

SFES PTA Newsletter, 2015-2016 Volume 10

A Note From Our President

It's hard to believe that we are only a week away from the end of the school year. This time of year is bittersweet, because if your kids are like mine, they are anxiously awaiting the summer break, but feeling a little sad about leaving the class and teacher they've grown to love. As you take the time to thank the teachers and staff that have helped make this a great year for your child, I would like to thank you! I truly appreciate everyone that has volunteered at a PTA event, donated food or supplies, or attended an event. Without you and your support throughout the year it would have been impossible to host family friendly events like the Ice Cream Social, Dinner & Auction or the International Festival. We hope to continue to have similar events next year, if you have ideas for new programs, please contact me or another board member with your suggestions. I hope you have a fun and relaxing summer, and I look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

-Quiana Holmes

Thank You!

Thank you to Lena Kennedy, Mr. Abelaez and Mrs. Leapley for a successful Books for Bobcats! Each year, the PTA purchases a book for every SFES student during the Spring Book Fair. This year's books will be coming home with the kids very soon!

Thank you to our outgoing committee and activity chairs: Hispanic Liaison – Marijory Zegarra; Hospitality – Tawania Williams; Box Tops for Education – Tracy Downard; Friday Folders – Daphne Harrington.

Welcome new Hispanic Liaison Glenda Barahona and new VP-Fundraising Jessica Mahajan!

"Pop-Up Pantry" Coming to the Community

SFES, Oakland Mills Village, the Community Action Council of Howard County, Oakland Mills Interfaith Incorporated, and others are collaborating to bring a new food giveaway model to the Oakland Mills community. This will take the form of a "Pop-Up Pantry" in the parking lot of the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center ("The Meeting House" near Food Lion) on June 15th at 5 p.m.

End of Year Summary

The PTA was honored to serve the families and teachers of SFES for another year. We hosted and supported many events throughout the year and we hope you were able to come out and enjoy many of them! These included the back to school Ice Cream Social, support for Family Fitness Night, the Reflections Art Program and Art Night Extravaganza, support for Turkey Trot, Family Bingo Night, Dinner & Auction, Teacher Appreciation Week, and the International Spring Festival.

Additionally, we supported the school and its students through many donations. These included teacher luncheons for back to school and during conferences, monthly teacher birthday celebrations, purchase of rewards for PBIS (like the prizes kids buy with their Bobcat tickets), new SFES-colored umbrellas for the arrival and dismissal during rainy weather, gloves for the younger grades to use during outdoor recess in cold weather, and of course a book for every student through the Books for Bobcats program.

Additionally, we plan to close the year by giving the school a gift of new outdoor recess equipment so the kids will have nice stuff to come back to next year! We truly appreciate the support of our SFES community, and we are honored to serve you!