

The Sangster Source

A newsletter from the Sangster PTA

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PTA NOTES AND NEWS

It's here! Summer is only days away, and what a great year it's been! This year, we:

- Welcomed a former Sangster teacher back as our interim principal (thank you, Mr. Hall!)
- Held an incredible Music Masquerade in the fall and raised a lot of money for our school
- Enjoyed the Dome Theater and Nana Pudding
- Brought back BINGO
- Hosted a fabulous Fun Fair
- Supported another amazing Musical Theater season

And that just scratches the surface.

While we were having all that fun, we also added to the technology at our school, helped fund a new garden, updated systems, and continued to support our teachers and staff through a variety of programs. That's a busy year!

There are still plenty of things left to do, because June is always a busy month at Sangster. Field Days are coming up (see below for details), we will hold kindergarten graduation and sixth-grade promotion, and

class parties will all happen soon, so make sure to add these special days to your calendar.

We continue to plan for next year, so if you're interested in volunteering for something, please let us know! There are many different ways to stay involved.

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As we close the year, we also close out my term as PTA President. It's been a pleasure and a privilege to serve in this capacity, and I truly appreciate all your support during the past few years. We have

a wonderful new PTA Board beginning their transition, and I'd like to welcome them aboard while thanking our "retiring" Board members **Julia Byrd** and **Regina Schmitt!** I also want to thank all our incredible volunteers for making our PTA programs and events so successful. It's because of your time and dedication that we are able to have so many fun activities at Sangster.

Thank you again for everything, and happy summer!

Sincerely, Linda Whitestone

Be Ready for Field Day June 12-13

Field Day for fourth, fifth, and sixth grades will be Thursday, June 12 from 9:30 a.m.-noon (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ABAF2DA64-4th6th> if you can help) . Field day for first, second, and third grades will be Friday, June 13 from 9:30 a.m.-noon (www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A044CABAE2B0-20141, access code is **Friday**). Please send a **labeled** water bottle with your child on his/her field day. Field day will not be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

The Jump Rope Club will also be performing just before Friday's field day—don't miss them!



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Dates to Remember

Thursday, June 5
PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 12
Field Day for 4th-6th Grade

Friday, June 13
Jump Rope Club Performs
Field Day for 1st-3rd Grade

Friday, June 20
Sixth-Grade Promotion Ceremony,
9 a.m.

Wednesday, June 25
Last Day of School

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Fun Fair such a success! We couldn't do it without you—and we wouldn't want to.

We hope everyone had a great time playing games, eating cupcakes, and visiting with friends. See you next year!



Don't forget to check the PTA Web site for current school information and dates.

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With only a few weeks until the end of the school year, Sangster is moving forward at full steam! The SOL testing season will soon be over and, because of online testing, parents will receive the results with the year-end progress report on June 25 when your students come home for the summer. Having the data from this year's testing so quickly will let the teachers and administrators start analyzing our results much sooner than in past years. Technology is a wonderful thing!

A huge "thank you" goes out to **Kristina Culkin**, our school-based technology specialist, and **Kevin Eley**, our technology specialist whom we share with White Oaks Elementary, for the excellent job that they have done in getting our testing stations prepared and for how smoothly things have transpired as of this writing!

We recognize that the impact of our multiple snow days has messed up a lot of families' early summer plans. Many of you may have planned trips or summer camps that start on Monday, June 23. If your students won't be in school the last three days, we will mail you the final progress report. SOL results will either be sent home with the progress reports or mailed home to those families who aren't here on the last day of school.

The Penny Warz fundraiser was a huge success! Our students raised \$2,665.11 that will be donated to

the Village of Hope School in Haiti. **Patrice Maree**, one of our third-grade teachers, goes to this school every summer. She will be taking pictures and coming back in the fall to share with our staff and students about how the students in Haiti benefited from our contributions. The fifth-grade classes won the Penny Warz, and on Thursday, June 12, each of the fifth-grade classes will get to "pie" the willing victim of their choice in a special full-school assembly to be held on the field!

This summer, there are **NO** activities scheduled at the school, because Sangster is getting a new roof. The project will start in early to mid-July and will last through the end of August. This means that even the teachers will not be allowed into their classrooms until after the roofers have packed up and left the property.

The new principal announcement has not been made as of May 29. I would expect that, by the time you are reading this, we are all aware of who will be at the helm of the school starting July 1. I am sure that the summer will be a time of special meetings and greetings to become familiar with the new person. I am sure that he or she will be treated very well, just as I have been in these eight months at Sangster!

It has been a great privilege to be here these last eight months. It has been wonderful to work with such a supportive group of people. Last month, I thanked the

PTA and community members with whom it has been such a pleasure to work. This month, I would like to thank the great staff members who work with your students every day of the school year. I have been encouraged as I have visited classrooms and seen great practices in place and where students are learning and having a wonderful time doing so! Thank you, teachers and instructional assistants, for your support and for making this time such a rich experience for me!

I have also enjoyed working with our custodial staff (who does such a wonderful job of keeping this building looking like a new building) and the cafeteria staff (who does a wonderful job of serving our students). You are all behind-the-scenes people who don't get recognized as much as you should. Thanks for all that you do!

I want to acknowledge the hard-working, efficient office ladies who keep things going for all of us. These ladies do a wonderful job, and we are truly blessed to have such quality people. I especially want to thank **Mary Geary** for her great support and for keeping me out of financial troubles in my time here! I appreciate her patience with me over these months.

Finally, I want to recognize my two assistant principals, **Allison Jankovich** and **Addison Smith**, for everything that they have done to

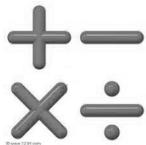
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keep Sangster running smoothly and more efficiently than ever! These two are true gems, and I am so thankful that I have had the chance to get to work with them and share so many great experiences with them. They will both be back next year to continue supporting the students and staff of the school. That is great news!

I wish you all the best in the future. It has been my pleasure to serve you and your students. I hope to hear great things about Sangster in the years to come. Have a great summer.

Rising Third-Sixth Graders: Come Join the Summer Bridge to Success



The goal of the Summer Bridge program is to help students build confidence and self-esteem as they prepare to rise to the next grade level. Students will spend time learning critical- and creative-thinking skills in order to enrich their basic skill levels. In a small learning environment, they will extend their math, reading, and writing abilities while learning new strategies and skills.

It will be summer, so of course a lot of fun will be mixed in! Classes will be taught by **Ms. Jankovich**

and **Ms. Sirota**.

Classes will be held at **White Oaks Elementary School**.

Session Dates (Sign up for one or both weeks!)

Monday, July 14-Friday, July 18

Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25

2:30-4:30 p.m.

The registration deadline is Monday, June 16. Please send payment (\$225/week) to Ms. Jankovich.

Sangster Spy and Secret Agent Training Camp Coming in October



Looking for something to do over the summer? Why not get ready for the Sangster Spy and Secret Agent Training Camp?

At the very least, put Oct. 24 on your calendars and start practicing your code decoding, invisible ink writing, and clue-finding skills. Find some spy clothes or a disguise.

On that night, teams of kids and parents will move around the school grounds, learning and practicing basic spy skills and will help solve an avian mystery.

It's all for fun and the culmination of the PTA's fall fundraiser! We suspect that some "fowl play" will occur in our area next fall, and we wanted our families to be prepared to solve the puzzles and catch the culprits!

Fitness Ambassadors to Join Field Day

The Sangster Military Spouses Group (MSG) will host the Fitness Ambassadors again this year for field day on June 12. To promote perseverance, individuality, and strength of character, the MSG has invited active-duty military members who have overcome injuries to participate in field day with our 4th-6th grade 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. We encourage all military members volunteering to wear their PT uniform.

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