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DATES TO REMEMBER

General PTA Meeting
Thursday, October, 1st
Room R4

Pyramid Challenge
Saturday, Oct. 17th

Marine Corps
Marathon Fun Run
Saturday, Oct. 24th

Sally Foster Pick Up
Monday, Oct. 26th

Scholastic Book Fair
November 16th - 20th

PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

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

This time of year always seems so chaotic as family routines transition from the lazy days of summer into the busy school schedule. It is no different for the PTA as we start to send out registration and volunteer materials, Sally Foster fundraiser information, and various activity flyers. The volume of information coming at you from both the school and the PTA are at a tremendous level right now and it is easy to overlook some important items. Please take the time to look it all over when you have a rare quiet moment. If you feel that you misplaced something (like the PTA registration form) you can always visit our website at www.SangsterPTA.org. Sangster PTA's website is the place for the most up to date information and a place to look for any PTA information that is sent home in the Thursday folders. We try to keep the calendar as up to date and relevant as possible, if you would like to see an item added to the calendar just drop me an email at Sangsterpta@gmail.com.

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. It is also used to bring new instructional technology into the classroom, and support the amazing teachers and instructional assistants at Sangster. If you do not 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.

If your children are looking for something to do after school this year the PTA has plenty of exciting activities planned for the fall. Registration forms for the chess club and the foreign language ex-

change program (FLEX) have already been distributed. Coming soon is information about other fun programs Sangster has to offer such as: after-school science, Odyssey of the Mind, fencing and the all-new robotics club.

PTA meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of each month at Sangster. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 1st at 7pm in room R4, across from the main office. Look for the most up to date information about PTA meetings on our website. I encourage each and every one of you to attend and stay involved with the events that affect our Sangster Community and I look forward to seeing you at one Sangster's PTA meetings.

Paul Sita
PTA President



We're on the Web!
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CAR MAGNETS!

Sangster Car Magnets on Sale Now!!! Only \$5.00!

Also available: overstock Spirit Wear items!

Contact Margaret Sita at

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for more details.



Join Sangster's Chess Club!

We will meet after school in the cafeteria.

DAY: Tuesdays

TIME: Immediately after school 'til 5:15 pm

DATES: Starting Sept 29th until Jan. 26th

Enrollment is open to 2nd through 6th graders.

Cost is \$70 for the first child, \$40 for siblings.

Contact Jane Cys at janecys@gmail.com for more info or a registration form.



FLEX (FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM) IS BACK!

All classes will start the week of October 5th for 20 weeks.

Registration is Paper only. Each child will need a separate registration form.

ALL CLASSES MATERIAL FEE: \$18.00 + TUITION: \$161.00

TOTAL COST: \$179.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

Course Code	Course Title Language	Section Number	Tentative Start Date	Day/Time	Room	Grades	FLEX Level (1, 2, 3[advanced])*
FP08120	Spanish	0034	10/6/9	Tues.7:50-8:50a	D9	2-6	1(M. Justiano)
FP08420	Spanish	0019	10/8/9	Thurs.7:50-8:50a	TL	2-6	2(M. Justiano)
FP07801	Spanish	0006	10/7/9	Wed.7:50-8:50a	TL	3-6	3(Maria Reiff)
FP08120	Spanish	0035	10/5/9	Mon. 7:50-8:50a	TL	K-1	1(Maria Reiff)
FP04120	Chinese	0009	10/6/9	Tues.7:50-8:50a	R4	1-6	1(Terry Wang)
FP04420	Chinese	0005	10/7/9	Wed.7:50-8:50a	R4	2-6	2(Terry Wang)
FP05120	French	0013	10/5/9	Mon.7:50-8:50a	R4	4-6	1(Kathy Nutt)
FP05120	French	0014	10/6/9	Tues.7:50-8:50a	TL	1-3	1(Kathy Nutt)
FP01120	Arabic	0001	10/8/9	Thurs. 3:50-4:50p	D9	1-6	2(Mary Khalil)
FP06420	German	0002	10/7/9	Wed.3:50-4:50p	R4	2-6	2(Marina Elsi)
FP06120	German	0003	10/9/9	Fri. 3:50-4:50pm	R4	2-6	1(Marina Elsi)
FP03120	Sign Lang	0004	10/9/9	Fri.3:50-4:50pm	TL	K-2	1(Joanne Tyra)
FP03120	Sign Lang	0005	10/7/9	Wed.3:50-4:50p	TL	3-6	1(Joanne Tyro)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

Mark your calendars now! Don't miss our Scholastic Book Fair. This year's fair theme is World Destinations and will be during school days on November 16 through 20. The fair will run during the day from 9:00 to 3:40.

Family times (for students and parents to come together) are scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th from 6:00 to 8:00. And also Wednesday and Thursday, November 17th and 18th from 3:40 to 5:00.

Students will find books here for recreational and academic reading. Parents may also want to purchase a book for their child's classroom teacher. Simply select one or more Book Wish Donation Cards from the Wish List display at the Fair. The titles are hand picked by the teachers as desired library selections for their classrooms. Your child will be able to personalize a bookplate to place in each gift book you purchase.

Proceeds from this event will enable our school library to purchase additional library materials for Sangster students to use and enjoy!



Katherine Benda
Sangster Librarian

MARINE CORPS MARATHON FUN RUN AND PYRAMID CHALLENGE TWO GREAT WAYS FOR KIDS TO GET TOGETHER, EXERCISE, AND HAVE FUN! BOTH RACES ARE OPEN TO SANGSTER STUDENTS!

The students at Sangster have the opportunity to participate in 2 runs this fall. One is the **Marine Corps Marathon Fun Run** and the other is the **Pyramid Challenge**. More information is listed below.

The annual Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run will be held on October 24, 2009 in the Pentagon North Parking Lot. Children ages 6-13 are invited to participate in the one-mile just-for-fun event. Registration is just \$5 and participants receive a t-shirt, medal and snacks at the finish line. Online registration is now open <http://www.active.com/framed/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1700853>. The Healthy Kids Fun Run is sponsored by The Washington Post, Washington FAMILY Magazine and Navy Federal Credit Union.

The Pyramid Challenge is a cross-county race for the elementary school students of the West Springfield Pyramid. Any student from Sangster may participate. Grades K-3 will run one-half mile and grades 4-6 will run one mile. The pyramid challenge in on Saturday, Oct 17.

We hope as many students can participate as possible. For the Pyramid Challenge, we will need volunteers. So if you would like to volunteer please let us know.

The Physical Education Department

SALLY FOSTER on SALE NOW!!!

Help our school, buy Sally Foster! Sale ends October 2nd!

Pick up date Monday, October 26.

Items will be available for pick up in the gym after 1pm.

Please arrange to pick up your items between 1-7pm.



Sally Foster

Contact Leah Esper or Margaret Sita for answers to all your Sally Foster needs. sangsterpta@gmail.com

Combat Global Warming Cool the Earth

Would you like to help combat GLOBAL WARMING, but don't know how to start? Would you like to help teach our kids about ENVIRONMENTAL issues? We are starting a new educational program at Sangster that teaches our kids about the effects of global warming and how we can take actions together to stop it.



The program is called Cool the Earth. Together we can take actions to reduce

our carbon footprint and therefore reduce global warming. We need a few volunteers to help run the program. Please contact Monica Grose at monica-grose@verizon.net or 703 440-3716 to

sign up. You can learn more about Cool the Earth on our web site: sangsterpta.org.

PTA MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has joined the PTA. If you haven't had a chance to send in your membership form, **please do so today to reserve your free copy of the school directory!** We hope to have the 2009-2010 Sangster Directory completed and sent home with your student by the end of October.

Please plan to join us at our monthly PTA meeting. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in R-4. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1st.

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****Exciting New Program****

Sangster has signed up to participate in Amazon.com's School Rewards program.

Simply by enrolling in School Rewards, Sangster can earn up to 10% of every purchase* that staff, parents, teachers, students, friends, family members and others make through Amazon. It's free -- and there are no strings attached.

The potential earnings are unlimited. Everything, including all merchandize sold by other people and companies via Amazon applies!!!! Anyone can use Sangster's SchoolRewards link to access Amazon products and make purchases. Just go to the PTA website www.sangsterpta.org and click on the Amazon School Rewards link.

THAT'S IT!

It will take you to our unique Amazon homepage where you will shop as you normally would. There is nothing else to do.

Be sure to check out Amazon's Super Saver Shipping products- Total purchases over \$25.00 receive free shipping! This is a fast and easy way to start your holiday shopping.

*The purchase price excludes costs for shipping, handling, taxes, service charges, rebates, credit card processing fees, and returns.

Questions regarding the program? Contact Carolyn Minesinger at ctminesinger@cox.net

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