

# The Sangster Source

A newsletter from the Sangster PTA

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## PTA NOTES AND NEWS

Happy Fall, Sangster families! The leaves will soon be changing and days getting even shorter as we settle into our school year. This is an exciting month for Sangster as we prepare for our fall fundraisers. Soon you will see information in the Thursday folders announcing the Sally Foster

fundraiser has begun! We are very excited to have this fundraiser back, and it will be completely different this time — it's all Internet-based and super-easy! You do all your Sally Foster shopping on their Web page ([www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com)),

enter our Sangster code (see page 3), have your items shipped directly to you or someone else, and Sangster gets 40% of the sale! Encourage your friends and fami-

ly to shop and use our code so our fundraising dollars continue to accumulate.

THEN ... on Friday, Oct. 26, come to Sangster from 5:30-8 p.m. for the Night of Delights Gift Basket Raffle and Silent Auction. It's going to be an incredible

night of fun and fundraising, and we hope to see you all there. **Jan Swicord** and her fabulous volunteers have arranged for some unbelievable fun for all ages! You

can enter raffles, try to outbid each other on auction items, dance, eat and so much more. It's a great way to have fun

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### Dates To Remember

Sunday, Oct. 21  
Sangster Fun Run

Friday, Oct. 26  
Night of Delights – 5:30-8 p.m.  
Reflections Entries Due

Wednesday, Oct. 31  
Box Tops Due

Thursday, Nov. 1  
PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2  
First Grading Period Ends

Nov. 5-6  
No School – Teacher Conferences

Nov. 12-16  
Book Fair

Wednesday, Nov. 21  
2-Hour Early Release

Nov. 22-23  
Thanksgiving Break

## SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

It's almost here! I can't wait for Sangster's "Family Fun Night of Delights" on Friday, Oct. 26 from 5:30-8 p.m. After entering a world of wonders and being awed by the inside street fair atmosphere, you'll find food, good music, games and lots of ways to have fun and spend a little money. Take a family photograph for only 5 tickets! Eat a party meal for only 5 tickets! Bring

your friends for some Bingo and win a ticket! Make some fast-action movements while you pop around, monitoring auction bids. Tickets are the currency for the evening. Purchase yours early and often, and make sure tickets intended for the raffle are marked with your name and telephone number. There will be

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### Reflections Deadline Coming Soon

Friday, Oct. 26 is the deadline for entries for:

- The National PTA Reflections program "The Magic of a Moment"
- The theme search for the 2014-2015 Reflections program year

See the PTA Web site for more details on the [Reflections program](#).

**"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."**

~Benjamin Franklin

## A NOTE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

CHRIS SUMMERS



Happy October! It is the start of the season of pumpkins, colorful leaves and football! In Fairfax County schools, it is also the time when we develop our school improvement plan and it is submitted to our Cluster VI Assistant Superintendent. This year will continue to make reading and math the focus of our academic goal. Helping students understand personal goal setting and service learning continue to be our focus for the second part of the school improvement plan.

This school year has brought several new things for us to work with – a new elementary school progress report, a new online math text-

book, a new teacher evaluation process and Falcon Time. All Fairfax County schools have a time that is used to work with students to extend the curriculum or reteach skills that were not fully understood. Falcon Time is from 1-1:30, Tuesday-Friday. During this time, teachers work with students in small groups and/or individually to ensure students have learned concepts recently taught to prevent learning gaps. This time is also used to extend the curriculum for students who have already mastered the skills and concepts taught.

This time of year also brings our annual parent conference days – Nov. 5-6. These are student holidays that provide time for our teachers to meet with parents to discuss individual student progress.

In traditional Sangster fashion, we look forward to meeting with all parents. Being a former social studies teacher, I hope that everyone will take time to vote on Nov. 6 as well.

I will not be at Sangster during those days, as I will be heading to China for two weeks. I am honored to have been selected to serve on a delegation of educators to visit several provinces in China and work with Chinese educators. An acting principal will be in place while I am gone. As soon as that individual has been named by our cluster VI Assistant Superintendent, I will let the community know.

I hope everyone enjoys the beginning of the crisp fall weather.

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LINDA WHITESTONE

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together and raise money at the same time. Just wait until you read about some of the auction items! You can read more about this special night on the cover. Thank you to everyone who has donated items and worked so hard to make this a special event!

The [PTA volunteer forms](#) are online and ready to use, so please take a minute and review the options and sign up to be a Sangster volunteer. It's a lot of fun and very rewarding.

Also online are copies of some of the flyers that have come home in

the Thursday folders. If you need a copy of a misplaced flyer, you might be able to find it there.

Have a great month, and we look forward to seeing you on Oct. 26 for the Night of Delights. Help raise funds for our school and have a great time doing it!

### Celebrity Watch



Be on the lookout for two celebrities: Betty Basket and Audrey Auction! These ladies, famous in some circles, have agreed to visit Sangster to sell tickets and promote our Family Fun Night of Delights. We welcome their assistance and look forward to having them around. Not sure they can stay until the Oct. 26 event, but anyone who helps Sangster keep moving on the road to another 25 years of educational excellence is a friend indeed! Let's see who can spot them first!

### Sangster Library Needs YOU!



School is in full swing and the library has a full schedule of students coming in. We still have an urgent need for volunteers to fill empty volunteer spaces. If you have a few extra hours every week — or every other week, we have a spot for you! If you're looking for a way to get involved at Sangster, come join the Library Volunteer team. It's a quiet, fun, friendly place to work. If you'd like to sign up or just want to learn more, please e-mail [sangsterlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:sangsterlibrary@gmail.com).

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14 great gift baskets up for raffle. Maybe you can be the one who picks the gift basket winners! Maybe you will win the "Candy Candy Candy" basket. And there are many, many items for auction. Teachers and parents have been generous and slightly outrageous in gifts and services. Be on the alert for your copy of the Preview Catalog in Thursday folders on Oct. 18. Pore over the contents to find items to bid on or gift baskets to

win. I think there is something for everyone! Bring your catalog back Friday night and earn a free ticket!

The "Family Fun Night of Delights" is your PTA's primary fundraiser for 2012-2013. As such, all monies raised at this event directly support Sangster students and operations. Funds will finance library renovations and upgrades for classroom technology and the Discovery Gardens. This fundraiser also allows the PTA to purchase much

-needed furniture for the front lobby and conduct general maintenance and upkeep of classroom technology and equipment. Our fundraising goal is \$14,000. If you are unable to attend on Friday night, please consider making a donation. Our purpose behind this Family Fun Night of Delights is keeping Sangster at a high level of excellence! Thank you for your generosity already! Here's to meeting at the Family Fun Night of Delights!

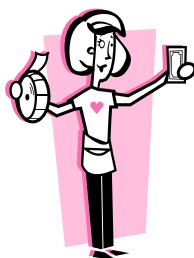
## Sangster Fundraising Opportunities



Did you know that you can support Sangster with your everyday purchases? Check out these easy ways to help your school!

- **Shop with Amazon:** Find the Amazon link on the [Sangster PTA home page](http://sangsterpta.org) (sangsterpta.org) under "Useful School Links." Raise money for Sangster just by buying items on Amazon!
- **Collect Box Tops:** Cut out box tops from selected products, and turn them in to your child's teacher. The first submission deadline is **Oct. 31**.
- **My Coke Rewards:** Purchase Coke products and enter codes online.
- **Giant/Safeway:** Go to the store's Web site, enter your loyalty card number, and designate Sangster as your school of choice. You can also e-mail your bonus card numbers to Ms. Jankovich at [ALJankovich@fcps.edu](mailto:ALJankovich@fcps.edu).
- **Sally Foster:** Simply use Sangster's fundraising code (504034) at checkout, and Sangster will receive 40% of the proceeds. It's a great way to stock up on holiday supplies **and** help your school.

## Help Wanted



Many hands make light work! Consider serving a shift at the Family Fun Night of Delights. Still enjoy the inside street fair atmosphere and help at the same time. Explore the possibilities and sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D44A9AA2B0-sangster](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D44A9AA2B0-sangster).

If you have questions or items to donate, contact Jan Swicord at [swicordjan@cox.net](mailto:swicordjan@cox.net), (571) 282-3974 (home) or (571) 282-1214 (cell).

## Sally Foster Is Back

Sally Foster is back at Sangster, but she is bringing all of the good and leaving out the hassle. No more forms. No more pressure. Simply order online and let Sally come right to your — or your friends' or family's — door.

- Go to [www.SallyFoster.com](http://www.SallyFoster.com).
- Shop away. Go ahead, we won't tell anyone how much you spent.
- Enter Sangster's fundraising code (**504034**) at checkout.
- Have your order shipped directly to you. Shipping is free for orders over \$50 and just \$3.95 for orders less than \$50.

Sangster receives 40% of the proceeds from every order that uses our code. So please encourage friends, family and colleagues to shop Sally Foster and help us earn dollars for our school.

Wondering what is going to be discussed at the next PTA meeting?

Go to [SangsterPTA.org](http://SangsterPTA.org), click **Calendar** on the menu bar, and then hover your mouse over the meeting entry. The popup will tell you if an agenda has been posted.



Click on the meeting entry to see the page below.



On this page, click **Draft Agenda** to see the posted agenda.

Wondering what was discussed at the last PTA meeting? Simply follow the same procedures as those for viewing the agenda. Hover your mouse over the meeting entry. The popup will tell you if meeting minutes have been posted. (Minutes are posted in draft status until they are approved at the following month's meeting.)



If you have any questions about the Web site, please e-mail [Webmaster@SangsterPTA.org](mailto:Webmaster@SangsterPTA.org).

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## Volunteers Still Needed!

We have had only 10 parents complete our volunteer form so far this year. We need tons of family support to make all our wonderful activities run smoothly throughout the year. We can't continue all of these great activities if we don't have your participation. There are some activities you can do during the day, some in the evenings. Some involve working with kids, others may involve paperwork. Some things are an hour a week, others may just be a few minutes here and there. There is something for everyone! Please complete our [online volunteer form](#) by accessing [sangster.digitalpta.com](http://sangster.digitalpta.com) and then clicking **Join/Volunteer**, then **Volunteer Form**. It takes less than one minute to complete! Thank you for supporting your school!