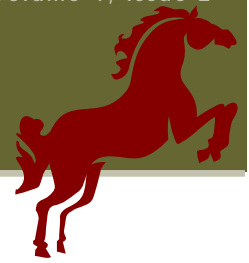


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Franconia PTA Newsletter

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

We hope you and your children have had a wonderful first month of school. Thank you for a strong beginning membership and volunteer drive. We appreciate the extra monetary contributions from families, which were submitted with the memberships. The success of our PTA's partnership with the school is dependent upon the willingness of parents to get involved. We are off to a strong beginning.

We had a great first PTA Meeting on September 14, with over 50 people attending. It was a very informative meeting with Ms. Dade sharing the SOL results and providing a renovation update. We look forward to seeing you at the October 12

PTA Membership

Thank you to the 113 families and staff that have joined the PTA so far this year. The membership cards and calendar magnets will be sent home this week in the Wednesday folders.

If you haven't joined yet, we still need your support. We encourage all families to join the PTA. The membership dues are \$8 per individual or \$15 per family. The PTA collects \$3 on behalf of the National/State/Local PTA and the remaining

Upcoming Dates



October 5
October 6
October 12
October 20
October 21
October 28

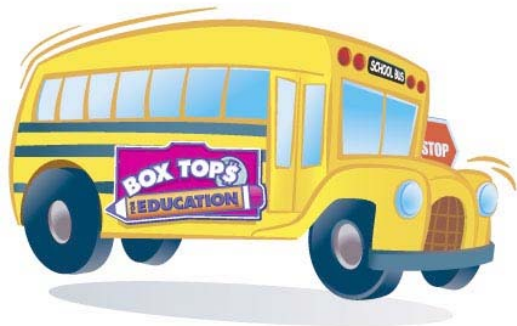
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meeting. At this meeting Mrs. Gawalt, the school librarian will discuss the library databases available to students and parents.

monies are used to fund PTA programs and activities. The Membership Form is available on the PTA page on the school website. To join the PTA, complete the form, attach a check payable to "Franconia PTA", place in an envelope marked "PTA" and send to school with your child. Each membership entitles you to a Franconia PTA Directory, a Franconia Calendar magnet and PTA voting rights. Contact Cheryl Previ, PTA Membership Chair, at cheryl.previ@verizon.net.

Restaurant Night @ Boardwalk Fries
Spirit Wear Order Forms Distributed
PTA Meeting, 7:00pm
Reflections Entries Due
Spirit Wear Orders Due
Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up

Box Tops are due October 15



Send your box tops into school by October 15! Clip Box Tops from your favorite General Mills products, each one is worth 10¢ to our school. Envelopes will be sent home with each family to store your Box Tops during the quarter. At the end of each quarter, send the Box Tops to school with your child in a Ziploc bag. The class with the most box tops submitted wins a prize! Any questions on the program can be directed to Sharon Hester, PTA Box Tops coordinator, at Franconia1988@aol.com.

PTA Lunch Card

We are continuing the tradition of a PTA Lunch card to make sure that all students get lunch, even if they forget to bring their lunch or they have inadequate funds on their own card. The PTA has a cafeteria Lunch Card that pays \$0.90 for cereal and milk for each child who needs a lunch. The

card works on the honor system, so if your child uses it, you should reimburse the PTA. We are grateful when families reimburse the PTA whenever their own child has benefited so that we can keep the card funded for the next child.

Franconia Spirit Wear

Franconia Mustang spirit wear will be available for order to show your school spirit. We will offer sweatshirts, long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts with an exciting new Franconia Mustang design. Order forms will be sent home (and posted to the PTA page on the school website) in the

Wednesday, October 6th folders. Orders will be due back no later than October 21st. Payment is required at the time of ordering. Shirts will be delivered back to the students around November 10th.

Together We Can – Reflections 2010–2011

Every year students across the country participate in the Reflections Program in the areas of literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography and visual arts. Franconia Elementary is proud to be a part of this program and encourage all students grades K–6 to participate in any of these areas. This year's theme is "Together We Can". Student entry forms and contest rules are available

on www.fcps.edu/FranconiaES. Deadline for all submissions is October 20, 2010. All entry forms should be turned into the main office by this date. If you have any questions, please contact Greta Loggins (gretaloggins@verizon.net) or Shelly Edenhart (sedenhart@yahoo.com), co-chairs for the PTA Reflections Program.

Volunteer Update

We have had a terrific response to the call for volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has filled one of the vacant PTA chair positions and volunteered for an event. We are still looking for a FLEX Coordinator. (This person will receive \$100 off tuition for their child.) The new updated list of PTA Committee Chairs is posted on the PTA page.

The volunteer coordinators will contact volunteers as an event approaches. You may still submit the PTA Volunteer Form, which is available on the PTA page on the school's website. Contact the PTA Volunteer Coordinators, Jill Vaughn (jesseandjillvaugh@gmail.com) or Nancy Nasse (nancynasse@gmail.com).

Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser

The fall fundraiser has ended and we would like to send lots of thanks to everyone for making it a huge success. Final sale numbers will be available soon. The delivery date is set for Thursday, October 28, at Franconia, right after school. Orders will not be sent home with students on buses; parents must come to the school to pick up their orders. For families that ordered from the

Simple Pleasures catalog, it is imperative that the frozen items be picked up on the day of delivery and placed in a freezer as soon as possible. If you are not able to pick up the frozen items on the delivery date, contact Shirley Woolsey at woolsey319@gmail.com as soon as possible to make other arrangements as there is no storage space at Franconia for these items.

Restaurant Night @ Boardwalk Fries on October 5

Join us for the first PTA Restaurant Night of the school year on Tuesday, October 5. 10% of the day's sales will be donated back to the school PTA. See the flier at the end of the newsletter for more details.



Lee District Basketball Association (LDBA) Programs

Offered for Boys and Girls

Serving this community for the past 40 years and continuing to provide a youth basketball program to the Lee District Community and surrounding areas. Our purpose is to promote an understanding and love for the game of basketball. We are a Not for Profit 501c3 incorporation. LDBA participates in the Fairfax County Scholarship Program.

Visit our website for information and registration www.leedistrictbasketball.com. Or contact us ldbadministration@verizon.net

REGISTRATION IS GOING ON NOW!!



- Little Ballers for 5 & 6 year olds
- House Recreation League for ages 7 through 14
- Competitive Young Men's League for ages 15 through 18
- County Selection Participation and teams for U10 through 8th Grade

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.



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.

*Tuesday, October 5, 2010 is
Franconia Elementary Day at*



Join us for the first PTA Restaurant Night of the school year!

Tuesday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. - closing

10% of the day's sales will be donated back to our school PTA! Take a break from work at lunch or bring the whole family and/or friends for dinner.

**Boardwalk Fresh Burgers and Fries
7015 Manchester Blvd., Suite E,
Alexandria, Virginia 22310
(Manchester Blvd. & Beulah Road)**

Thanks for supporting Franconia Elementary PTA!

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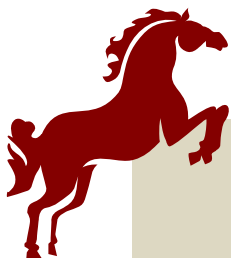
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