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## President's Pen

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the annual winter coat drive. Thanks to your generosity, we collected over 100 coats and delivered them to the PTA Council for Howard County. We have a couple of events coming up this month. On November 14, the PTA will help SFES run its Turkey Trot. On November 24, the PTA will provide a staff appreciation dinner. Look for more information on how to contribute soon! Our next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, December 3.

Sincerely,  
Jill Edelson, jill\_pisces@yahoo.com

## Membership

Membership is \$10 per person. Forms were sent home in the Friday folders and 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 178!

## Wolfgang Chocolate and Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Thank you to all our families who participated in the Wolfgang Chocolate fundraiser. The orders arrived at school during the last week of October. If you have not yet picked up your order, please come to the front office during normal school hours and it will be waiting for you.

## MD PTA is 100!

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Maryland PTA. Each month, local PTAs can turn in lists of 100 items based on themes designated by MD PTA. In October, it was 100 things your PTA does to support the mission of MD and National PTA. The SFES PTA entry won! We will receive an exciting gift from MD PTA soon!

## Reflections Arts Program

Stevens Forest is participating in the National PTA Reflections Arts program for the first time this year. Reflections is an arts competition that challenges students to create original works of art in the categories of visual art, photography, music composition, dance choreography, film, and literature/writing.

This year's theme is "The World Would Be a Better Place If...". More information about Reflections, along with an entry form, came home in the October 31 Friday folders. Please encourage your student to consider participating in Reflections. Parents can provide guidance, but the final product must be the student's original work. If you need an entry form, please visit the Documents section of our website. If you have questions, please contact Krista Threefoot at two3foots@yahoo.com

## High Fives

Thank you to Tawania Williams for organizing the teacher fall snack in October, and thank you to all who donated items or time to the event! Thank you to Alicia Malinowski and Columbia Pharmacy for providing PTA health & wellness tables at the annual Family Fitness Night!

## Learn2Earn

We have an exciting new program that will help get your student excited about reading! During teacher conferences, you can learn more about how to set up your student's webpage to get sponsors for reading books. The computer lab will be available for you to give permission for your child to access the Learn2Earn website. Students will earn electronic prizes as well as some fun prizes they can take home. If you would like to learn more, please visit: <https://www.learn2earn.org/>

## Turkey Trot

The annual Turkey Trot is coming up next Friday, November 14. Thank you to everyone who provided labels. The PTA sent your students' letters to the friends and family identified, and donations are coming in! Remember, the PTA supports the event by providing volunteer helpers. Please visit <http://goo.gl/forms/RLYlpswn68> to volunteer!

## Dinner & Auction

March 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com) if you are interested.