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President's Pen

The holiday season is underway, and before you know it, the winter break will be upon us. Learn2Earn is a great way to encourage reading every day, but especially during the break. The holidays are also a time of giving, and the PTA Board of Directors has "adopted" two local families to fill their holiday wish lists. On behalf of the PTA, happy holidays to the SFES family, and we are looking forward to seeing you at our events early in 2015. This month's newsletter highlights events coming in 2015!

Sincerely,
Jill Edelson, jill_pisces@yahoo.com

Membership

Membership is \$10 per person. Forms can be found on our website, sfespta.weebly.com. Membership dues go toward providing financial support to school programs, events, activities, and improvement projects that would otherwise not be funded. Our goal this year is 250 members, and we currently have 180! Congratulations to PTA membership raffle winners Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Arndt!

High Fives

Thank you to Tawania Williams, Brittany Brown, and Charrita Williams for organizing the PTA teacher dinner during conferences, and thank you to all who donated items or time to the event! Thank you to everyone who donates to the SFES food drive. The first giveaway of the year was on November 15 at Forest Ridge and The Verona, and several parents and teachers from the SFES PTA came out to help. We helped to hand out food to about 40 families! The next giveaway is Saturday, December 20. Please contact Ms. Dillah or the PTA for more information about volunteering.

Learn2Earn

We kicked off our first Learn2Earn campaign during parent-teacher conferences. Each student received a username and password for their Learn2Earn account. All you have to do is activate it, and they can begin logging their reading to earn electronic prizes as well as some fun prizes they can take home. Just go to <https://www.learn2earn.org/> and log in with the username and password provided. If you do not have your child's account information, or if you have questions about the program,

please contact the PTA at sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com

January - Art Extravaganza

Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening. SFES and the PTA will hold an Art Extravaganza. At this event, we will display works of art from SFES students throughout the school. We will also recognize all the students who participated in the Reflections Art Program. And, finally, we will unveil the mural our students have been working on with a local artist thanks to the Artist in Residence grant the PTA won from the Howard County Arts Council!

February - International Night

International Night was a big hit last year, and we're doing it again this year on Thursday, February 26 at 6 p.m. We will have food and displays from around the globe as well as performers and activities. Please contact us at sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com if you are interested in helping us with this event.

March - Dinner & Auction

March 20th seems a long way off, but the annual Dinner & Auction event requires a lot of planning, especially to ensure we have great items to auction off that night. We are looking for volunteers to help our event co-chairs plan the evening, get donations for the dinner and the silent auction, and help during the event. Please contact us at sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com if you are interested.

April - B-I-N-G-O!

On Friday, April 17, we will have another Family Bingo Night, but this time with a new twist. Our friends at Oakland Mills Village are giving us their barn, or, more correctly, their Other Barn, for our event. We are still planning all of the details, but make plans to join us at The Other Barn for a night of bingo and fun!

May - Spring Fling

Our second Spring Fling will close out this year's events on Saturday, May 23. Planning is underway. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com