011; there was not one empty seat in the house for Bingo. The Silent Auction was successful with families making generous bids on the items donated from local businesses. Special thanks to our bingo callers, all the volunteers who made the night a success, all the families who donated items for the classroom baskets/silent auction and to the PTA chairpersons who did a fantastic job planning the events, Rebekah Everest and Amanda Mountford. The Family Fun Night raised over \$2,900 for the PTA which will provide a generous donation towards purchasing new books for our new library.

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We look forward to seeing you at the PTA Meeting on April 12, which will feature Brad Center, our local School Board Representative, who will present an overview of the FCPS 2012 proposed budget. This is a unique opportunity to meet Brad Center.

Carylin Waterval, PTA President

Upcoming Dates



April 12	PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
May 1	Deadline for 2011 PTA Board Nominations
May 3	School Tool Box Sale Begins
May 2 – 6	Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week – May 2 – 6

We love our Franconia Staff. Get ready to celebrate Staff Appreciation Week, May 2– 6. The PTA is busy planning some special events to show the school staff how much they are appreciated. We will also provide suggestions for individual students/families to show their appreciation.

Watch for more specific information to be sent home in a few weeks. In the meantime, if you have ideas or would like to help with the PTA sponsored events, contact the PTA chairpersons: Gladys Pemberton (gladyspem@hotmail.com) or Deena Pagliaro (deena.pagliaro@acps.k12.va.us)

Elections Are Coming!

Elections will take place in June for board members for the 2011–12 school year. Being a board member is a great way to get involved and work together to make Franconia a great place for our students and staff. Board members are elected each year. A board member may hold the same position for two consecutive years. Board members must commit about 3 hours per month for one school year. You can be involved with the PTA without becoming a board member. There are many events throughout the year that cannot be successful without coordinators. Recruiting for volunteer chairperson positions will begin in May. The duties of each officer are listed below.

The president:

1. Presides at all board and general membership meetings and expedites those meetings by: preparing an agenda, opening and closing meetings on time.
2. Coordinates the work of the officers and committees.
3. Consults with the school principal on all matters relating to the school.
4. Attends or is representative to: council meetings, district meetings, workshops and clinics, PTA conventions, leadership conferences, other related meetings

The vice-president:

1. Acts as aide to the president;
2. Performs the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to act;

The treasurer:

1. Maintains custody of all the funds of the association;
2. Keeps a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures;
3. Makes disbursements as authorized by the president or association in accordance with the budget;
4. Presents a written financial statement at every PTA meeting;
5. Files the annual tax returns (990 or 990EZ) per IRS regulations.

The recording secretary:

1. Records all business transacted at each meeting and presents the minutes for approval at the next meeting.
2. Maintains the membership list;
3. Has on hand for reference at each meeting a copy of the local unit bylaws, the standing rules, the agenda, the minutes of previous meetings, treasurer's reports, a list of committees including names of their members, and the membership list
4. Serves as custodian of all records except for those specifically assigned to other individuals

If interested, please contact a member of the the Nominating Committee by May 1st. Contact Cory O'Meara at ctomeara@gmail.com or Cheye-Anne Salyards at cheyeanne16@yahoo.com.

School Supply Kits – Ordering Coming Soon...

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to continue to sell a prepackaged school supply kit for the upcoming school year. The School Tool Box™ come with the teacher-approved school supplies your student requires and will include trusted brand names like Elmers and Crayola. Because the shopping is done for you, the School

Tool Box™ saves your precious time. No more running from store-to-store searching for those hard-to-find items in the back-to-school crowds. You pay for the School Tool Box™ when you place your order and it is ready and waiting for your student in the fall. Please watch for the order form that will be coming home at the end of April.

Hands-on Science Day @ Thomas Jefferson High School – April 30, 2011

What is Hands-on Science Day?

Hands-on Science Day is a free science event for elementary school children held annually at the Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria, Virginia. The event offers three to four dozen activities targeted for children ages 5 to 10. Previous activities have included slime making, static electricity demonstrations, explanations of plant growth (with a take-home sunflower growing kit!), and exciting laboratory experiments.

Where and when is Hands-on Science Day?

Hands-on Science Day will be held on April 30, 2011 at the Thomas Jefferson High School for

Science and Technology ([TJHSST](http://www.tjhsst.edu)), at 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, Virginia, 22312. For directions, please consult the school's [directions page](#). The event is held in three different sessions, beginning at 10 AM, 12:30 PM, and 3 PM. Sessions are reserved for special needs, younger, and older children – please review the [sessions](#) information to see which session will provide the best experience for your child. **You must register in advance.**

(See the website at

<http://activities.tjhsst.edu/biosociety/hosd/index.php> for more information)

Looking for Summer Camp ideas?

The Fairfax County Park Authority has wide variety of summer camps available for children of all ages. The camps operate at all Recreation Centers plus other locations. Lee District Rec Center is only 10 minutes from Franconia.

Their camps provide children with a safe and enjoyable camp experience where children can develop skills, form friendships and enhance self esteem. Camp lengths vary – some camps are one week, some are two weeks.

Registration has started, see their website for the summer camp catalog..

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/rec_camps.htm



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. Here are the two current promotions where you can lend your support the remaining of the school year.



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.**



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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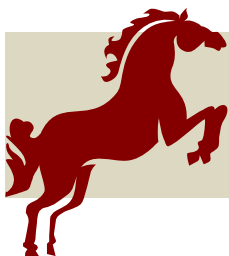
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