

The Sangster Source

A newsletter from the Sangster PTA

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PTA NOTES AND NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from Winter Break. I'd like to start off this newsletter with a recap of some of the exciting things that happened right before break.

December PTA Technology Funding

In response to a survey that asked teachers of grades K-6 what technology they would like to see in their classrooms, the PTA membership approved at the December meeting the funding of the purchase of 17 Ziggi document readers, three

Smartboards, and 15 laptops. The PTA also funded the purchase of 30 colored iPad covers to protect the iPad investment the PTA has made during the last few years. These covers also create six color-coded sets of iPads that will facilitate the checkout of these devices for small groups.

Dreambox

The PTA membership voted to co-sponsor the funding to license [Dreambox](#). This is an interactive math program that all students

now have access to 24/7 through their personal login. Students can log in to the program directly from the [Sangster Website](#) under [Links for Students](#).

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Newsletter Volunteer Needed

The PTA is looking for a new newsletter coordinator to start later this spring and continue next school year. See below for more information. This is a great opportunity for a busy parent who has a few hours to spare a month.

Welcome back, and happy new year!

Volunteer Opportunity!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity that takes just a few hours a month from the comfort of your home? Consider taking over the *Sangster Source*.

We need a new editor to start training for the position in April. Contact [Julia Byrd](#) or [Kristin Zael](#) for more information or if you are interested.



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Dates to Remember

Thursday, Jan. 8
PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19
No School

Thursday, Jan. 29
Second Grading Period Ends, Two-Hour Early Release

Friday, Jan. 30-Monday, Feb. 2
No School

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


Monday, Feb. 16
No School

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

Monday, March 16
No School

Monday, March 30-Monday, April 6
Spring Break

Thursday, April 9
PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

 Please remember to send in your children's tennis shoes on PE days!

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

SangsterPTA.org



Be Prepared to Play in Cold Weather

Please make certain that your children are properly clothed for the cold weather. We will continue to go outside for noontime recess throughout the winter months on every dry day on which the temperature is above 32 degrees.

Dear Sangster Community,

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends over the winter break.

We have all returned from the two-week vacation energized with a renewed sense of purpose and dedication. It's amazing what a few days of vacation will do for us all.

I hope that among your New Year's resolutions is a resolve to spend some time each day reading or

writing with your child. Setting aside as little as 15 minutes per day can have a very positive effect on their academic achievement. Reading aloud to younger children helps model reading strategies, invites them into the world of books, and prepares them for their future reading endeavors. Reading aloud to older students helps to improve their current reading capabilities. Setting an example of writing and reading yourself lets your child(ren) know that you value and believe

these are important lifelong skills. A New Year's resolution to share literacy with your child is one that you will not regret.

We continue to appreciate your support and all the time you spend with your child to reinforce the importance of his or her education. It makes a tremendous difference to your children when they know that their progress is important to you.

Happy New Year!

Reflections First-Place Winners

Your Sangster Reflections Committee is pleased to announce our first-place winners at the Fairfax County Council of PTAs. These winners, who have received Outstanding Interpretation Awards, automatically advance to compete at the Northern Virginia PTA level. We also had winners at the second- and third-place levels, but are awaiting official confirmation of those results.

Congratulations, students! Sangster is proud to have so many truly talented artists.

Dance Choreography

- Camille Anne Berger "Love Would Make the World a Better Place"
- Serena Sindhi "We Could Dance Everyday!"

Film

- Samantha Korff "If There Was a Cure for Childhood Cancer"

Literature

- Alicia Rebello "Let's End Poverty"

Music Composition

- Catherine Nguyen "Morning Dew" Photography
- Charles Nguyen "Soaring High"



Don't Forget to Repay Borrowed Lunch Funds!

Has your student come home with a sticker saying that they have used PTA lunch funds to purchase a lunch? Please remember to repay these funds. Currently, we have more than \$300 owed to the fund.

If you owe money, please send in an envelope to the attention of Kim Cox, and make the check payable to Sangster PTA. Please contact Kim Cox if you have any questions or want to check your balance.



Inclement Weather Policy

When inclement weather or other emergencies cause Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to have a change in schedule (delay or closing), the information is communicated as soon as possible through the following media:

- Posted online at www.fcps.edu
- Posted to FCPS' Facebook and Twitter feeds
- Posted on TV Channel 21 (Cox Communications, Reston Comcast and Verizon Cable customers only)
- Sent via email to subscribers through the Keep in Touch (KIT) email notification system (please note that with high volume, emails may be delayed in getting to your inbox)
- Announced on area radio and television station

Delayed Opening

- Two-hour late opening Monday-Friday: 11a.m.-3:50 p.m.
- FCPS makes the decision by 4:30 a.m.

Early Closing

- Two-hour early closing Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-1:50 p.m.



Join Sangster for Jump Rope for Fun

Sangster's annual "Jump Rope for Fun" is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20 from 4-5 p.m. More information will be coming home soon.



GIVE ME 5! COLORS THAT LIVE!

Eating at least five servings of different colored fruits and vegetables each day is important for better health. No one color provides all the needed nutrients. Select and eat fruits and vegetables from the rainbow --

red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and white.

Research shows families with children under 12 years of age eat less than five servings of fruits and vegetables per day. Fruits and vegetables are easy to prepare and taste good. They are low in fat and calories; high in minerals, vitamins, and fiber; and cholesterol free.

Each month the Energy Zone menu highlights fruits and vegetables from the

GIVE ME 5! RAINBOW!



Check Lost and Found Regularly

Please make sure to regularly check the lost and found to ensure none of your child's items have made their way there. Items will be periodically cleared from the lost and found and donated to local charities.

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