



Sunbeams

Sunrise Valley Elementary School
Parent Teacher Association Newsletter

Jan. 8, 2010

Dear Sunrise Valley Families,

Happy New Year!

The start of a new year is a great time to reflect on the past and look to the future. The SVES PTA is looking forward to continuing our tradition of service to the SVES community in 2010! As we did during our summer planning for the school year, we resolve to offer exciting enrichment programs for our children, to support the financial needs of our school and be responsible stewards of our resources, to keep our community informed and offer educational opportunities for parents, to advocate for our children, teachers, and school, and to provide opportunities to gather and enjoy one another as a community - just to name a few!

To that end, we're off to a good start in 2010. Registration is underway for the spring sessions of several of our before and after school enrichment programs, and there are more to come - so check your Friday Folders and the PTA web site. This week we launch our Valentine's Day candy sale of delicious See's Candy - proceeds from fundraisers like these are needed more than ever in these tough economic times, and we greatly appreciate your support. Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday evening, January 12th. School Board Member Stu Gibson will be there to share information on the budget for next school year - please join us to learn more about the grim situation our schools and children are facing and how we can help. We have several community-building events coming up soon, including Skate Night on Saturday, Jan. 16th, and Heritage Night on Thursday, Feb. 4th - please come out and enjoy the fun!

Melissa Gifford
SVES PTA President

Visit the PTA website at: sunrisevalleypta.webnode.com

School Board Rep Stu Gibson to Meet With Parents Next Week



Our FCPS School Board Representative, Stu Gibson, will be visiting Sunrise Valley next Tuesday, Jan. 12, to talk with our community about the budget situation. The timing of his visit is ideal, as it provides the opportunity for immediate discussion and reaction to the Superintendent's Budget (scheduled for release this week), as well as a general discussion of the current budget crisis and how we, as parents, can advocate for our schools.

Please join us on at 7:30 p.m. in the SVES library for this important presentation, which will immediately follow the January PTA meeting at 7 p.m. Childcare will be provided in the Yellow POD. Please note that we have opened Mr. Gibson's meeting to other local school communities, so you may want to arrive early.

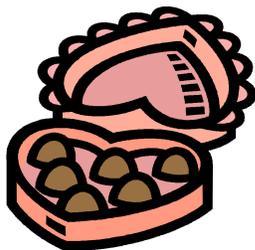
Don't forget – you can check out more budget news and information on the SVES PTA web site at <http://sunrisevalleypta.webnode.com/a2011-budget/>

Membership Update

PTA membership cards are currently being prepared for distribution via Friday Folders. Our efforts have been slowed because we ran out of cards (a great problem to have!), but rest assured, they are on their way. We will also be sending home letters documenting your tax-deductible donations to SVES PTA. Don't forget to include those donations as you prepare your income tax return!



This week, we want to send a special thank you to one of the unsung heroes of the SVES PTA – our Treasurer, Lorrie Lowe. Lorrie works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our financial house in order, doing everything from depositing hundreds of checks at a time and balancing the checkbook, to generating and analyzing financial reports and preparing our IRS tax return. Thank you, Lorrie, for your amazing dedication and service!



Just in time for Valentine's Day – See's Candy! An order form will be coming home in your child's Friday Folder. If you've ever had See's candy, you know how amazing it is. The choices have been expanded this year to include peanut brittle, toffee, bars, and larger boxes. Just make sure your order is in by Jan. 19. Order forms can be downloaded from the SVES PTA web site.

Any orders received after Jan. 19 will be returned, as they won't get here before Valentine's Day. Questions? Call Anne Moriarty at 703-716-2899 or AnneMoriarty@msn.com.

Great news! We've got \$482 in Box Tops for Education!

Thanks for continuing to clip and send box tops to school.

Our next batch of box tops must be sent by Feb. 28, so please clip and send in your box tops as quickly as possible. It would be great to have over \$500 for the year. Every little box top helps the school!

REMEMBER . . .

Participation forms for World Heritage Night are due Monday, Jan. 14. The celebration of the diverse cultures that make up the SVES community will be 7-8:30 p.m Thursday, Feb. 4 (snow date is Feb. 11). Hope to see you there!

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted
Presents:

Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Camp Fair

Oakton High School
2900 Sutton Rd
Vienna, VA

Tuesday, January 12, 7-9 p.m.
Admission is Free

- Meet representatives from summer enrichment programs
- Visit the exhibits, ask questions and network
- See what your children (K-12) can explore this summer

Camps to be represented include: JHU's Center for Talented Youth, Nysmith, TIC (Tech is Cool), Fairfax Collegiate, Exploring Engineering, Joy of Motion, Camp Flintlock, Math Enrichment by Vern Williams, Shenandoah Performs, Mathtree, Camp Shavuon, Science Camp Watonka, Best Academy, Camp Horizons, GWU Summer Scholars, Camp Rim Rock, GMU's Summer Enrichment Programs, and many more!

In case of inclement weather, check: <http://FCAG.org>.

FCAG's Yahoo discussion group:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FCAG>. Contact: secretary@fcag.



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Cordially invite you to attend

A RALLY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

Help us maintain our Elementary Band and String programs!

DATE: Tuesday, January 12, 2010

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: George Mason University, Center for the Arts

(Free parking available in K lot, Parking fee in parking garage next to the Arts Center)

DIRECTIONS: <http://www.gmu.edu/welcome/Directions-to-GMU.html>

Save the Date: The next SVES Destination Dinner will be at Lakeside Inn (now smoke free and Wii equipped) on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Details coming soon!