

The Sangster Source

A NOTE FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT

Before I start with the PTA activities, I would like to take a moment and remember Joanna Larsen and Andrea Roberts. They and their families are in our thoughts and prayers. It has been a hard month for families and friends.

We've made it through the holidays and a four day weekend too. I shouldn't speak too soon, but it doesn't look like we are going to get much of a winter, which is good, because we are preparing for the FUN FAIR already! We need a few good parents to help Joyce Maryanopolis (jmaryanopolis@verizon.net) organize the event, then we will need lots of parents to donate an hour or so on Friday, April 20th to run the booths. If you are new to Sangster and this is your first Fun Fair, we offer food, games, a cake walk, moon bounces, and much more for a fun-filled evening.

We have some upcoming hospitality events in February. Valentine Dessert Day for the staff on the 14th and School Counselor Week occurs this week too. Please contact Robin Chew (rchewafutulist@yahoo.com) to help bake brownies and goodies for our wonderful staff at Sangster. I want to thank Robin and the entire hospitality committee for making these events happen!

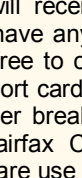
Got Science? Well, have we got a new science program for you! Charity Benson will be bringing Hallaboulou to Sangster. Look for a flyer in the next couple of weeks to sign up. The program will offer things like:

- Science "you can eat"
- Creative cooking (preparation of healthy, nutritious dishes)
- Kid Krafts
- Paper Towers
- CD Cars
- Popsicles catapults
- Paper towers
- Spaghetti buildings
- Jelly bean ball
- Paper airplanes
- Goo and Goop
- Optical Illusion

Our Family Fun coordinator had to give up her position due to unforeseen circumstances, so we will not be having as many Family Fun events this year (unless we get a new volunteer coordinator soon...). We are still planning Shamrock Bingo for March and maybe the Potomac Nationals baseball night in June. Join the fun and let your children hang out with their friends. We always need volunteers to help run these activities, so contact Monica Grose to help (president@sangsterpta.org).

We received some feedback about our on-line newsletter last month, so we have a new format starting in February. The Sangster Source will be integrated into a *Keep In Touch* (KIT) e-mail. You can print it if you would like a hard copy or read it as an e-mail. It's up to you!

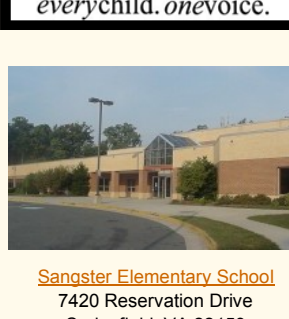
Go to our web site www.sangsterpta.org and submit comments and suggestions to the executive board about what the PTA can help you with. There is a comment section on the front page.



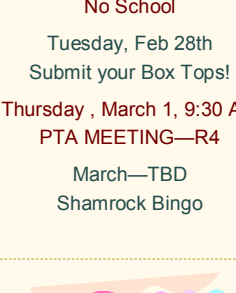
Happy Valentine's Day!
Monica Grose

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Dates To Remember

- Friday, Feb 10th, 4:00 pm
Jump Rope For Fun
- Tuesday, Feb 14
Valentine Dessert Day
- Monday, Feb 20th
No School
- Tuesday, Feb 28th
Submit your Box Tops!
- Thursday, March 1, 9:30 AM
PTA MEETING—R4
- March—TBD
Shamrock Bingo



A NOTE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL CHRIS SUMMERS

Happy Valentine's Day!

It is hard to believe we are in our second half of the year. As Valentine's Day approaches and the students get ready to pass out a valentine to all classmates. I would also like to ask that we not attach candy treats to the cards – many students have food allergies and the candy treats make it very hard for the teacher to monitor who is touching or eating items they shouldn't. If you would like to make the Valentine card special, consider attaching a special eraser, sticker or pencil – but the card is thoughtful enough!

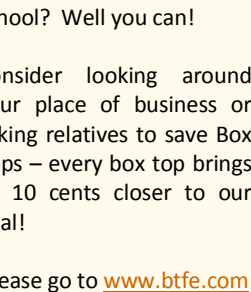
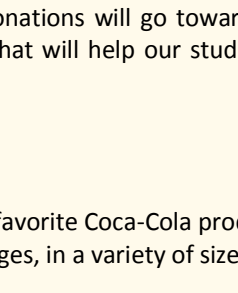
We are having some traffic issues at Kiss & Ride and in the front of the school – we need your help. The front bus loop is one way and specifically reserved for busses only from 8:40-9:15 and 3:30-4:15; however, busses always have right of way. Individuals have been pulling in the exit of the bus loop to drop students off – this is very dangerous and I must ask that everyone use the kiss & ride area. When using kiss & ride please do not pass cars and only allow your students to exit and load the cars on the passenger side. We all need to slow down and keep the safety of our children in mind. In addition, it is against the law to pass school busses that are preparing to unload and load students – even in the bus loop! Life in northern Virginia is hectic enough – let us all slow down when in a school zone.

In the coming weeks you will receive your student's second quarter report card – if you have any questions regarding your child's progress please feel free to contact their teacher. With the distribution of the this report card, we are only two more report cards away from summer break AND a major change in grading and reporting in Fairfax County elementary school. Next year the report card we are use to will no longer exist – it is being replaced by a new progress report that will give you more information regarding your student's understanding of the curriculum. We will no long give letter grades – in their place will be numbers (1,2,3,4). It is a standard based progress report - students will receive more than one grade for various subjects. For example: in math, students will receive a grade (1,2,3,4) in the following areas:

- ◆ Represents numbers accurately and demonstrates an understanding of number relationships
- ◆ Computes numbers with fluency and makes reasonable estimates
- ◆ Measures with accuracy and makes reasonable estimates of measurements
- ◆ Analyzes characteristics and properties of geometric figures and demonstrates an understanding of spatial relationships
- ◆ Uses data to describe, interpret, and predict events
- ◆ Represents situations and mathematical relationships using algebraic symbols

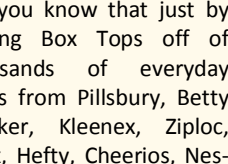
These specific standards will be defined as appropriate for each grade level and teachers will have the option to indicate that a standard has been introduced but not assessed or not taught yet. I certainly cannot do the new progress report justice in a newsletter so I will be organizing several parent sessions regarding the new progress report in the coming months – I hope you will be able to attend one.

I hope everyone is planning an exciting President's Day weekend!



"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."
Nikka - age 6

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Our next submission date is quickly approaching – February 28. Let's see if we can beat our November earnings and raise over \$2000.00!

Did you know that just by cutting Box Tops off of thousands of everyday items from Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Kleenex, Ziploc, Chex, Hefty, Cheerios, Nestle and hundreds more you can earn money for our school? Well you can!

Consider looking around your place of business or asking relatives to save Box Tops – every box top brings us 10 cents closer to our goal!

Please go to www.btfe.com for more information.

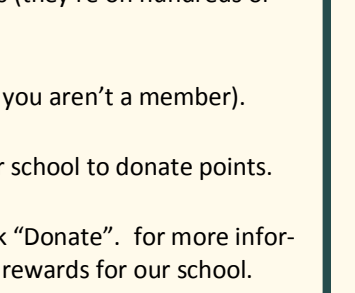
Thank you!
Ms Jankovich

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Cultural Arts Presents Nana Puddin' In "BLAST OFF!"
Monday, March 12th
9:15 AM (K-3)
10:15 AM (4-6)



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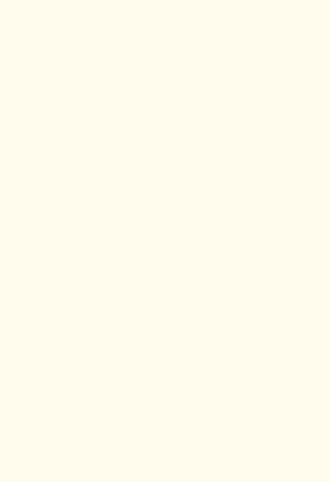
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