

The Sangster Source

A newsletter from the Sangster PTA

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June 6, 2013

PTA NOTES AND NEWS

Hello Sangster families, and happy summer! It's finally here! We're days away from summer vacation, but before we head off to the sun, the pool and family vacations, we have a few things left to cover.

First, let me thank **Michelle Nocerito** for two incredible years of serving as the PTA treasurer. Michelle spent hundreds of hours working on the budget, depositing checks, answering questions and so much more! We thank her for all she has done to make our PTA finances run smoothly. We would like to welcome **Gina Duffy** to the PTA team! Gina will be taking over as PTA treasurer, and we are grateful to have her on board. Thank you both!

We also want to thank the many, many Sangster volunteers for an amazing year. You've worked before and after school; on events; in the classrooms, the pods, and the cafeteria; and everywhere in between. We're able to have the programs we do because of the time and commitment each of you gives so generously. Thank you!

We have a few big activities left this school year, including Field Days June 13-14. Also, June 17 is the sixth-grade promotion ceremony, and there are class parties scheduled on a variety of days. If you have any questions about an event's date and time, please check with the school or your room parent.

There are many activities at Sangster during the summer, and we encourage you to check out the PTA Web site to learn more. Open House and Back-to-School Nights are also listed there. Thank you to **Mark Marsden** for keeping the site current and looking amaz-

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ing!

Sangster is more than a school — it's a community. In times of joy and sadness, celebration and tragedy, we rely on and help one another in so many ways. We're so very lucky to have you and your family as a part of this special community. Have a relaxing and enjoyable few months, and we'll see you in September!

Happy summer everyone!



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Dates to Remember

Friday, June 7
Back to School Boot camp
Registration Closes

Thursday, June 13
Field Day, Grades 4-6
Summer Stock Auditions

Friday, June 14
Field Day, Grades K-3

Monday, June 17
Sixth-Grade Promotion Ceremony

Tuesday, June 18
Last Day of School

Thursday, Aug. 29
Open House

Tuesday, Sept. 3
First Day of School

Wednesday, Sept. 12
Back to School Night, Grades K-3

Thursday, Sept. 20
Back to School Night, Grades 4-6

Summer Hours

Sangster's summer hours are 10-2, Monday-Friday.

Congratulations, Sangster Fencers!

Sangster won the championship for the 2013 Elementary School Fencing Tournament. Congratulations also to those who won individual trophies: **Spencer Regnier, Alex Berchtold, Keon Harandi, Jonathan Esposito, Katja Hines, Dylan Wolf, Justin Raines, Adam Dockins, Helen Rix and Mason Kehi.**

— Jun Liang, Fencing Coach

REFLECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Reflections Committee wants to congratulate all participants for this school year. We also want to encourage our Sangster students to begin working on their entries this summer for the National PTA's 2013-14 Reflections Program. The theme is "Believe, Dream, Inspire."

Each year through Reflections, the PTA recognizes students for their artistic efforts at local, regional, state and national levels. The National PTA Reflections Awards include:

1. **Outstanding Interpretation**

Award: Presented to one student in each arts category in

each division (Primary, Intermediate, Middle School, High School and Special Artist) and also for the best theme interpretation. Recipients receive \$800, a gold medal and a \$200 award for their local PTA. Awardees are recognized at the National PTA Annual Convention and Exhibition, and their artwork is displayed at an exhibit in the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

2. **Award of Excellence:** Presented to the top three scores for each arts category in each division. In 2012, the National

PTA recognized 72 students with Awards of Excellence. Recipients receive a \$200 award and a bronze medal, are mentioned in the National PTA's Awards Ceremony Program, and may also be highlighted during an exhibit at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

3. **Award of Merit:** Presented to the next five highest scores for each arts category in each division. In 2012, the National PTA recognized 116 students with Awards of Merit.

WOUNDED WARRIORS TO RETURN

The Sangster Military Spouses' Group (MSG) is excited to once again host the Fitness Ambassadors for Field Day on June 13. In an effort to promote perseverance, individuality and strength of character, the MSG has invited active duty military members who have overcome injuries to share in Field Day with our students. This year, we will have a special guest speaker, Col. Greg Gadson, Fort Belvoir Commander and Wounded Warrior, who will talk to the fourth through sixth graders about overcoming obstacles,

both physical and mental.

In addition, the Fitness Ambassadors will participate in Field Day games with the students. It's always an honor to highlight our community's support to those who serve in the military. Not only are they Warriors on the battlefield, but they are also important participants in contributing to the growth of our children. We hope you ask your child what he or she took away from the visit. It's sure to be a memorable Field Day this year!

Vaccinations for Sixth-Graders



Parents of students entering sixth grade in the fall: Your child must have his/her Tdap vaccination before entering sixth grade.

Read more at fcps.edu/dss/osp/healthservices/tdap.shtml.

Save Your Box Tops!

Even though it's summer, keep saving those box tops for submission in the fall. Each box top earns our school 10 cents! If you have any questions, contact ALJankovich@fcps.edu.



Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help with the book fair and the library this year. We have some exciting activities planned for next year. If you're interested in volunteering next year in the library, send an e-mail over the summer to sangsterlibrary@gmail.com.

Field Days Held June 13-14

Field Days are around the corner, so please mark your calendars. The fourth, fifth and sixth graders will have their field day on Thursday, June 13. The first, second and third graders will have their field days on Friday, June 14. There are no rain dates for these events.

We need two adults per event! To help out with the fourth-sixth grades, go to signupgenius.com/go/9040549AEA7238-4th6th and use access code **Thursday**. To help with the first-third grades, go to signupgenius.com/go/9040549AEA7238-4th6th and use access code **Friday**.

Both field days will run from 10-noon. As a reminder, students should bring only water to their field day.

Thank you in advance for volunteering.

Summer Bridge to Success

The Summer Bridge to Success returns again this summer!

- The session for rising first and second graders will be July 15-26 and taught by Ms. Jankovich.
- The session for rising third-sixth graders will be Aug. 12-16 and will be taught by Ms. Bodnovich and Mr. Linck.

These half-day programs are designed to help students build confidence as they prepare to rise to the next grade level. Students will spend time reviewing and pre-viewing essential math, reading and writing skills in a fun learning environment. Contact Ms. Jankovich (aljankovich@fcps.edu) or Ms. Bodnovich (mabodnovich@fcps.edu) if you'd like more information.

Sangster Summer Stock Musical Theater Camp

Sangster Summer Stock — a youth musical theater camp for ages 9-13 — will be held July 9-20, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. daily.

Auditions for casting purposes only will be held on Thursday, June 13. The cost to participate is \$350 per child (\$300 for the second child). Tuition discounts and tech crew positions are available.

For ten nonstop days, youngsters will participate in a musical theater camp that lets them experience life as a summer stock performer. Children with all levels of performance experience will work on musical theater techniques, voice, song study and movement while they intensively rehearse for a musical that will be performed on the last day of camp. They will also build scenery and props and be introduced to the technical-side of theater production. It's a fun and rewarding experience as students work to successfully put up a major musical in just two weeks.

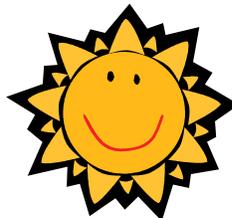
Contact Jennifer Lambert (jalambert@fcps.edu) if you have any questions.

Back-to-School Boot Camp

Back-to-School Boot Camp is a week-long, half-day summer program for rising fourth-, fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade students. Our goals are to:

- Help students improve organizational skills for both school and home
- Learn and apply test taking strategies for online testing
- Enhance studying techniques based on individual students' learning styles
- Use technology to organize information, research topics and cite sources.

The program will be held Aug. 19-23 from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and will be taught by Dawn Lawson and Kerrie Zacharski. For more information please contact Dawn at dclawson1@fcps.edu.



Sangster Fundraising Opportunities



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!

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