

Forest View PTA Newsletter
December 12, 2010
FOREST VIEW PTA

SAVE THE DATE:



- Dec 13-17** Coat/Clothing & Bedding Drive for Clothes for Kids
- Dec 17** Popcorn Friday – Falcon Friday
- Dec 20-31** No School – Winter break
- Jan 13** PTA General Meeting – guest speaker from GET program 6-7pm, general meeting starts at 7pm
- Jan 28** **SAVE THE DATE:** School Dance **“ON THE RED CARPET”**

On behalf of PTA, we wish you all a wonderful Holiday season. Whether you celebrate the holidays or are just going to enjoy some relaxing family time, we hope you have a safe winter break. Happy New Year!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT: WOW! What a turnout! We had close to 500 people who attended this event. Thank you to everyone who came out to make a gingerbread house. There was a lot of creativity in the room. Thank you to the great team who covered bases, made the vats of frosting and bagged candy.



Team: Dawn Fettig, Jennifer Thompson, Marion Gillins, Ginny Andrzejewski, Megan Eklund and Melani Pedroza

Volunteers who helped with set-up, check-in, photos, cleanup and any other tasks : Michelle Nims, Toni Wilson, Laura Peterson, Amanda Star, Denise Mortensen, Connie Baldwin, Lisa Mills, Janel Baker, Stephani Shirey, Megan Fettig, Emily Fettig, Tom Fettig, Bailey Thompson, Braden Thompson, Brad Thompson, Logan Pedroza, Heather Pedroza, Darren Melville, Emily Melville, Tania Melville, Simon Melville, Deb Brennan, Kari Henderson, Meg Breer, Brenda Fuglevand

COAT & CLOTHING DRIVE: The **Humanitarian Team** would like your help!

A **Winter Coat/Clothing and Bedding Drive** will be held **from December 13th thru December 17th**. We are looking for new or gently used clothing items such as: coats, sweaters, gloves, jeans, etc., as well as new or gently used bedding items such as: comforters, blankets, etc. Humanitarian Team member will be accepting donations in the Kiss & Go covered area before and after school on December 13-17. All donations will benefit Clothes for Kids – helping families within Snohomish County.



Thank you in advance for your generosity.
Lisa Mills, lisa@tengri.us

MEMBERSHIP: Have you been meaning to join the PTA and just keep forgetting? Has your membership expired because you forgot to renew it this year? It's never too late to join or renew. Every new or renewing member until Jan. 11 will be entered in a drawing for a \$20 gift card (winner will be drawn at January 13th PTA meeting). Current members: if you refer a friend and they join, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$40 gift card (see referral pages in the back of the school directory or on the FV PTA website) and your referral member will be eligible for the \$20 gift card drawing.

Questions: Laura Peterson at lkpete@mac.com

SAFeway REWARDS: NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW WAYS TO SHOP... AND HELP FOREST VIEW!

The Safeway Rewards Program (formerly called Safeway eScrip) helps ring in the New Year with a new opportunity for Forest View to earn 10% on purchases of specially-marked items. Starting January 2, every time you purchase an item marked with a yellow school bus tag -- and use your Safeway Card, Forest View can earn 10%!

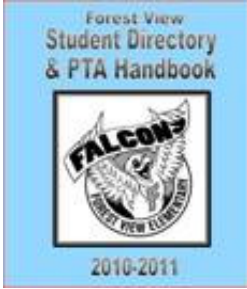


Here's how to make it happen:

1. **Confirm** you have "Forest View" as your designated school on www.escrip.com.
2. **Look for participating products** with the yellow School Bus tag (over 2,000 of them) until Tuesday, **Jan. 25**.
3. Use your **Safeway Club Card** to buy participating items and **10% of the price** will go to **Forest View**.

Questions: Lisa Mills at lisa@tengri.us or Connie Baldwin at connie@baldwin.net

SCHOOL DIRECTORY: WE'VE MADE OUR LIST AND CHECKED IT TWICE! The 2010-2011 School Directories are coming! After hours of hard work we are happy to say the new School Directories will be delivered FREE to PTA members this week via kidmail...just in time for Winter Break play dates! Non-members will have an opportunity to purchase a copy after the New Year (watch for details after winter break)



Questions: Susan Keel at susan.keel@clearwire.net or Connie Baldwin at connie@baldwin.net

LOST & FOUND: The Lost & Found is overflowing. Please have your student check it for any items they may be missing. (Be sure to mark their name on the inside tags/lining so they can be returned to them in the future.) All Lost & Found items will be donated during Winter Break...please be sure your child's coat isn't among them.



PHOTOS: Have you taken any photos at school this year? Want to possibly see them in the yearbook? If you have taken photos of students and/or volunteers at any of the school events or class parties, or first day of school you can send them to the photo team. Our preference would be to get those photos on a CD if possible. If you only have 1 or 2 photos, there is a way to upload them directly to the yearbook site. It is a slower process so the CD route might be the best. If you have questions about photos for the yearbook you can contact Stefanie Shirey, the photography team captain at stefshire@gmail.com



GARDEN CLUB: Join us Tuesday, December 14th during recess for our lesson on EVERGREENS. We will learn about different types of evergreens and find out why they stay green through books and activities. Please have your child dress appropriately if they plan to attend the lesson outside.



Questions: Amy Warren at amykarine@gmail.com

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Dawn Fetting & Jennifer Thompson – team captains for Gingerbread night. Great job ladies. It was so much fun!



FAMILY FITNESS CORNER

I am writing this weeks Family Fitness Corner as a result of something I personally have been struggling with lately...packing an easy yet healthy school lunch! I find myself totally unprepared(even though I know they need it, it still catches me off guard every morning:-) and I end up just throwing things in my kids lunch box at the last minute. So I did some research this week found some healthy and easy ideas I thought I would share...and the best part is that they use foods from at least three of the food groups:

1. Tortilla wraps with shredded cheese, chopped chicken, and cut vegetables
2. Egg salad, whole-wheat bagel, and fruit
3. Whole-grain roll with butter or margarine, 2 hard boiled eggs, and carrot sticks
4. 8 ounces of low-fat yogurt, whole-wheat crackers, and fruit
5. 1-2 tablespoons of peanut butter, whole-grain crackers or bagel, and fruit or vegetables
6. 1/2 cup low-fat cottage cheese or hummus, whole-grain crackers, and cherry tomatoes
7. Bean-based soup or stew in a thermos, whole-grain roll with butter or margarine, and dried fruit
8. 1-2 slices leftover thin crust cheese pizza and fruit or vegetables

and for something sweet to add to their lunch why not try...

- A smattering of chocolate chips
- Graham crackers
- Fig bars

If you have any questions or want to share an idea please e-mail Rachel at camp.runamuk@frontier.com

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HIGHLY CAPABLE TESTING: Parent/Guardian of First through Fourth Grade Students:

This is a reminder that referrals for highly capable testing are due Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010.

If you would like to have your child tested for the Highly Capable program, you can obtain the forms from your school office, from the Highly Capable Office at 4730 Colby Ave (425-385-4033) or by visiting the Everett Public Schools web site at <http://www.everett.k12.wa.us/highcap/>

Community members may also nominate students for highly capable testing. However, a community member's referral for testing is **not** required. Completed forms can be returned to your school office, faxed or dropped off to the Highly Capable Office located at 4730 Colby Ave. Remember, the deadline for submitting applications for Highly Capable testing is Wednesday, December 15.

If you have questions, please contact the Highly Capable office Becky Ballbach at (425) 385-4033.

What happens when weather conditions cause schools to close or start late?

Weather predictions warn of a colder, wetter winter. The next few days include high wind warnings and good reason to review family emergency plans and become familiar with what happens when school is delayed or closed.

How does the district notify families of emergency school changes?

Media outlets get the earliest notification, so you can tune into television and radio reports for the earliest school schedule status. Families begin receiving recorded telephone messages at 5:45 a.m. The district also uses email and website notifications, Facebook and Twitter announcements. Full details about the notification timeline is on the district [emergency closure and school delay information website](#).

Are school bus routes changed when the weather is bad?

Yes, they can change. Listen for late start or closure announcements that include a message about "[snow routes](#)." This means school bus pick up and drop off locations may be changed for your students. [Snow route](#) information on the Web explains bus route changes for each school.

Does a late start or cancelled school day affect half day programs like kindergarten, preschool and ECEAP?

Yes. The full impact of half day programs is explained on the [impact chart](#) on the Web.

Are school events and activities changed when school is delayed or closed?

Yes, they can be. Check out the [impact chart](#) for full details about school events, including athletic events scheduled to take place on a day when school is closed or starts late.

For more from the Everett School District please sign up for the Everett at [InTouch](#)

Everett PTSA Council Reflections Exhibition

The community is invited to attend the annual Reflections Art Show featuring artistic creations of students from district elementary, middle, and high schools. Entries include work in visual arts, literature, musical composition, film-video, choreography-dance and photography. The work of these young artists will be on display at the Educational Service Center, 4730 Colby Ave., from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, Dec. 1- Feb. 3. An artists' reception will be held at the Educational Service Center on Jan. 5, 5:30-8 p.m.

COMMUNITY CORNER

WAYS TO GIVE: How and where to help in your community

Snohomish and Island counties have many nonprofit groups that provide programs and services to children, families, seniors and students in our communities. Each depends on financial help, volunteers and donations. Here are some ways in which you can help make a difference this holiday season.

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20101121/NEWS01/711219999/1122>

MILL CREEK PARKS & RECREATION: We have our Co-ed Winter Basketball Camp for 2nd – 6th grade Dec 28 – 30 from 9am – 11:30 at Jackson High School. Felted Ornament Making for 5 years and Up on December 14th from 6:00-8:00pm at Main Street Yarn. Felted Juggling Balls class December 20 – 22 from 12:00 – 2:00pm for 7 – 13 years old at Main Street Yarn. For more information, visit: www.cityofmillcreek.com

Winter Recreation classes starting in January include: Hip Hop, Acting, Music Theatre, Voice lessons, Piano group lessons, science classes, soccer, 5th grade band, Martial Arts, Young Ladies & Gentleman, Cheerleading, Babysitting Safety, and art classes (painting, watercolor, and ceramics). Registration begins December 6th! More information available at: www.cityofmillcreek.com

MILL CREEK LITTLE LEAGUE: 2011 Baseball, Softball & Challenger Registration. This year MCLL is proud to offer **ONLINE REGISTRATION** exclusively. For more information on tryouts and to register please visit: www.millcreeklittleleague.com

Two informational nights will be hosted by Mill Creek Little League for you to get all your questions answered and turn in paperwork that can't be done on-line (birth certificates, volunteer forms, etc).

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

STATE LEGISLATURE SET TO CUT EDUCATION FUNDING EVEN FURTHER; PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE IMPORTANT

As I am writing this Friday afternoon, [news outlets](#) are reporting that an agreement has been reached among legislative leaders for a one-day special session tomorrow (Saturday, December 11th) to address the state's revenue shortfall for the current biennium. It appears that K-12 education will be cut an additional \$250 million, in addition to the \$400 million in cuts made by the Legislature during

the 2010 session. Because the state has to achieve all of the reductions before June 30, 2011 in order to balance the state budget for this biennium, these latest cuts are expected to be made retroactive, which means that districts will have to make significant cuts and/or use their reserves in order to comply with the contracts that they entered into on the expectation that the state funding would be available for this school year. In addition, because the state's revenue forecast for the 2011-13 biennium is even more bleak, it's likely that these latest cuts and perhaps more will be extended into that budget period as well. Although these funding decisions are being made by the Legislature, how they are implemented in your school and school district will be made by your Superintendent and School Board, so be sure to inform your members and encourage them to get involved so the local decisions will be made in a way that has the least impact on our kids.

For information regarding the current Washington State budget and the projected deficit and the Governor's "Invitation to the Legislature for Supplemental Budget Ideas", please visit the Governor's website: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/priorities/budget>

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