

The Sangster Source

A newsletter from the Sangster PTA

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PTA NOTES AND NEWS

It's February, and that means we have passed the halfway point in the school year! It's hard to believe, but springtime activities are already being planned for the school and the students. Preparations are starting for the annual Sangster Fun Fair and, once again, Joyce Maryanopolis has agreed to chair this important and very fun event. She's looking for some volunteers to help with the different areas of the night, so please look for her information on page 2. This is a great way to be involved with the school, so please consider taking on one of the needed roles.

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We have another celebration coming ... Sangster is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and to make this a special event and have the students participate in the celebration, we're asking the students to perform 25 good deeds during the week of March 4-8 to honor our 25 years. We're hoping that the students will see just how easy it is to perform good deeds or acts of kindness and perhaps have them become addictive and second nature. During those

days, each student can do five good deeds or acts of kindness each day and will have completed 25 by the end of the week. We'll have a special place for them to write down their favorite good deeds as a way to give more ideas to other students. These acts can be as easy as picking up trash/pencils/crayons as they walk

in their classrooms or the halls (without being asked, of course), telling a teacher thank you for his or her hard work, clearing the table after dinner, helping a sibling, telling a friend that he or she is special — anything that would help another person feel

good. Can you imagine a world where good deeds and acts of kindness happened every day? These students will start changing the world right here at Sangster in just one week – or maybe, just maybe, have it continue for months or even years. It's time to think positive! Make sure you talk with your children each night about what five good deeds or acts of kindness they chose that day and perhaps give them

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Dates to Remember

Monday, Feb. 18
Student Holiday

Wednesday, Feb. 27
Spinny Johnson Assembly

Thursday, Feb. 28
Box Tops Due

Monday, March 4-Friday, March 8
25th Anniversary Week

Thursday, March 7
PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13
Nana Puddin Assembly

Monday, March 25-Friday, March 29
Spring Break

Thursday, April 4
PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 3
End of Third Quarter

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

— Sydney J. Harris



Sangster Library Still Needs Your Help!

We continue to have several openings that desperately need volunteers. We can use weekly, bi-weekly – even drop-in volunteers. We also have a steady need for subs, so if you're not able to commit to a regular time but would be interested in being included on the sub list, please let us know.

Visit our Sign-Up Genius link at signupgenius.com/go/4090B44AFAD2BA20-201213 to see what spots are most in need of volunteers. If you are new to library volunteering, please e-mail Kim Cox at kacox2@fcps.edu to schedule a BRIEF orientation. E-mail Julia Byrd at SangsterLibrary@gmail.com to sign up for a slot or to be included on the sub list.

FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

CHRIS SUMMERS

It's hard to believe the school year is already half over! Soon spring will be here, which means spring break — this year is flying by! In March, our fifth graders will take the Virginia standards of learning writing test — we're confident they'll do a great job. This year, the state of Virginia has put **all** standards of learning tests online. Having the tests online will allow us to receive results in a more timely fashion.

The arrival of the second half of the school year brings the plan-

ning for the next school year — school-year 2013-2014. The school board has begun the budget process — pay close attention to the budget, as this drives everything the school system does, from transportation to class size to textbook purchasing. We will be holding our kindergarten orientation on Monday April 8 at 2 p.m. Our sixth graders will soon begin the registration process for Lake Braddock and Irving. You will also be receiving a letter from me that asks about your family plans for next year — are

you staying with us or moving to another FCPS school or moving out of county or state. Please fill out the form and return it to us by the April deadline — this helps us plan for next year.

I hope everyone has big fun planned for the Presidents Day weekend! Before you know it, we will be digging out bathing suits, heading to the pool and talking about summer vacations! Enjoy the end of winter and the beautiful beginning of spring!

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some good ideas for the next day!

To make the 25th anniversary week even more fun, each day will have a special theme. Below are the days and themes:

- March 4 — Blue and Gold Day (Sangster Colors)
- March 5 — Pajama Day
- March 6 — Crazy Hair Day
- March 7 — Jersey Day or Favorite Sports Team Day

- March 8 — Hat Day

We all continue discussions on safety at our school and are reminded that when you are buzzed in, you must stop by the front office upon entering the school. Also, please do not hold the door open for the next visitor to enter. It sounds rude to close the door right behind you, but hopefully everyone will understand this procedure. Everyone needs to ring the bell individually and not enter the school unannounced.

A big “thank you” goes out to Robyn Chew Enderle for making sure our wonderful counselors, Mr. Gillum and Ms. Williams, felt special during School Counselors Week, and she will also be hosting a Valentine's Day treat time for the entire faculty and staff on Feb. 14. Thank you to all our volunteers for making our school so special!

Stay warm during this winter month as we await any snowfall in our area. Happy Valentine's Day!

Fun Fair Volunteers Needed



Mark your calendars now for Sangster's Annual Fun Fair, which will be held on **Friday, April 19 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.!**

For a successful event, we need your help. Currently, we need help in these areas:

- Preticket sales
- The cake walk
- Pizza sales

For more information on any of these positions — or to volunteer in other areas — please e-mail Joyce Maryanopolis at FunFair@SangsterPTA.org.

Box Tops Due Feb. 28



Don't forget to send in your box tops this month to help earn money for Sangster — we receive 10 cents for each Box Top you clip and send in. If you have any questions about this program, e-mail Allison Jankovich at ALJankovich@fcps.edu.

FAIRFAX COUNTY REFLECTIONS RESULTS

"FCCPTA values Reflections as the most important program our students can participate in. We feel the program allows students to express their most creative inner thoughts through their individualized talents." — Ms. Ramona Morrow, President, Fairfax County Council of PTAs

A Sangster awards ceremony will be held in May to allow all participants to be recognized and to receive their Fairfax County awards and Sangster participation ribbons. National winners will be recognized at the 117th Annual National PTA Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, held June 20-23.

The PTA Reflections Committee would like to thank all participants for their beautiful en-

tries in this wonderful program.

Fairfax County PTA Results

First-place entries will go on to compete at the District level and, if chosen, will compete at the State level. State level results will be announced in April.

Photography

- Charles N., 1st — Special Magical Fireworks
- Dylan F., Honorable Mention — Two Ducks In One Lake
- Ashtyn S., Honorable Mention — Semper Fi Homecoming
- Zoe G., Honorable Mention — The Perfect Colors

Visual Arts

- Charles N., 1st — Special My Magic of a Moment at Dis-

ney World

- Sydney D., Honorable Mention, The Magic of Landing an Axel
- Chloe S., Honorable Mention — A New Day
- Karina N., Honorable Mention — Young Girl Petting a Dolphin

Musical Composition

- Zoe G., Honorable Mention — Magic, Magic, Magic
- Kayla R., Honorable Mention — Up and Away

Dance Choreography

- Serena S., 1st — Primary Moments of a Lifetime
- Victoria W., Honorable Mention — Live While We're Young

Literature

- Charles N., 1st — Special My Magic of a Moment at Legoland
- Lauren G., 1st — Primary I Love Magic
- Catherine N., Honorable Mention — My Magic of a Moment

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 (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 next submission deadline is **Feb. 28**.
- **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

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