



# SANGSTER SOURCE

September 18, 2008

## PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE



While summer vacation is coming to an end, it's time to turn to a new school year.

Welcome back to another exciting year at Sangster. I hope everyone had an enjoyable restful summer and is prepared to face the fun and challenges that lie ahead in the upcoming school year.

Let me first take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Paul Sita and I was elected President of the Sangster PTA last spring. I would like to thank my predecessor, Leah Esper for all of her hard work and dedication she has given to the Sangster PTA over the last three years. I look forward to working with and meeting all of the parents and outstanding teachers of the Sangster community. If you have the opportunity and see me out and about please don't be a stranger.

Now onto some PTA business. Our school Spirit Wear just went on sale two weeks ago and the order deadline is fast ap-

proaching. In fact it's tomorrow (9/19). If you haven't submitted your order, well why not? The Spirit Wear committee has put together what I think are some great designs. In case you've misplaced your order form or would like to see the designs in color. Please pay a visit to the PTA website at [www.SangsterPTA.org](http://www.SangsterPTA.org). While you're at our website spend some time getting familiar with what we do as a PTA. You might be surprised to see some familiar names on some of the committees. If you happen to see some of these hard working folks around make sure to thank them for volunteering their time to help make



Sangster the truly wonderful school that it is. Remember we are always looking for volunteers and new ideas.

Sally Foster is back again this year with some great products and amazing prizes for the top sellers. If you are not familiar with Sally Foster, it is the major

PTA fundraiser for the year. The money raised during this one fundraiser accounts for close to 50% of our annual budget. These funds are used to help offset the cost of sending our children on the field trips they love so much, bring new instructional technology into the classroom, and support the amazing teachers and instructional assistants at Sangster. If you don't have the desire to purchase any Sally Foster products or don't want your children selling it, please consider making a tax free monetary donation to the Sangster PTA. If we all do just a little bit we can help make this year's fundraiser a huge success.

PTA meetings will normally be held on the first Thursday of each month at Sangster. The first meeting is currently scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Look for the most up to date information about PTA meetings on our website. Please attend our meetings and stay involved with the events that affect our Sangster Community.



**Paul Sita**  
PTA President

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Spiritwear Orders Due  
Friday, September 19th

Volunteer Orientation  
Room R4  
9:00am  
Friday, September 19th

PTA Meeting  
Thursday, October 2nd,  
7:00pm

Sally Foster Orders Due  
Thursday, October 2nd

## WELCOME BACK!

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"What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

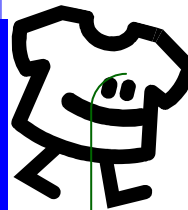
T. S. Eliot



## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

If you enjoy working closely with a small team of kids and helping them solve problems you sound like just the person to coach an Odyssey of the Mind team. If you are interested in coaching this year or have any question about the program,

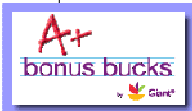
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## SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS

Did you know that Fridays are Spiritwear days at Sangster?

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT!**  
 Buy your Spiritwear Now!  
 Order forms available on the PTA website.



**SHOP AND EARN**  
 Raise money for Sangster while you shop!



### Earn money for school while you do your grocery shopping!

Designate your cards from Giant and Safeway to receive a portion of your grocery bill. The donation is made at no cost to you, and it is easy to do! Even if you designated Sangster last year, you must re-designate it this year!

- Register a Giant card:  
<http://www.giantfood.com/aplus>
- Register a Safeway shopping card:  
<https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>

We're on the Web!  
[www.sangsterpta.org](http://www.sangsterpta.org)

## Explore the World through Foreign Languages

Foreign Language Experience Program (Flex) is administrated in Fairfax County Public Schools by an Adult & Community Education Specialist in conjunction with a PTA representative at the site of the School. The program is designed to be an enrichment activity for grades K-6 with an emphasis on the listening and speaking skills of the target language. Basic vocabulary of the language is taught through games and activity for level 1 and writing skills and comprehension are taught in level 2 & 3. Instructors are employed by Fairfax County Public Schools and are provided with a curriculum guide and other teaching materials.



Following languages are offered either in the morning or afternoons, starting October 2008: Spanish level 1, grades K-2nd & 3rd - 6th. Spanish level 2 for grades 3rd- 6th. NEW: Chinese level 1 for grades 1st-6th and German level 1, grades 2nd - 6th & German level 2, grades 3rd - 6th. French level 1, grades 3rd-6th & Sign language level 1, grades 1st - 6th. Registration will be send out in the Thursday folder. Registration deadline will be 9/26/2008. For further information, please call

**Marina Elsis 703-644-7577**  
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 Flex PTA Representatives.

Stackers club is back!  
 Look for flyers in the Thursday folders.  
 First Meeting  
 Oct. 17th at 3:45  
 in cafeteria.



## MARINE CORPS MARATHON FUN RUN

The **Marine Corps Marathon Fun Run** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 25th**. Register online for \$2. Last year we had about 10 students represent Sangster. The run is held in the Pentagon north parking lot. The run is open to children ages 6 - 13.

Their website is:

[www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com)

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**Hope to see you there!**



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