



PTA NEWSLETTER

“Together we CAN!”

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Together we CAN...Be Thankful for Our Excellent School!

We hope that everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
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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, January 8 because January 1 is a holiday.** All are welcome to attend. Childcare is provided.

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 with 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 (29), First (21), Second (23), Third (13), Fourth (16), Fifth (13), Teachers/Staff (59), and Community (32) for total of 206 members!

Goal Total: 200

High Fives



Thank you to Meredith Nash, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Kelly for organizing and running the Turkey Trot. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to the event. Thank you to our

families who donated water and apples, as well as to Councilman Calvin Ball who donated several cases of water.

Thank you to Ms. Leapley, Mr. Arbelaez, Krista Threefoot, and Nadine Smith for running our Bucks for Books program.

Thank you to Ingrid Pyne for organizing the teacher conference dinner and to all the families that donated food items.

Bucks for Books

The Bucks for Books event was a great success. The SFES PTA made sure each of our 415 students received a book by giving each student “bucks” to buy a book valued at up to \$5.

Coming Soon: Penny Wars

The PTA and SFES will partner to hold the first Penny Wars event during the month of January. Three SFES faculty will volunteer to do something crazy—like maybe Mr. Morris will wear Redskins gear—if their

penny jar raises the most money. Look for more information about our “contestants” and location of the penny jars soon. All money raised through this event will be earmarked for a budget line to provide essentials to students in need upon request from the SFES administration.

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 (3,784), First (1,172), Second (1,276), Third (661), Fourth (1,175), and Fifth (408) for a total of 8,476. 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 for more information.

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 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 at 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

Jan-Feb Penny Wars fundraiser

March 14th - 6:00-8:30 - Dinner & Auction

March 27 (Date Change)- 6:00-7:30 - International Night

April 25th - 6:30-8:00 - Family Bingo Night

May 17th - Spring Fling