



## PTA NEWSLETTER

“Together we CAN!”

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Together we CAN...get fit this Fall!

We are having our annual Turkey Trot on November 15. If you would like to help at the event or come run along with your child, please come. We will also be giving all our children books during the school's Book Fair (November 18-22). We will also be providing a dinner for our wonderful teachers during conferences on Nov. 25 from 5-6 pm.

Keep checking the Friday Folders for more great upcoming events and opportunities to help with your time, talent, and tools. Please do not hesitate to contact the PTA board members with questions, concerns, or ideas. You can also find more information at <http://sfespta.weebly.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/StevensForestPTA>.

Sincerely,  
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PTA President  
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### Meetings

Our PTA meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the school's Media Center to discuss events, plan fundraisers, and share ideas. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 4.** All are welcome to attend. We are currently looking for people to help provide childcare during the meetings.

### Membership Information

Membership is \$10 per person, and you get a lovely blue bracelet. Forms can be found on our website. Membership dues go toward providing financial support to school programs, events, activities, and improvement projects that would otherwise not be funded. We hope you will become a member of the SFES PTA. Being a member does not mean you have to come to all the meetings or volunteer at every event. We would hope you would be able to help 1-2 hours of your time, tools, or talents a school year. This means we don't rely on the same group of people to organize, supply, and run every event. We hope you will become a member and look forward to seeing you soon.

Kindergarten (26), First (21), Second (22), Third (10), Fourth (16), Fifth (13), Teachers/Staff (53), and Community (17) for total of 178 members!

Goal Total: 200

### Bylaws

There was a PTA General Meeting on November 6, 2013 to vote on the changes to our bylaws. The bylaws passed by a unanimous vote.

### High Fives



Thank you to the Physical Education teachers, Mr. Martin and Mr. Kelly for organizing and running a fantastic Family Fitness Night!

Thanks to everyone that helped at Family Fitness Night and to all our families that came and got fit with us. Thank you to our wonderful Hispanic families for the delicious Latin

Flavor lunch they made for our teachers and staff!  
And thank you to all the families that graciously  
donated over 50 coats to the PTA Winter Coat Drive.

### **The PTA Cleaned Up!**

Thank you to our volunteers who came out this past  
Saturday to help clean litter from the school grounds.  
We will plan another clean up event in the spring  
when the full grounds will be open after construction  
has concluded.

### **Box Tops**

Don't forget to send in your child's Box Tops,  
Campbell's labels, and Coke Rewards in your child's  
folder. Remember, Box Tops expire, so send them in as  
you get them! Please put your child's name and grade  
on the bag so his/her grade gets credit for the points.  
The grade with the most labels will win a Snow Cone  
Party and double recess at the end of the year!  
Kindergarten (1519), First (589), Second (674), Third  
(560), Fourth (722), and Fifth (313) for a total of 4,377.  
Kindergarten is in the lead! We already have earned  
\$287 in just the last 2 months!

Did you know Box Tops also has an online marketplace  
of over 400 retailers? Go to  
[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for more information.

### **Cherrydale Farms Fundraiser**

Thank you to all our families who participated in the  
Cherrydale Farm fundraiser. We will be showing  
Monsters University, rated G, for anyone who sold at  
least 1 item during our fall fundraiser. Parents should  
have received a permission letter in their student's  
folder and should sign and return it. The movie event  
will start immediately after school on Friday,  
November 8.

### **Donations**

Throughout the year, we will be collecting used  
computer ink and toner cartridges, as well as cell  
phones, smart phones, or iPhones. There is a  
donation box in the Office right next to the sign in

sheet. These donations will be recycled, and we will  
receive money that will go to PTA events and projects

The school can also use donations of lightly-used or  
new board games for use during indoor recess. Please  
send games to school with your child along with a  
note indicating it is a donation for indoor recess  
activities.

### **School Supplies**

Is your child's teacher in need of school supplies?  
Check out Teacher's Lists [www.teacherlists.com](http://www.teacherlists.com)  
Search for Stevens Forest; teachers are uploading their  
lists now.

### **For Our Teachers**

Thank you to the 53 teachers who already joined our  
PTA! Don't forget to post your supply list either on  
[www.teacherlists.com](http://www.teacherlists.com) or email it to  
[tlsupport@teacherlists.com](mailto:tlsupport@teacherlists.com). or the PTA. You can  
update them throughout the year if you need more  
supplies.

### **Newsletter Submissions**

Submissions for the PTA Newsletter must be received  
by the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. Please limit your  
submissions to 2 paragraphs or less. All submissions  
are subject to approval or change by the PTA Board.  
Please make your submission through the "Contact"  
page at the SFES PTA website ([sfespta.weebly.com](http://sfespta.weebly.com)) or  
through your child's folder.

### **Calendar**

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - Monsters University movie reward night  
Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> -Turkey Trot  
Nov. 18-22 - Bucks for Books  
Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>- 5:00-6:00 -Teacher Conference Dinner  
Jan-Feb Penny Wars fundraiser  
Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-7:30 - International Night  
March 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-8:30 - Dinner & Auction  
April 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:00 - Family Bingo Night  
May 17<sup>th</sup> - Spring Fling