



SANGSTER SOURCE

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Field Days
Thursday, June 9th
4th, 5th, 6th
Friday, June 10th
1st, 2nd, 3rd

PARENT INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT
Monday, JUNE 13th, 7:00 pm
Cafeteria

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
JUNE 21st



We're on the Web!
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PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Well, another successful Sangster year is almost complete. I can't believe how fast this year has gone. I'd like to thank all the parents and teachers that have volunteered and supported the PTA. Thanks to Ms Kinsey, Ms. Label, Ms. Jankovich, and the front office staff for supporting all our PTA requests and events.

Lunch program: Did you know that if your child runs out of lunch money, the PTA has a program that allows you to borrow money and re-pay the next day? For two years now, we have run a lunch program, which allows the cafeteria staff to continue to serve your child lunch even if they have forgotten their lunch money. The child is sent home with a notification that they borrowed money for lunch. In order for the program to run smoothly, we need your help. Please pay back the borrowed amount as soon as you can, so we can keep putting money back into the fund. If we don't run this

program, the cafeteria staff throws away the food and serves the kids cereal for lunch. Since we are at the end of the year and need to close out our fiscal year books, we need anyone who owes money to please send it in. Thanks so much!

Fall Fund Raiser: We had a VERY successful Race for Education last fall and raised enough money to install a new track for the school. While we do need a fund raiser to continue all the programs and support for the school, we don't need to raise the same level of support that we did last year. Therefore, next fall we will scale back the fund raising portion of Race for Education. There will options for donations, but we will not focus on sending in addresses to obtain the donations. Thank you for all your support this year!

Sunday, June 12th: The Potomac Nationals Baseball outing which will be this Sunday, June 12th, at 1:00. Sangster kids can run the bases and sing the

National Anthem from the Infield.

Monday, June 13th: Internet Safety Night will be help at 7:00 P.M in the Sangster cafeteria. We will have an Internet expert from Robinson High School coming to talk with us. Topics will include: facebook, how to protect our kids from predators, what is today's threat, iTouches, applications, electronics, what can we do?

Open PTA positions: Do you have a couple of hours that you can spare? We have several opportunities open this year to volunteer with the PTA. This is a great way to meet new people, meet the teachers, and get involved with the school. The following positions are open: 1) Family Fun, 2) Foreign Language, 3) Reflections, and 4) Building and Grounds. We offer a lot of diverse programs here at Sangster, but we cannot do it without help from parents like you. Don't be shy. Contact president@pta.org.

Lost and Found: Thank-you to Girl Scout troop



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6117 for sorting and organizing the lost and found pile. All clothing has been hung up and you look through the rack quickly for any items you may be missing. Any items not claimed this week will be donated.

Thanks to everyone for the support throughout the year. Have a safe and fun summer.



PARENT INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT!

- When:** June 13TH, 7:00 p.m.
- Where:** Sangster ES Cafeteria
- What:** Presentation from Officer Freddie Rappina
 Fairfax Police Department
- Why:** Learn NEW ways to protect
 your children
 when they're using the computer.



There will be time for questions and answers.
Please join us for this important event.

The Girl Scout Ambassadors Troop 384 will be providing childcare during the Parent Internet Safety night, compliments of the PTA.

Please allow some extra time prior to the meeting to get your child settled in at the gym with the Girl Scouts.

Thank you!

Rising 6th Graders—Booster Dose of Tdap Vaccine

Effective July 1, 2006, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entering sixth grade, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT or Td). If your child is 11 years old, he/she should get the Tdap immunization and documentation should be provided to the school. If your child is still 10 years old, he/she may receive the Tdap vaccine, Boostrix, which is approved for 10 years old, or you may wait till the child's 11th birthday to receive the vaccine approved for 11 year-olds. If your child's eleventh birthday is after the first day of school, your child must have a medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap immunization in order to attend school in the fall.



Fairfax County School Board Adopts FY 2012 Approved Budget

The Fairfax County School Board has adopted the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) FY 2012 Approved Budget of \$2.2 billion, which includes a one percent market scale adjustment for all employees and step increases for all eligible employees, funding to expand full-day kindergarten to all elementary schools, and an athletic fee cap of two fees per student per school year.

The **expansion of full-day kindergarten** completes an earlier School Board commitment to expand the program to the remaining 36 FCPS elementary schools. That plan was placed on hold several years ago during the economic recession. A total of 152.2 positions—including teachers, instructional assistants, assistant principals, clerical staff members, and custodial staff members—will be required to implement the full-day kindergarten expansion.

“Over the past year, the Board committed to employee compensation as a priority,” said School Board Chairman Kathy Smith. “After asking employees to endure a salary freeze for two consecutive years, we felt it was important to include a salary increase this year.

“The Board also recognized the importance of **setting a limit on the number of athletic fees** a student would have to pay,” added Smith. “And we were pleased to be able to complete the rollout of full-day kindergarten, which is so important in preparing our children to achieve their potential.”

The School Board also voted to keep a reserve balance of \$60.6 million to address future obligations to the Virginia Retirement System, and designated \$0.5 million for discipline support recommendations. A total of \$4.3 million was approved to help implement mandated online testing for Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) tests. **The Board also voted to eliminate fees for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) tests.**

The FY 2012 budget includes \$28.4 million to accommodate a projected increase of 2,333 students from the FY 2011 approved budget. FCPS projects a total enrollment of 177,629 students for the 2011-12 school year, including a 16.5 percent increase in students enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and an increase in the most intensive special education services. In FY 2012, FCPS projects that one of every four students will be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

For more information on the FY 2012 budget, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2012.htm>.



**KEEP COLLECTING IN THOSE BOXTOPS
OVER THE SUMMER!**



Girl Scout Troop

**6117 will be donating
anything that's
still in the lost
and found on
June 10 to
charity.**



FIELD DAYS AND EQUIPMENT

**Thank you for volunteering at field
day. All your help is appreciated!
Thank you for all the donated
equipment. We will certainly use
the equipment.**

Physical Education Department

WALK ACROSS AMERICA

Your child will have the opportunity to participate in a "Walk Across America." This voluntary program that will start on Monday, June 13th and end on Friday, June 17th. During recess, students will keep track of the laps they walk on the Sangster track at recess time. They will also guesstimate how many miles the students at Sangster will travel during the week. On Monday, June 20th, the students will find out how far the school travelled across America.



Physical Education Department

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD
LUCK TO OUR RISING 7TH GRADERS!
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER
EVERYONE! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**



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