

SANGSTER SOURCE

May 7, 2009

PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Welcome to Spring everybody where it seems like every year the pollen levels get higher and higher.

Last month the PTA hosted our annual Fun Fair extravaganza. It was another great Sangster PTA sponsored event. The list of people to thank is too long so I will just give a quick thanks to Joyce Maryanopolis for stepping up at the last minute and chairing this committee. Once Joyce was able to get the ship underway so many wonderful volunteers stepped up and grabbed an oar. Thank you to all those folks who donated cakes, sodas and items for our raffle. This year's Fun Fair raised over \$6000. That money funnels directly back into Sangster in the form of money for field trips, new technology, teacher conferences and building beautification projects to name a

few. I'm also checking with the Guinness Book of World records to see if Shari Bachinsky can qualify under "feats of stamina" for personally counting out and distributing over 30,000 pre-sold tickets. Thanks for helping make this a truly wonderful community event for Sangster.

I hope everybody who wanted to purchase a commemorative brick took the opportunity to do so. This is a wonderful way to celebrate your child's time at Sangster and leave a lasting mark that will remain for generations to come. Thanks to Maria Supko and Leah Esper for heading up this program.

Back by popular demand, the Potomac Nationals will be hosting another Sangster day. Last year's event was a spectacular evening at the ballpark. Please reserve Sunday afternoon, June 7th at 1pm on your calendars for this year's

game. Look for flyers to be distributed shortly in the Thursday folders.

At our next monthly PTA meeting on May 7th we will be electing a new slate of officers to guide our membership through the next school year. Thank You to Monica Grose (Vice-President) and Mark Marsden (Treasurer) for volunteering to fill the vacancies left by our outgoing Vice President Kristen McDaniel & Treasurer Carolyn Dannahey. We thank these ladies for their dedication and hard work. If you have any interest in helping out next year on any PTA committees or have any PTA related questions please don't hesitate to contact me at

SangsterPTA@gmail.com.

Enjoy the beautiful Spring weather.



Paul Sita
PTA President

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TONIGHT!
Thursday, May 7th
7:00 pm.
ROOM R4
PTA Meeting

Willy Wonka Junior
Last show tonight!
Thursday, May 7th
6:00 pm.
Doors open 5:30 pm.

Monday, May 25th
Memorial Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL

We love our moms.
Happy Mother's Day!

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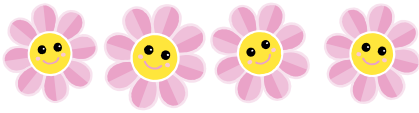
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PE Department needs Soccer Balls!

Do you have any slightly used soccer balls around the house that you don't need anymore? Then donate them to the Sangster Physical Education Department! The Physical Education Department is in need of soccer balls and will gladly take them off your hands!





A NOTE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

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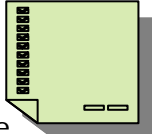
Science Olympiad



We had a team that participated in the Science Olympiad on May 2 and they did a brilliant job! Congratulations to the following science stars: James Purcell, Violet Burbank, Bridget Barnard, Vikram Shivakumar, Justin Tall, Rebecca Willis, Maddy Sita, Danny Wu, John Hurst, Kyra Staier, Jack Muriano, Sean McKnight, Rachel Moody, Lauryn Vasquez, Ally Voegtlin, Haley Barnard, Cameron Baugh, Linus Griesshammer, and Eric Yoo. The students worked after school under the direction of Mrs. Kohn, Mrs. Staier and Mrs. Barnard. We are so appreciative of the adults who made this opportunity available and who gave so freely of their time and talents.

Placement Forms

Soon we will begin the process of closing down this school year while we simultaneously prepare for the opening of next year. So much happens in May and June. In a few weeks you will receive a form to aid us in the placement of students for next year. Attached to the form will be an explanation of the process that we use when forming classes. There will also be a deadline for submission of the form so we can take your thoughts into account.



Contingency Plans for Child Care



All of us make plans for child care and we all should create backup plans in case the primary plan falls through or a special circumstance occurs. You can never tell when a traffic tie up or weather event will cause our routines and plans to unravel. Please make sure that you have a backup plan for your child in the event that school is dismissed early or if you are unable to get home at your usual time. Share that plan with your child so he/she will know where to go if you are not available. Talk to your neighbors and see if you can work together to provide coverage for all of the children who live close by.

Volunteer Luncheon

Mark your calendar for May 14th for our annual luncheon in honor of our Sangster volunteers. This is our opportunity to say thank you to our incredible volunteers for the hours upon hours that are donated to aid the school and our children. Please come during your child's usual lunch time and join us in R4.



New Babies!!!



We welcomed two new babies to Sangster staff members during Spring Break. Dawn Lawson and her husband Gus brought Ruby Louise home to join her brother Cooper. Ray Kepler and his wife Trish were blessed with Grace Elizabeth's arrival. Two new babies to remind us all that miracles happen every day.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FIELD DAYS!

**4th, 5th and 6th - Thursday, June 4th 9:10 - 12:00
(raindate Thursday, June 11th)**

**1st, 2nd and 3rd - Friday, June 5th 9:10- 12:00
(raindate Friday, June 12th)**



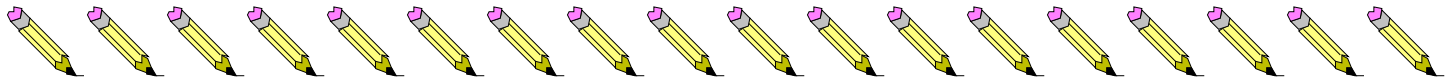
Judy Tuber
Physical Education Teacher
Sangster Elementary

Parents Tip Sheet: Build Confidence, Skills With Sports



Sports may do more to boost the confidence of boys and girls than all other after-school activities. Sports give children a chance to do something well. That in turn boosts self-confidence.

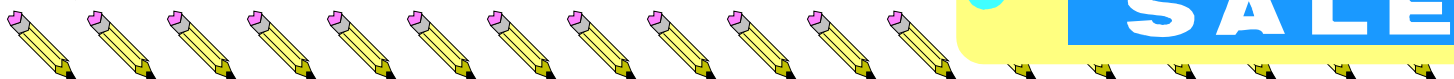
You can help your children get the most out of sports. Let them choose a sport that interests them, not you. Praise what they do well. Ignore the rest. Kids will get enough knocks on the playing field. Let them get hugs at home.



INNISBROOK BACK-TO-SCHOOL PACKS™

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are working with Innisbrook to put together supply boxes for all classes. Orders can be made on line only. Packs will be shipped directly to your home. Prices vary by grade because of the difference in supplies required during the school year for a particular grade level. The quality supply items are offered at a competitive price. Eliminate the stress and frustration of digging through jumbled school supplies at crowded stores with Innisbrook Back-to-School Packs™.



H1N1 (Swine Flu) Information

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is collaborating with the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) to monitor the H1N1 (swine flu) situation around the country and locally in Fairfax County. FCPS has a plan in place for the school system and will follow the plan if any school is affected. [FCPS Pandemic Flu Emergency Plan](#)

Other Information:

- The FCHD is not recommending closure of schools at this time. However, per the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, if an H1N1 virus (swine flu) case is linked to an FCPS school, the school system will work with the FCHD to determine if that particular school should be closed.
- FCHD is not recommending any extraordinary cleaning of schools. The daily cleaning chemicals and procedures used in FCPS facilities are effective against viruses similar to the H1N1 virus (swine flu).
- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person to person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu in humans and may include fever (greater than 100°F), sore throat, cough, stuffy nose, headaches and body aches, and fatigue.
- FCHD recommends that hand washing and cough and respiratory etiquette procedures (covering coughs and sneezes) are the best preventive measures in controlling the spread of influenza-like illnesses. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- FCHD and CDC recommend that if students or staff members get sick, they should stay home from work or school and limit contact with others until they are symptom free and without fever for at least 24 hours to keep from infecting them. Individuals should contact their local health care provider for follow-up.
- FCHD is **not** recommending the use of masks in schools.

For more information, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/swineflu.htm>.

GIANT FOOD A+ BONUSBUCKS PROGRAM

Thank you to all of the Sangster families that participated in the Giant Food A+ Bonusbucks program. This year's program has ended and **Sangster earned \$6,292.84**. A check will be delivered to the school by the end of the year.

Thanks for a great year!



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