



PTA NEWSLETTER

“Together we CAN!”

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President's Pen

Dear SFES Community,

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our wonderful Ice Cream Social. We hope everyone had a great time. We have a few events coming this fall. We will be helping the physical education team (Mr. Martin & Mr. Kelly) with the Family Fitness Night on October 16. We will also be hosting the Turkey Trot in November. And we will be giving all our children books during the school's Book Fair (November 20-22).

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 click the Facebook logo to like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Jill Edelson
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, November 6. All are welcome to attend. We are currently looking for people to help provide childcare during the meetings.

FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT!!

The PTA will be assisting the school in hosting a Family Fitness Night on October 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm. We could use volunteers for help during the event.

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 (19), Second (20), Third (9), Fourth (14), Fifth (11), Teachers/Staff (50), and Community (16) for total of 165 members!

Goal Total: 200

Bylaws

There will be a PTA General Meeting on November 6, 2013 at 6:30 to vote on the changes to our bylaws. The bylaws were modified to clarify position descriptions for the board members. Also, information has been added to the bylaws to clarify that the Board of Directors has sole responsibility for any affiliated websites and internet accounts.

The vote will be taken promptly at 6:30 pm. Any member may request a copy of the bylaws. Contact the school at 410-313-6900 and request a copy. Mrs. Martin will send it home with your child.

High Fives



Thank you to the Daphne Harrington and Quiana Holmes for organizing and running the Ice Cream Social! Thanks to everyone who donated items and helped at the event as well as our sponsors: Food Lion, Smoothie King, Giant, and Harris Teeter. Thank you to all the teachers who posted their supply lists to Teacher's List. We reached our goal of 20 lists. SFES will be receiving \$125 of free supplies!

Box Tops

Don't forget to send in your child's Box Tops, Campbell's labels, and Coke Rewards in your child's folder. 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 (283), First (426), Second (36), Third (164), Fourth (446), and Fifth (212) for a total of 1,567. Fourth grade is in the lead!

Cherrydale Farms Fundraiser

Thank you to all our families that participated in the Cherrydale Farm fundraiser. Orders will be submitted this week. More information about the exact date and time to pick up your purchases and child's prizes will be sent home soon. Anyone who sold at least 1 item will be able to come to a special Movie Night on a date and time to be announced.

Donations

We will continue to collect new and gently used coats through October 23. Please place your donations in the box right inside the school's door.

We are also collecting any used computer ink and toner cartridges, as well as cell phones, smart phones, or iPhones. There is a box in the Office right next to the sign in sheet for donations. These donations will be recycled, and we will receive money that will go to PTA events and projects.

School Supplies

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

For Our Teachers

Thank you to all the teachers that already joined our PTA! Congratulations to Ms. Lakey for winning a Target gift card that was drawn and announced on Monday, September 30! Don't forget to post your supply list either on www.teacherlists.com or email it to 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 4th 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) or through your child's folder.

Calendar

Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30 Family Fitness Night
Nov.-Turkey Trot (fundraiser near Thanksgiving)
Nov. 20-22 -Bucks for Books
Jan-Feb Penny Wars fundraiser
Feb. 19, 6:00-7:30 International Night
March 14, 6:00-8:30- Dinner & Auction
April 25, 6:30- Family Bingo Night
May 17- Spring Fling