



SANGSTER

MAY ISSUE

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY, MAY 9TH
2:00 PM
KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

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MONDAY, MAY 30TH
MEMORIAL DAY
NO SCHOOL

THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND
PTA MEETING
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JUNE 9TH AND 10TH
FIELD DAYS

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH
SANGSTER DAY
AT THE POTOMAC NATIONALS

MONDAY, JUNE 13TH
INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT

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

Big news this month, our new track is complete! I have heard from my daughter that she can't understand why we put a "pile of dirt out there" for the kids to run on. Well, although the track is complete and we can use it, it has to cure. This means after it rains and gets muddy, it will dry, bake, and get hard. It will take about a month of rain and really hot days to finish curing the track, so get out there and run or walk!

On May 5th, we elected the new officers for next year; President: Monica Grose, Vice President: Linda Whitestone, Secretary: Carol Ochs, and newly elected Treasurer: Michelle Nocerito. Thank-you to our outgoing treasurer, Mark Marsden, for all his hard work and dedication over the past two years.

As our school year winds down, the PTA is concluding its year with the Fun Fair, Potomac Nationals Baseball Night, and an Internet

Safety Night.

Thank you to Joyce Maryanopolis for leading up the Fun Fair planning committee for the fourth year in a row and thanks to all the volunteers who helped run all the games and food booths. The event was a huge success thanks to all of the teachers and parents. If you have any suggestions for next year, please e-mail me at president@sangsterpta.org.

Mark your calendars: The Potomac Nationals Baseball outing will be Sunday, June 12th, at 1:00. Flyers will go out soon to order your tickets. Sangster kids can run the bases and sing the National Anthem from the Infield. Always a fun event.

Mark your calendars: Internet Safety Night, Monday, June 13th at 7:00 P.M. 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 Internet predators, cyber bullying, Xbox Live downloads, kid web sites, and more...

Calling all parents. We have several open committee chairs for next year, wouldn't you like to volunteer and run a committee? This is a great way to meet new people, meet the teachers, and get involved with the school. The following positions are open: 1) Membership, 2) Giant, Safeway, Amazon 3) Chess Club, 4) Hospitality, 5) Directory, 6) Web Master, 7) Foreign Language, and 8) Reflections. We offer a lot of diverse programs here at Sangster, but we cannot do it without help from parents like you. Please consider donating a few hours to help out in one of these areas. We need a commitment now to get started early in the fall. Without you, the programs your children love will go away. Contact Linda Whitestone for information of



A NOTE FROM YOUR INTERIM PRINCIPAL

JANET

Sangster Elementary – A Great Place to Be! Thank you so much to everyone who has welcomed me so warmly to Sangster. As many of you know, I am a retired principal and will be here with you and your children until the end of this school year to support a smooth transition as a new principal is selected. I have served as interim principal in a number of schools since retiring and always meet interesting, caring students, staff and parents in each assignment. Sangster is clearly an exceptional school. It has been very exciting to learn about all the wonderful programs and activities that are an integral part of your school.

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING VISITS (CLV)

Despite the fact that Fairfax County Schools rightly enjoys a reputation for excellent teachers and high achieving students, FCPS and individual schools like Sangster focus on continuous improvement for both our students and our staff. One of the staff initiatives at Sangster this semester has been a focus on Best Practices for Teaching and Learning through Collaborative Learning Visits (CLV). CLV is a research-based process that facilitates opportunities for teachers to observe colleagues and then collaborate on the observation as they support each other’s professional development. The Class Visits focus on evidence of student learning through implementation of Best Practices that include a focus on *Checking for Understanding, Relationships, and Engagement*. At Sangster this semester, we are particularly focusing on *Checking for Understanding* as we embed assessment of student learning in instruction.



RECOGNITION OF TALENT

It’s a pleasure to recognize a couple of the many great things I’ve had the pleasure of experiencing since my arrival on April 11.



Congratulations on the wonderful April 14th performance for the School Board of the “National Anthem” by the Sangster Hand Bell Choir, directed by Ann Rollins. What a great experience to bring their wonderful performance to the School Board and to families across the county!

Congratulations also to the talented cast, crew, and teachers (especially Ms. Lambert and Mr. Redford) of the Sangster Musical Theater production of **HONK!** I had the pleasure of attending their performance last evening and am still chuckling as I write this.



PRINCIPAL SELECTION PROCESS

The Panel Interviews for the candidates for principal of Sangster are scheduled for Wednesday, May 18. Given the wonderful reputation that Sangster has earned, there are likely to be many, many applicants interested in being selected for an interview by the panel. The input from both staff and community will be carefully considered as each candidate’s background and skill are weighed in selecting those to go before the panel.



Attention Fifth Grade Parents!

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.



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these open committees at VP@sangsterpta.org.

Lost and Found: There is a huge pile of items in the lost and found mountain at the school. We are going to try and return the clothes to their owners before donating the leftovers at the end of the year. First Michelle Nocerito will be hanging the items along the fence in the coming weeks and your children will be walking past them at recess to see if they can identify any missing items. After that, as part of a service project, Girl Scout Troop 6117 will be contacting the owners if names and/or phone numbers are in the items. If you receive a call that you have an item in Lost and Found, please pick the item up before June 10th or it will be donated.

Our last PTA meeting of the year will take place on June 2nd. Please join us to talk about the Fall Fund Raiser. Enjoy the warmer weather and our NEW TRACK! Our new Principal should be announced before the end of the year also, thanks to all that volunteered to help in the selection process.



Monica Grose
PTA President

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Approves Flat Funding Transfer to FCPS; Additional Funds to Be Provided for Full-Day Kindergarten

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a level transfer of funds to FCPS for FY 2012, but has agreed to provide additional funds to help FCPS complete **the rollout of full-day kindergarten** over the next three years. The School Board will hold public hearings on May 17 and 18 and adopt an approved FY 2012 budget on May 26.

For more FY 2012 budget information go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2012.htm>.

A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU!"

to all the Fun Fair Volunteers.

I could not have done it without your help!

Joyce

Maryanopolis
Fun Fair Chairperson

THANK YOU!

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.



NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



Field Days are around the corner. Please mark your calendars. The 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will have their field days on Thursday, June 9th. The rain date is Thursday, June 16th. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders will have their field day on Friday, June 10th. The rain date is Friday, June 17th. Information will come home soon about volunteering. Our plan is to sign up just like the rolling bowling sign up. As a reminder, students should only bring water to their field day. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

The Sangster track is here. Please come try it out. It is great.
Thank you to the Sangster PTA.

When you are spring cleaning, keep the physical education department in mind. We will take your size 3, 4, and 5 soccer balls.



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