



SANGSTER SOURCE

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Sangster Elementary

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PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

This Spring the PTA is planning a fundraiser to raise money for Smartboards. The plan is to have a silent auction with each class donating a basket to be auctioned. We are looking for a committee to help run this event. If you are interested, please contact me or Allison Jankovich.

The landscaping around Sangster is in terrible shape. We are planning to fix up this eyesore during the Spring. The PTA will be selling landscape pavers. The pavers will be laser en-

graved with up to 3 lines of 18 characters. Watch for the sale of the pavers. It's a great way to leave your mark at Sangster!

The PTA lunch money loan card is running low on funds! If your child has borrowed money from the card, please repay the loan in CASH as soon as possible.

The PTA meeting tonight at 7:00. We will be discussing the language program that will be starting next year at Sangster. At our January 4th meeting, school board member Dan Storck will be at-

tending and discussing boundary changes that may affect Lake Braddock.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Leah Esper
PTA President



DATES TO REMEMBER

TONIGHT!
December 7th, 7:00 pm
PTA Meeting

December 25 - January 1
Winter Vacation

January 4th
Author Hilary Hyland Visits Sangster

January 15th
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Holiday

January 25-26
Student Holidays

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

GAIL KINSEY

Foreign Language in Elementary School

Please join us on December 7th for a PTA Meeting where we will learn more about a FCPS initiative to bring foreign language to elementary schools. Sangster is investigating the possibility of bring a Chinese language program to our school next year. This would not be an immersion program which is limited to a certain number of students. This would be a school wide program in which every class would participate. Please join us in the cafeteria at 7:00 on December 7th to learn more about this exciting possibility.

Keep In Touch

With wintry weather right around the corner, it is time to remind all of our parents that they should be signed up for Keep In Touch messages. You will get an email advising about early closing, delayed opening or school closure. Please go to the FCPS webpage at www.fcps.edu and click on Keep In Touch in the left column. This will take you to the registration site. Enter an email and you are in!

Taking A Trip?

Please remember to let the school office know when your child will be away due to a family trip. It makes the attendance verification so much easier if we know ahead of time that we shouldn't expect someone due to a trip.

Winter Vacation

School recess for winter break is December 25 through January 1. School reopens on January 2, 2007. The Sangster Staff joins me in sending you our best wishes for a relaxing and family friendly winter break. Go out and have BIG fun!



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BUS SAFETY



This is a reminder from our police officer, Amy Chamberlin regarding bus safety. Motorists may not pass a school bus if the lights are flashing or the Stop sign is displayed. There is a \$200 fine as well as the assignment of points to a driving record. Of course, the most important reason is that it puts children in jeopardy. In spite of these compelling reasons, we have people who insist on passing buses in the bus loop on a daily basis. We politely ask, once again, that people use the Kiss and Ride lane to drop children off or that parents park on the street and walk the children into the school.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who contributed all the great food for the PTA's Thank-giving Breakfast for the teachers. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to relax a few minutes during a busy time of year. It was a terrific way to let them know just how thankful we are for the dedication of our Sangster teachers and staff!



We're on the Web!
www.sangsterpta.org

FamilyGram Available Online in Multiple Languages

Did you know that *FamilyGram*, a newsletter for parents of FCPS students, is available online as a PDF file? (The free software Adobe Reader is required to view the document.) It is also available in six languages:

- English
- Farsi
- Korean
- Spanish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

To download or read *FamilyGram* online go to <http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub.htm#fgm>

RED APPLE 21 ANNUAL HOLIDAY SPOTLIGHT TO AIR DECEMBER 18-31

FCPS cable TV channel Red Apple 21 will air its annual Holiday Spotlight, a round-up of holiday concerts and performances from schools around the county, in three one-hour blocks every day December 18-31. The start times are:

- 9:30 a.m.
- 4 p.m.
- 9 p.m.



For more information about Red Apple 21, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/cable.htm>



DID YOU KNOW...

There are 3 Ways to Purchase School Meals?
Online Payment, Check, or Cash

Fairfax County Public Schools now offers three ways to pay for school meals:

- **Online**—Using www.myLunchMoney.com—The service is easy to use, convenient, private, and secure. There is a convenience fee of \$1.95 per transaction. Once the account is open, parents may check the fund account at any time from computer or phone.
- **Check**—Write a check—made out to (School Name) Food and Nutrition Services—and bring the check to the food service manager's office. A parent who wants his or her check payments to be for meals only (no a la carte items) should write it on the check or tell the manager.
- **Cash**—Cash may be brought to the food service manager's office for deposit in student accounts, or students may pay cash for breakfast and lunch on a daily basis.



SPRING BASEBALL

Spring Baseball - West Springfield Little League will have registration for the spring season on January 6, 13, and 20th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Irving Middle School for children ages 5 through 12. Please see <http://www.wsllbaseball.org> for more information.

