



# Sunbeams

Parent Teacher Association Newsletter  
June 12, 2009

Dear SVES Families,

Wow! It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is upon us!

Last week the PTA held our last meeting of the year, where we thanked the outgoing officers, committee chairs, and volunteers, and voted to approve the new slate of board members and committee leads. I want to thank all of the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents to enrich the lives and learning of our children. I especially want to acknowledge Kim Ziegelbauer, outgoing PTA President, for her great leadership and selfless service throughout this and all of her years with the PTA. Thanks everyone!

Planning is already underway for next year - the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sunrise Valley! The PTA is looking forward to continuing to serve the SVES community through student enrichment, parent education, fun community events, teacher/staff support, and much, much more! This work will continue over the summer, so if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, or if you would like to get more involved with PTA, please don't hesitate to contact me at [melissa.h.gifford@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.h.gifford@gmail.com).

Have a safe and fun summer! I look forward to seeing you at the Open House in September for "Popsicles on the Playground".

Melissa Gifford  
SVES PTA President



# Summer Reminders

School may be out for the summer, but your SVES PTA will be busy planning for another great year of community fun, student enrichment, parent education, and more! You can help us hit the ground running in September by remembering to do a few things this summer:

- Clip and save box tops for the Box Tops for Education Program
- Save your empty printer/copier ink cartridges and old cell phones for recycling
- Order your school supplies by June 30<sup>th</sup> at [www.epipacks.com](http://www.epipacks.com) (School ID SUN215)
- Order books from the FCPS Summer Reading Lists via [www.sunrisevalleypta.org](http://www.sunrisevalleypta.org) (this feature is coming soon!)



## Year-End Checklist

As we close out another terrific school year at Sunrise Valley, we need help with a few housekeeping items. Please remember to:



- Submit any outstanding receipts for PTA reimbursement no later than Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The PTA books will close as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, so any checks need to be written by then. You can find the Reimbursement Request Form on the Forms page at [www.sunrisevalleypta.org](http://www.sunrisevalleypta.org). If you have any questions, please contact Lorrie Lowe or Melissa Gifford.
- Submit items to be included in the Back to School folders to Melissa Gifford no later than Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. All items must be reviewed and approved by the PTA and the school administration. After approval, copies must be made and provided to Melissa Gifford by Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

- **Looking Forward to Fall**
- Before you dive into the summer fun, don't forget to make note of the following back-to-school events:
- **Thursday, Sept. 3:** SVES Open House & Popsicles on the Playground
- **Tuesday, Sept. 8:** First Day of School
- **Tuesday, Sept. 15:** First PTA Meeting
- **Thursday, Oct. 1:** Back to School Night
- See you in September!

## Welcoming Back Our Terrific Teachers

PTA will be hosting our annual Back to School Breakfast for the Sunrise Valley teachers and staff on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you're able to help by providing food for this special event, please contact Cathy Vitanza at [cathyvitanza@comcast.net](mailto:cathyvitanza@comcast.net) or Jackie Gose at [jdragose@verizon.net](mailto:jdragose@verizon.net). We need breakfast casseroles, bagels, muffins, fruit, and drinks. Thanks for helping to welcome back the teachers and staff in style!

# Read to Your Bunny Books

Wondering when you're going to get that book for your child? In order to gauge the effectiveness of the Read to Your Bunny program, we need your input. If you sent in your Spring Goal Sheet and your child selected a book (email me if you're not sure), follow this link to complete the survey.

- Go to: [http://www.fcps.edu/SunriseValleyES/Events/Read\\_To\\_Bunny.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/SunriseValleyES/Events/Read_To_Bunny.htm) Select the survey for your child's grade. (If this link does not work, go to the SVES website and select Read to Your Bunny Family Celebration to find the survey.)
- After completing the survey (be sure to select DONE or it won't be counted), please send me an email at [Kathleen.Leatherwood@fcps.edu](mailto:Kathleen.Leatherwood@fcps.edu) telling me you have submitted the survey
- I will then send home your child's book or a coupon for books that have not yet arrived.

**NOTE: If you need a paper copy, please contact me at 703 715 3834, and I'll send you one.**

Thank you for taking part in the Read to Your Bunny program this year. Enjoy reading

## Team Demonstrates How Fun and Easy It Is To Go Green

by Kathleen Leatherwood



As the Peepers Family Reunion draws to a close in the SVES Library, I would like to thank the Green Team for their enthusiasm, creativity, perseverance and passion for enlightening the SVES community to become more eco-friendly. They have raised the awareness of their peers, teachers, and families in a light-hearted but purposeful way, and made a lasting

contribution to our understanding of stewardship of the earth. I know that they will take their commitment to ecology to new heights as they leave Sunrise Valley for middle school. Their legacy will continue, however, in the words of The Peeper's Pledge: it is indeed "better to Reuse, than to throw away."