



The Shrevewood Bulletin



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The President's Pen

Co-Presidents Lucy Wagner and Rose-Ellen Eastman

Hello Shrevewood Parents and Staff,

Fall offers some of the best weather in the Washington area and I hope everyone is getting a chance to enjoy some time outside. The days may be getting shorter and the temperatures getting cooler but things are heating up at school and all the activity should keep everyone warm. We appreciate everyone who attended Back-to School night and hope you enjoyed meeting the teachers and learning more about Shrevewood and the PTA. I would also like to thank everyone who attended our October PTA meeting. The PTA is a great way to stay involved in your child's education. I hope that everyone who is new to Shrevewood, or to the PTA, will feel welcome to join and participate in this wonderful community that is part of Shrevewood.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Gift Wrap Sale! This event makes up nearly the entire PTA budget. We really appreciate all the time and effort by the children and parents to fund the efforts of the PTA. Your hard work makes so many things possible.

One program made possible by the gift wrap sale is the Cultural Arts Program. This program brings wonderful assemblies to the students at Shrevewood, including performances of music, dance, theater and natural history – almost anything you can imagine. This year's schedule is set and the children will be treated to performances of poetry, Chinese Opera, jazz dance, and vaudeville. We are so lucky to be able to offer this enrichment to our children. This year we are especially lucky because we are able to add a fourth assembly.

Another very popular event that the PTA sponsors happens at the end of this month. I encourage you all to attend the Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 28th. It is a great big party and a lot of fun for all ages! It is especially organized so that children (and adults) of all ages can find something to enjoy. Have the whole family dress up and come and join the fun.

We encourage you to please join us at our next meeting, November 14th, at 7:30pm, in the Shrevewood Library. Happy Halloween!

Lucy Wagner, Co-President

Everyone's Invited...Please Join the PTA

Have you joined the PTA yet? If not, please do. The membership form is on our schools website at <http://www.fcps.edu/ShrevewoodES/pta.htm>. For more information about the PTA, please contact any member of the PTA Executive Committee listed on the last page of this newsletter.

Dates to Remember



- October 28 – Halloween Party (5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
 - November 6 & 7 – No School – Parent Teacher Conferences
 - November 14 – PTA Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
 - November 20 – INOVA Flu Shot Clinic
 - November 22 - Early Closing
 - November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
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Shrevewood Halloween Party



It's that time of year, when all the little ghosts and goblins come out to play! Shrevewood Elementary School's annual Halloween Party will be held October 28th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. There will be games, dancing, hula hoop and costume contests, a Cake Walk, and everyone's all time favorite, the CANDY HUNT!

Admission will be \$5 per family. Children are not allowed in without adult supervision. Pizza, drinks and desserts will be available at a nominal cost.

Anyone interested in helping with the party or donating baked goods or candy should send back the volunteer form that came home in the Thursday envelope, or contact Lisa Sylvia at 703-573-8228 or jennabeansmom1@aol.com.

And the Results are In.....Gift Wrap Sales



The PTA gift wrap committee is pleased to announce that the gift wrap sale earned over \$9,000 for our school. Students sold more than \$18,000 worth of items. Over 40% of students participated in this year's fundraiser. Look for delivery of your items in November.

The winners of this year's special incentives include the following:

Top Student: *Markel Harrison* in Miss Larsen's class—for the third year in a row! He sold \$1159 and will receive a \$20 gift certificate of his choice.

Top Selling Class: *Miss Larsen's 2nd grade class* with \$1614 in sales. They win a class party!

Top Participation: *Miss Lester's 5th grade class and Miss Tope's Kindergarten class*, both with 55% of students selling. Both classes win a class party, and Miss Lester and Miss Tope each earn a \$20 gift certificate.

The following individual students will receive gift certificates to the Shrevewood Book Fair for their outstanding effort:

Sales over \$500:

- Curtis Rahl in Miss Pesce's class

Sales over \$400:

- Lauren Hoyns in Miss Mohny's class
- Katie Medina in Mr. Ice's class
- Anthony Wagner in Mrs. Hoffman's class

Sales over \$300:

- Gustavo Callahan in Miss Fenn's class
- Audra Scheinman in Miss Fenn's class
- Samantha Eastman in Miss Friedrich's class
- Sydney Perlowski in Mrs. Dryer's class
- Nathaniel Scheinman in Mr. Sirdofsky's class
- Briana Warner in Mrs. Volk's class
- William Brenneman in Mrs. Oweis' class
- Tangie Shaw in Mr. Kent's class

Box Tops for Education



This year we can earn more money than ever for Shrevewood through our participation in the Box Tops for Education program. The Box Tops program gives us the power to earn money for Shrevewood everytime we buy groceries. Simply look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of your favorite General Mills Products including those from Pillsbury, Green

Giant, Totinio's, Progresso, Old El Paso, Gold Medal, Ziplock and Yoplait. Clip off the Box Top coupons and send them to school with your child. Each Box Top we redeem is worth 10 cents to Shreveewood.

We will again be holding a random prize drawing in March from all the Box Tops collected throughout the year. Please write your child's full name on the back of each Box Top you submit to be eligible to win one of several fun prizes. The more Box Tops you submit, the greater your chances of winning! So clip those Box Tops and send them in! There is a collection box near the Shreveewood cafeteria.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: Even an everyday trip to the grocery store can make a difference, because every Box Top counts. The average household with kids purchases more than 100 Box Tops products each year and 100 Box Tops equals \$10 in earnings for the school. Clipping with Box Tops really adds up!

Parlez Vous Francais?

Do you have an interest in French? Do you want your child to learn French? We're taking a poll of interest at Shreveewood, and will report the results to Mrs. McCoy and to the PTA. Where we go from there depends on your interest. Send your response to sagapaw@yahoo.com and write "French at Shreveewood" in subject line or call Susan at 703-461-9299.

Health and Wellness – Flu Clinic, November 20th



An INOVA flu clinic will be held on Monday, November 20th from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A minimum of 30 participants are required, 40 would be

even better. Additional information regarding sign-up and information about the flu shot will be distributed in the coming weeks.

REMEMBER: Flu Shot - \$23.00, Pain – Minimal, Wellness Factor – PRICELESS

Joan Dean and The Wellness Committee

Register For Keep in Touch



Register now for Keep in Touch, a service that allows Fairfax County employees, parents, and others interested in emergency messages and other information about the school system to receive updates via e-mail. Participants set up individualized profiles and receive the most up-to-date information as soon as it is available. To sign up, visit the FCPS website at www.fcps.edu and choose "Keep in Touch" on the menu bar.

Fairfax County Is Participating in the 2006 Change a Light Campaign



Did you know — if the five most used lights in every home in America were changed to an energy-efficient light bulb, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the country would see a \$6 billion energy savings — the equivalent to the annual output of more than 21 power plants! With that in mind, Fairfax County is participating in the 2006 Change a Light Campaign sponsored by the National Association of Counties and Office Depot.

Individual participation is very easy: agree to change the most frequently used light in your home to an energy-efficient one. Some other suggested places to use energy-efficient light bulbs: your garage, your laundry room, and replace one of your bathroom mirror vanity lights with a compact florescent bulb. These small steps to help our energy use and our environment will also save you money. An energy-efficient light bulb uses two-thirds less energy, generates 70 percent less heat and lasts up to 10 times longer. Replacing a 100-watt incandescent light bulb with a 32-watt compact fluorescent lamp (energy-efficient one) will give you the same brightness but will save you at least \$30 in energy costs over the life of just that one bulb.

FCPS Students Eligible for Discounts on Microsoft Products

Through a special agreement with Microsoft, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students and staff members can now purchase select Microsoft products for home and personal use at great discounts. In addition, Fairfax County Public Schools adult education students are also eligible to purchase through this program.

Student Select is part of Fairfax County Public Schools [Technology@Home](http://www.fcps.edu/Technology@Home) Program. This program seeks to help students, faculty, and staff members with their home technology needs by enabling them to purchase directly from vendors at educational discount rates. With the latest technology, students, faculty, and staff members can make the best use of instructional

and administrative resources at home. For more information on available products, pricing, and how to order go to: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIT/techathome/studentselect.html>.



ESOL Parent Meetings

Fairfax County Public Schools ESOL Strengthening Family-School Connections will hold Parent Meetings. Interpreters will be provided for the following languages: Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Urdu, Vietnamese.

Learn about:

- Instructional Services including: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Gifted and Talented (GT), Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses
- Helping your children with their education
- Services to support families in Fairfax County Public Schools
- Community resources available in Fairfax County

November 1, 2006
Chantilly High School
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
4201 Stringfellow Road
Chantilly, VA 20151

November 13, 2006
Falls Church High School
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
7521 Jaguar Trail
Falls Church, VA 22042

For more information, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OESOL/index.htm> or call (703) 704-6002 or (703)-208-8069. Pre-registration is requested but not required.

From the Editor

Shrevewood Elementary Community (Parents – Teachers – Students) – this newsletter is for you. If you have information or articles that you would like to have considered for inclusion in this newsletter, please provide your input to kvgmom24@aol.com by the second Thursday of each month.



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