

The Sangster Source

A newsletter from the Sangster PTA

Tuesday, November 04, 2014

PTA NOTES AND NEWS

October was a busy month, and we have lots of news. Thank you to everyone who participated in our fall fundraiser, the Secret Agent Spy Camp. The school was buzzing with excitement all month long, and the event itself was lots of fun. I'd like to give special recognition to **Jan Swicord** and **Linda Whitestone** who not only put this event together but also made many visits to the school to make announcements on the morning news, unveil clues in the showcase, and mysteriously appear throughout the school with their spy gear and briefcase in hand, exciting our children about the mystery. We are very happy to have found the Falcon's hiding place. This event helped to raise more than \$6,000 for our school! Bravo to all—especially to our volunteers, who made the event run so smoothly.

If you couldn't attend the event, remember that it isn't too late to send in

a donation to support the Sangster PTA. The more donation dollars we raise, the more we can do for our students and school. The suggested donation is \$30 per family.

Also in October, the PTA sponsored **Kate Messner**, author of *Capture the Flag*, to come to the school to talk to our children about writing and some of her experiences as an author. Thank you to **Katherine Brewer**, our librarian, for making

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this happen.

Our thanks also go out to **Dave Gillum**, **Brenda Stewart**, and all the volunteers who took part in planning the Sangster Family Fun Run—as well as those who ran the event. The run was a huge success, with 470 registered runners before race day. It was wonderful to see so many Sangster families enjoying the run, music, and perfect weather at

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Dates to Remember

- Thursday, Oct. 20-Friday, Nov. 21
Innisbrook Online Fundraiser
- Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
PTA Meeting
- Friday, Nov. 7
Yearbook Orders Due
- Tuesday, Nov. 11
Flag-Raising Ceremony for Veterans Day, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 10-Tuesday, Nov. 11
Sangster Nights at Ledo Pizza, 5-9 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 17
Thanksgiving Feast for Staff, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 17-Friday, Nov. 21
Library Book Fair
- Monday, Nov. 17-Saturday, Dec. 6
Online Book Fair
- Tuesday, Nov. 18
Book Fair Cookie and Lemonade Social, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 19
Thanksgiving Lunches: 2nd, 5th
6th Grade Field Trip to Hemlock
- Thursday, Nov. 20
Thanksgiving Lunches: 3rd, 6th
- Friday, Nov. 21
Thanksgiving Lunches: K, 1st, 4th
2nd Grade Field Trip to Indian Museum
- Wednesday, Nov. 26
Early Dismissal, 1:50 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 27-Friday, Nov. 28
No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

Purchase Holiday Gifts, Wrapping Paper to Benefit Sangster



The Sangster PTA is offering the Innisbrook catalog to purchase gift wrap and packaging and holiday treats. All merchandise is shipped directly to the recipient—no school pickup required (plus free shipping on orders over \$85). It's online shopping—the catalog is just a sample of the items offered. The sale runs Thursday, Oct. 30-Friday, Nov. 21—just in time for holiday gifts! Enjoy shopping online at [the Innisbrook web site](#). Verify that you will be contributing to Sangster Elementary by clicking **Continue**. There are no prize credits for students, so click **Click here if you do not want to assign credit**. Then start shopping! This gives Sangster 40% of the proceeds! Share this link with family and friends!

All [newsletters](#) are available on the [PTA Web site](#), under the Newsletters header.

SangsterPTA.org

Dear Sangster Families,

We are approaching the holiday season, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I love this holiday when family and friends get together just for the sake of being together. It does not require the purchase of gifts, just giving thanks. It is also a wonderful time of year to create family and generational connections that are so important to our children.

Please note that students will be dismissed at 1:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26 (the day before the Thanksgiving holiday). Please ensure your child knows about any special arrangements you may have to make to accommodate this change. Schools are closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28.

And So?

“Watch your thoughts, they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.”

— Author Unknown

We would also like to remind you that students should not arrive at school before 8:50 a.m. Supervision is not provided at the school until this time.

During this Thanksgiving season, I

hope that you and your family will be able to spend quality time together. I wish for all of you a Thanksgiving where you can focus on your blessings and take joy in your family.

Library Book Fair: “Picture Yourself Reading”



The library will host its annual fall book fair the week of Thanksgiving lunches! This year, the library wants students and families to “Picture Yourself Reading” a great book.

See page 3 for more information about our Cookie Social on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

We need lots of wonderful volunteers to help us out. To volunteer, please visit our signup: www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d45adab2ea31-20142.

The hours for this year’s fair are as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 17—Student preview day (no sales)
- Tuesday, Nov. 18—9 a.m.-4 p.m.; 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 19—9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 20—9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 21—9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Sangster Honors Our Veterans



On Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m., the Military Spouses Group and Sangster will host its fourth-annual flag-raising ceremony in honor of Veteran’s Day.

A uniformed member from the five branches of service will conduct an official flag raising and will give a brief history of the American flag and its proper treatment. The band, bells, and choir will perform patriotic music throughout the ceremony, and Chief Musician Shana Sullivan will perform "God Bless America" The fifth- and sixth-grade classes will join us outside; the other classes will watch on TV. Please come watch this special event.

Did your child color a “Thank You” flag to be posted in the Sangster hallways? If not, [Click Here to Print the “Thank You” flag](#).

Library Book Fair: Cookie Social on Nov. 18



Come to the family cookie social on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria (the book fair will be open 5-8 p.m. that evening). Look through the book fair's hundreds of books and enjoy cookies, lemonade, and the company of Sangster family. We will even have a small photo area with fun props to capture a picture of you reading, so bring along your cameras!

Support Sangster While Enjoying Dinner!



Enjoy a great family dinner while raising money for Sangster at the West Springfield Ledo Pizza (8324 Old Keene Mill Road).

The event will be Monday, Nov. 10-Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 5-9 p.m. Sangster receives 20% of **all** dine-in sales. We also receive 20% of takeout sales when you call ahead at (703) 451-5336. (Please mention Sangster when ordering takeout for us to receive credit.) Check out their [menu](#), and enjoy a great meal while helping Sangster.

“Thank You” From the PTA



Thank you, Sangster families, for making the Sangster PTA Secret Agent and Spy Camp such a huge success! We hope you enjoyed your night of spy activities and fundraising for the school. The event raised more than \$6,000, which will help fund the wonderful programs that benefit our Sangster students. Thank you for your generosity!

Seeking Volunteers to Help With Thanksgiving Lunches



Are you available the week of Thanksgiving lunches to volunteer for an hour? We have several volunteer openings, including delivering bagged lunches, decorating the cafeteria and serving/assisting students and their guests.

If you can help, please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040D45ADAB2EA31-20143.



Keep Saving Box Tops!

Our first submission date has come and gone, but keep saving those box tops and sending them in with your child. Every box top means money for Sangster!

Join the PTA

Please consider joining the PTA this year. Membership forms are in the main office and are also available [online](#).

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:** Raise money for Sangster just by buying items on Amazon [using our special link!](#)
- **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 website, 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.

Sangster's Online Book Fair Starts Nov. 17



Looking for more books? Can't make it to the Book Fair? No problem! You can purchase books through Sangster's online book fair, which runs Nov. 17-Dec. 6!

Here's how you can participate:

- Go to www.bookwormcentral.com/.
- Enter organization code **sangster** in the upper

right corner of the screen in the **Enter Organization Code** box.

- Shop till you drop!
- Purchases will be delivered free to the Library and given to your student to take home. Orders delivered to home addresses will have shipping charges applied.)

Thanks for supporting the library!

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the event.

On another note, the Reflections contest, "The World Would Be a Better Place if," entries are now in. Thanks to **Alisa Goetz** for running this program and to all the volunteers who helped organize the entries for submission. We wish all our entrants good luck in this PTA-sponsored competition.

Moving into November, the Military Spouses Group is sponsoring a ceremony in recognition of Veterans Day on Nov. 11 (see page 2 for more). As the event gets closer, you will see

flags coming home with your students that will be hung in the lobby of school.

Nov. 11-12 are Ledo's Pizza nights for Sangster. On these nights, a percentage of the sales proceeds at Ledo's Pizza will be donated to the PTA. So enjoy a meal, and give to your school at the same time.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving Day lunches held Nov. 19-21. In the spirit of giving, this year, families can donate new or very lightly used athletic shoes for K to 12th-grade students at the Village of Hope School in Haiti. These children currently own one pair of shoes, which they

take off during recess to play sports. The goal is to collect enough athletic shoes to give every student a pair. Donation boxes will be set up in the lobby at the front of the school Nov. 19-21 during Thanksgiving Day lunches. Further details will be coming home and will be posted on our website (SangsterPTA.org).

Thanksgiving is a special time to share our thanks for our many blessings. Be sure to let your children know how thankful you are for them and just how great they are. Happy Thanksgiving!



We Need Your Help for the Staff Thanksgiving Feast

The PTA Hospitality Committee is hosting its third-annual Thanksgiving Feast for Sangster staff on Monday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Because this is a very busy week, it's important to show the Sangster staff just how thankful we are for them. This feast is an all-day affair that feeds our teachers and staff at their convenience. To sign up to bring a dish, please see www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0845ADAD2BA46-thanksgiving/1152641. Contact **Amy**

Morgan at Hospitality@SangsterPTA.org or (571) 355-2990 with any questions.

Your Sangster Reflections Committee is proud to announce the winners of the 2014-2015 Reflections Program “The World Would Be a Better Place if ...”

Our first-place winners will now move on to the next round of competition at the county level, with the potential to go all the way to the National PTA pro-

gram. Our judges had great praise for many of the entries, and we look forward to hosting a celebration for all our artists, their families, the judges and Sangster’s administration in the spring.

Thank you to all our fine artists for their contributions this year, and congratulations to our winners.

Category	Division	Student	Title	Place
Dance Choreography	Primary	Jasmine Sindhi	“We Could Dance for Joy”	First
Dance Choreography	Intermediate	Serena Sindhi	“We Could Dance Everyday!”	First
Dance Choreography	Intermediate	Aislin Mitchell	“Believe in Yourself”	Second
Dance Choreography	Middle School	Camille Anne Berger	“Love Would Make the World a Better Place”	First
Film Production	Intermediate	Samantha Korff	“If There Was a Cure for Childhood Cancer”	First
Literature	Primary	Alicia Rebello	“Let’s End Poverty”	First
Literature	Primary	Jasmine Sindhi	“We Could Have Fun With Our Family All Day”	Second
Literature	Intermediate	Annelisa Rebello	“We All Become More Charitable”	First
Literature	Intermediate	Serena Sindhi	“We Helped Our Mommy’s More!”	Second
Literature	Intermediate	Julia Elizabeth Key	“What If?”	Third
Music Composition	Primary	Rebecca Simone Weingast	“Rain”	First
Music Composition	Intermediate	Catherine Nguyen	“Morning Dew”	First
Music Composition	Intermediate	Ryan Timothy Murray	“Celebration in C Minor”	Second
Music Composition	Intermediate	Julia Christine Murray	“Save The Animals”	Third
Music Composition	Special Artist	Charles Nguyen	“Marching Drum”	First
Photography	Primary	Lorelei Culkin	“I Love to Hug the Earth”	First
Photography	Primary	Jasmine Sindhi	“We Appreciate Nature”	Second
Photography	Intermediate	Julia Elizabeth Key	“Sisters Got Along”	First
Photography	Intermediate	Catherine Nguyen	“Flying Beauty”	Second
Photography	Intermediate	Emma Elaine Grant	“We Could Spend More Time in Flipflops”	Third
Photography	Special Artist	Charles Nguyen	“Soaring High”	First
Visual Arts	Primary	Lorelei Culkin	“Clean Up The World”	First
Visual Arts	Primary	Jasmine Sindhi	“We Recycled More”	Second
Visual Arts	Primary	Candace Oberdick	“Twins”	Third
Visual Arts	Intermediate	Catherine Nguyen	“Endless Possibilities”	First
Visual Arts	Intermediate	Elisabeth Lee Wasserman	“Love Everlasting”	Second
Visual Arts	Intermediate	Melia Okamoto	“The World Would Be A Better Place If...”	Third
Visual Arts	Middle School	Sydney Rose Dondes	“Judgmental”	First
Visual Arts	Special Artist	Charles Nguyen	“365 Days of Island Adventure”	First

Thanksgiving Lunch Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 19: 2nd & 5th		Thursday Nov. 20: 3rd, 6th		Friday, Nov. 21: K, 1, & 4	
10:30-11:00	Janker	10:30-11:00	Bershadsky	10:30-11:00	Belcher
10:45-11:15	King	10:45-11:15	Glasgow	10:45-11:15	Chase
11:00-11:30	Lent	11:00-11:30	Maree	11:00-11:30	Saylor
11:15-11:45	Long	11:15-11:45	Cherington	11:15-11:45	Hovis
11:30-12:00	Char	11:30-12:00	Hoffman	11:30-12:00	Brotemarkle
11:45-12:15	Kepler		Rendulich	11:45-12:15	MacDougall
12:00-12:30	Montagna	11:45-12:15	Drummond	12:00-12:30	McAleese
12:15-12:45	Balke	12:00-12:30	Monheim	12:15-12:45	Hughes
12:30-1:00	Barrett	12:15-12:45	Ramsey	12:30-1:00	Ji
12:45-1:15	Oberdick	12:30-1:00	Lawson	12:45-1:15	Kim
		12:45-1:15	Linck	1:00-1:30	Stamm
		1:00-1:30	Zacharski	1:15-1:45	Clendenin
			Carter	1:30-2:00	Pritz



What's on the Menu Today? Healthy Choices!

Parents: did you know? [Today's school lunch](#) includes: fresh fruits and veggies, more whole grains, less sodium and fat, nonfat or low-fat milk!

EZ Menu App Now Available

Interactive monthly school menus are accessible on the [FCPS website](#) and is called the EZ Menu App. The website and mobile option provide quick access to menu options and nutrition information, making it easy for parents and students to learn more about the variety of healthy food choices available. It also features quick links to ingredient and allergen information, as well as resources and services provided by Food and Nutrition Services. The official FCPS mobile app is available in the iTunes Store and on Google Play at no cost. Features also include a link to [MyLunchMoney.com](#) to add money to student lunch accounts.

Remember that you can always quickly access the [current school lunch menu](#) on the [PTA web site](#), under Useful School Links.

Source: Fairfax County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services

Be Ready for Winter—and for P.E.!



Winter is around the corner, and you know what that means—your children will be wearing boots to school. Please remember to send your children's tennis shoes in bags so they can participate in physical education.

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