



# Chopper's Reminders

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## CALENDAR UPDATE

<b>December</b>	12	1st Grade Field Trip 2nd Grade Money Store
	24	Winter Break Begins
	<b>January</b>	5
	21	8:30am Art Framing Session 6:30pm Art Framing Session
	22	8:30am 2nd Grade Parent Coffee
	23	Second Grading Period Ends



## Upcoming School Calendar

Here is a friendly reminder of the upcoming school closing dates for the next few months. Please make your daycare arrangements now.

<b>December 24— January 2</b>	Winter Break - Closed
<b>January 5</b>	Students RETURN to school
<b>January 19</b>	MLK Birthday - Closed
<b>January 20</b>	Inauguration Day - Closed
<b>January 26</b>	Student Holiday
<b>January 27</b>	Student Holiday

## NSES Office Hours During the Winter Break

Even though students will be on Winter Break the office will still be open a few days. Office hours over the break will be from 9am – 3pm on December 29, 30 and 31st only.

## Inclement Weather Plans 1-800-839-3277

We hope the hot pink Inclement Weather sheet that was sent home a few weeks ago has been placed in a prominent place. There will come a time in the near future when the weather will cause some school delays and/or cancellations. Please take this time to make some back-up daycare plans with friends, family and/or neighbors before this happens. Remember the best way to find out if FCPS is closing schools or opening late is to call 1-800-839-3277.

## SCA Pajama Spirit Day

It's that time of year again for our traditional Pajama Spirit day on **Wednesday, December 23**. We hope everyone will participate and enjoy the last day of school before the Winter Break. Please follow these guidelines to make for an enjoyable day:

- All pajamas must** include pants. **NO** nightgowns, boxers or spaghetti straps are allowed.
- Pants must be an appropriate length.** We do not want anyone tripping over pants that are too long.

- No sheer or see-through material**—think flannel, fleece or sweatpant style material. Pajamas must be in good repair.
- If you plan to wear a robe with a belt**, it must be tied so that neither you nor anyone else will trip over it. Think about this when you consider how warm it may be in school.
- Wear slippers that stay on your feet.** We don't want people slipping or falling because their slippers fall off.
- You MUST bring sneakers for PE.**

By following these simple guidelines we are sure the spirit day will be a success!

## Help NSES Be "GREEN"

Your participation in donating your used, undamaged ink jet, laser printer, fax cartridges and cell phones to NSES can help the environment as well as bring some "green" to our school. NSES will receive \$1 for each item donated through our participation in the "Recycle for Students" program. All you need to do is simply drop these items off at the main office and your mission is complete. Spread the word and ask your friends and businesses to participate as well.

## PTA News

### Giant "Scrip" Cards

Are you trying to budget for the holidays or are coming up blank with gift ideas for co-workers, family and friends? Why not consider purchasing Giant "Scrip" Cards from the PTA. The NSES PTA earns 5% from Giant for every dollar purchased. These cards can be purchased in the following denominations; \$20, \$50 and \$100. Contact Caryl Salters at (703)750-0072 to place your order.

### Next PTA Meeting

NSES PTA meetings are traditionally held on the first Tuesday of every month. You are invited you to join us on **Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00pm in the library**. Our Kindergarten team will be the guest speakers for the January meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Beginning January 2009 NSES newsletters will be changing.

Due to school budget restraints the weekly *Chopper's Reminder* will no longer be published after December 2008. The monthly *Beaver Bulletin* will only be published on a quarterly basis. Starting in January 2009 a monthly calendar will be sent home on the first Thursday of every month. Pertinent information may still be sent home via the Thursday folders when deemed necessary. Parents will be able to keep up to date on school functions and information by referring to the NSES and PTA websites located at the following addresses:

- <http://www.fcps.edu/NorthSpringfieldES/>
- <http://nsepta.googlepages.com/home>