

SFES PTA Newsletter, 2015-2016 Volume 2

A Message From Our President

We've had a great first month of the school year, and the PTA is off to a great start. I want to thank the parents, teachers, staff, and community members who have already joined our PTA. We can't do it without you! I also want to thank everyone who volunteered at the Ice Cream Social. This has always been one of our best-attended events of the year, and this year did not disappoint.

As we work to live up to our theme of building connections this year, I invite you to come out to visit us at the Oakland Mills Festival this Saturday, October 3, from 11-4. The PTA will sell snow cones, and proceeds will benefit our Books for Bobcats program that gives every SFES student a book each year to encourage them to reach their full learning potential.

Thanks to everyone for their support during this first month of school, and I know we can count on you to support us throughout the year.

-Quiana Holmes, SFES PTA President

Membership

Memberships are still just \$10 per person. For your convenience, we have printed a membership form on the back of this newsletter. Just complete it and return it in an envelope with payment in your child's folder, and we will send a membership card back to you. Your membership helps give us the resources we need to support the school and advocate for our children and teachers. It also gives you a vote in important matters like the PTA budget and the election of PTA officers.

Reflections Art Program

We have kicked off this year's Reflections Art Program. Reflections is a National PTA program

encouraging students to submit art projects in any of six categories: visual arts, photography, filmmaking, writing, dance choreography, and music. This year's theme is, "Let Your Imagination Fly!" A letter to parents went home in the September 18 Friday Folders along with an entry form. You can also download entry forms from our website at sfespta.weebly.com/documents. Entries are due November 6.



Fundraising The Easier Way

Many PTA's ask students and families to sell items from catalogs to raise funds for the year. At SFES, we are taking a different approach, but we still need your support. The Boxtops, Coke Rewards, and Labels



For Education programs are great ways to raise money for the PTA by doing what you already do – shopping for groceries. Please make sure to save Coke tops and cut out and save Boxtops and Labels for Education, and send them in to school with your student. The PTA benefits from every cap or label, and this, along with our Auction and community fundraising helps us raise funds without asking too much of our SFES families! Please visit sfespta.weebly.com/fundraising to learn more!

Volunteer!

The PTA owes its success to volunteers from throughout our community. We have many volunteer opportunities, such as helping with the Reflections Program. To see all of our volunteer opportunities and sign up, please visit sfespta.weebly.com/volunteer or talk to a member of the PTA Board at an upcoming event to learn more about volunteering.