



SANGSTER SOURCE

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PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I'm often asked what the PTA does for the school. With the money raised from our major fundraiser, the Sally Foster wrapping paper sale, the PTA covers the transportation costs of most of the field trips for the year and the cultural arts programs for all grades. The money is also used for equipment for the school as well as training for our teachers.

The PTA is sponsoring a landscape paver sale. The pavers will be laser engraved with up to three lines of eighteen characters per line. The bricks will sell for only \$35 each. The pavers will be used to beautify the area around the flagpole in front of the school. The money made from the sale of the pavers will be used to have the pavers installed

and the landscaping spruced up around the school. Please be on the lookout for the paver sale. The students are very excited about this project.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for helping with the events at school. It takes all of us to run these events successfully.



Leah Esper
PTA President

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, February 9th
3:45 - 5:00 pm
Jump Rope for Heart

Monday, February 19th
George Washington's
Birthday
No School

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

GAIL KINSEY

Foreign Language in Elementary School Update

The School Board will be voting to extend the FLES program to sixteen more schools. Sangster is one of those schools. We will be sending a survey home to get parent input on language choices for implementation. The program starts with next year's first grade class and a new class is added every year. We expect there to be benefits for all of our students, but the main focus will be on the first grade initially. You can get more information on the language initiative at www.fcpsk12va.us/DIS/OHSICS/forlang/files/. We also have handouts in the office which have sites listed where more information and research can be found.

Magnet Schools and Partial Foreign Language Immersion Applications

The application process for enrollment in a magnet or language immersion program is now underway. If you are interested in applying for either program, information is available on FCPS website. www.fcps.edu

SmartBoard Technology

We thank the PTA for providing the funds to purchase two more SmartBoards!!!! These awesome interactive tools have been placed in Ms. Jankowski's and Mrs. Kepler's classrooms.

The Second Half

We have just arrived at the halfway point in the school year. This is a good time to sit down with your student and discuss their progress with them. Discuss how much personal reading they are doing and what a realistic plan should be. If your child flies through homework, consider using online websites to encourage more practice and introduce some novelty. Introduce them to Suduko, crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. Winter is the perfect time for craft activities and hobbies.



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AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

Sangster has two Automated External Defibrillators (AED) installed in our school. These devices are now found in many public places and are to be used in the event of a heart attack. One AED is located in the front lobby next to the big A, and the second is in the upstairs hallway that runs over the lobby. We have 10 staff members who are trained in CPR and AED use. The trained staff each have a large red heart sign outside of their workspace. If you have any questions, please call the school and ask for Diane D'Elia.

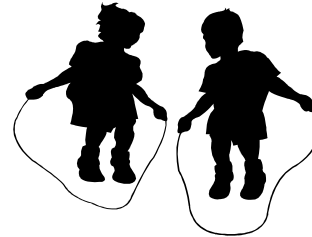


With the cold and snowy weather approaching, please remember to bring tennis shoes for physical education.



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

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SANGSTER FUN FAIR 2007!

Mark your calendars for

Sangster's Fun Fair

Friday, April 20th, 5:00 - 9:00 PM.

**Fun Fair Planning Committee is forming
now.**

E-mail mgrose@cox.net to help
make the event a great night for
our kids.

DONATE KIDS SWEATPANTS TO THE CLINIC!



When you are doing your spring cleaning in the next few months and run across any sweat pants you would like to part with, you can donate them to the Sangster Clinic! There are often children that fall in mud puddles or need a change for personal reasons. This will save you parents from a trip to the school with clean clothes.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Hello and Happy New Year! This semester we have an addition to Sangster's counseling staff: Kate Brennan will be joining our school counseling program as an intern. Kate is working towards her Master's Degree in School Counseling at George Washington University. She will be working closely with Mrs. Negrin. And . . . Kate is a Sangster alumnus! She attended our school when it first opened. We are excited to have her on our staff, and she looks forward to meeting you and working with your students in the coming months.

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