

The Sangster Source

A newsletter from the Sangster PTA

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PTA NOTES AND NEWS

Spring break has sprung, and we now have just more than 50 days of school left this year! It's going by fast, and there's much left to do.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Ledo Sangster Family Night fundraisers. We helped a local busi-

ness, and we raised approximately \$850 for our school. That's a definite win-win! A special thanks to **Michael and Caroline Abromavage** for taking care of all the details!

The Sangster Fun Fair is fast approaching, and as one of the most anticipated events of the year, volunteers are already working hard to make this a wonderful event for the whole family. We need your help to run the games, prize area and food – without your help, things will close early or not happen at all. Please sign up to volunteer (see the box below) and have some fun!

Our favorite comedian, Nana Puddin, was recently at Sangster and hosted two incredible shows for our stu-

dents. Please ask your children to tell you about his message of keeping things positive, making choices, and respecting yourself and others. We remind our children to do their homework, brush their teeth and play nicely – perhaps we should

take a page from Nana Puddin and remind them that they have the opportunity to make good choices each day with positive behavior and positive thinking. Great reminders for every day and everyone!

A reminder that our fabulous Musical Theater program will have their production of *Annie, Jr.* from April 30-May 3 in the Sangster Cafeteria. If you've never seen a Sangster production, you're in for a real treat! The productions are very well-done, and the actors are your students and their friends – which makes it even more special.

Welcome Spring and warmer temps!

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Fun Fair Volunteers Still Needed!



Volunteers are still desperately needed for Sangster's Fun Fair, which is just one week away: **Friday, April 19 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.!** To sign up, please go to SangsterPTA.org, then click **Fun Fair – Volunteer Signup Sheet** (under “Useful School Links”). For more information or to volunteer, please e-mail Joyce Maryanopolis at FunFair@SangsterPTA.org.

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Dates to Remember

- Friday, April 12
End of Third Quarter
- Monday, April 15
Teacher Work Day
- Tuesday, April 16
SOL Parent Coffee (Grades 3-4),
9:15-10 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 17
SOL Parent Coffee (Grades 5-6),
9:15-10 a.m.
- Friday, April 19
Sangster Fun Fair
- Tuesday, April 30-Friday May 3
Annie Jr.
- Thursday, May 9
PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 19
Girls on the Run 5K Run

“The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.”
Henry Van Dyke

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break — it was certainly interesting weather-wise! The spring is always a busy time for schools. We are beginning to get ready for our annual state standards of learning tests and a variety of other events, including our annual PTA Fun Fair, which is Friday, April 19. We are still in need of many volunteers, so I hope you are able to donate a bit of your time to help make this event as awesome as usual.

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a student information sheet. You are welcome to fill this out and turn it in to your student's current teacher. This information will help us place your student in a class for next year. It is al-

ways tempting to request a specific teacher, but I ask that you do not do this. Instead, please list qualities of your student and the environment in which you feel he or she thrives.

Requesting specific teachers can be frustrating for all involved, because some teachers choose to leave Sangster for a variety of reasons and some teachers might be assigned to a new position in the building based off what the total school needs.

Finally, I would like to let you know that Ms. Jankovich and I will be hosting parent coffees on April 16 (for grades 3 and 4) and April 17 (for grades 5 and 6) from 9:15-10 a.m. The purpose of

these coffees is to inform parents about the changes to the SOL tests this year. In addition to all tests being online this year, the tests will include technology-enhanced items and more rigorous questions.

If you go to the Department of Education Web site below, you will be able to see what the technology-enhanced items look like and be able to do some sample problems: www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/practice_items/index.shtml.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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.
- **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.

Overdue Notices Sent Out



Overdue notices from the library went home in last week's Thursday folders.

While you're doing your spring cleaning and swapping winter clothes for summer ones, please keep an eye out for any books that need to be returned.

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