

2010 – 2011 Parent-Faculty Information

The **objective** of the Fredericksburg Academy Parent-Faculty Association is to provide a parental network to support the educational and extracurricular activities of the school and to promote community spirit, communication, and mutual support among parents, teachers, staff and students

Membership is open to all parents and guardians of FA students and to faculty members. There are no dues. We encourage and welcome participation by all families. Your participation is important and there are many ways you can help at various levels of participation. The stronger our Parent-Faculty Association is, the more we can do to help make Fredericksburg Academy an even better school. The more participation we have, the stronger our school community will be.

Officers are elected each spring for the following school year. This year's officers are:

Karen O'Donnell, President	Odonnellake@comcast.net	6 th & 11 th grade parent
Patti Hoffman, Vice President	plhoffman1@yahoo.com	11 th , 9 th , & 7 th grade parent
Kristina Talbott, Secretary	kgtalbott@cox.net	2 nd & 4 th grade parent
Ginnie Storage, Treasurer	masvss@erols.com	6 th grade parent
Paula Kallay, LS Liaison	pkallay@verizon.net	2 nd grade parent
Lisa Reese, MS Liaison	lisadreese@aol.com	6 th & 12 th grade parent
Elizabeth Nedell, US Liaison	canedell@aol.com	9 th grade parent

The PFA's general email address is: pfa@fredericksburgacademy.org

Meetings are held every other month during the school year, starting in September. Times will alternate between morning and evenings. Each general membership meeting will feature a speaker from the school or an invited guest and a brief report from the PFA Executive Board. Details will be posted in the school's online newsletter, *the FA Weekly* which can be accessed at www.fredericksburgacademy.org under the parents heading.

Dates, times, and locations for this year's meetings are:

September 9, 2010	8:15 a.m.	Middle School Commons
November 11, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Reed Theater
January 13, 2011	8:15 a.m.	Middle School Commons
March 16, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Commons
May 12, 2011	8:15 a.m.	Middle School Commons

(Elections and volunteer appreciation breakfast)

The PFA sponsors several **activities and special events** during the year. Some of these are organized and run by PFA volunteers and others are simply supported monetarily by PFA fundraisers. Room parents for grades PK -5 coordinate with the LS Liaison on school events and their classroom teachers on individual class or grade level activities. The auction parents coordinate with the LS Liaison and the auction committee to create projects for the school's spring fundraising auction. Events planned for this coming school year are:

- August 20th** **Lower School Open House** (2 – 4 p.m.)
 Come in meet your teacher, bring in your supplies, and grab a little treat along the way! Student volunteers will be there to help new students find their way and PFA representatives will be there to answer your questions on how you can become involved.
- September 16th** **Lower School Back to School Night** (7 p.m.)
 The PFA provides funding for child care on this evening so you don't have to get a sitter and the parents can have time with their children's teacher to ask questions and find out about their up-coming year.
- Wk of Oct 4th** **1st Quarter Faculty Appreciation Event**
 We know we have the best faculty around and showing them our appreciation only once a year didn't seem like enough! We do little extras to show our appreciation all year long.
- October 23rd** **Fall Carnival** (11a.m. – 2p.m.)
 Games, food, and live entertainment are included in this celebration for the entire FA community. Parents, along with MS and US students volunteer their time to help run games and man the different activity booths. It's a great way to celebrate fall!
- December 4th** **Holiday Breakfast** (9 – 11a.m.)
 Kick off the holiday season with a pancake breakfast and lots of holiday activities for LS students, including a visit from the jolly old elf himself!
- Wk of Dec 13th** **2nd Quarter Faculty Appreciation Event**
- Week of Feb 21st** **3rd Quarter Faculty Appreciation Event**
- April 30th** **After Prom**
 US students and their prom guests party all night long with games, activities, food, prizes and more in a safe environment chaperoned by FA faculty and parents.
- June 1** **Faculty Appreciation Luncheon**
 Once a year we treat our entire Faculty to a wonderful luncheon with a fabulous array of foods provided by our FA community's parent chefs. This is our 3rd quarter Faculty Appreciation Event!

The PFA provides support and funding for various school activities through its fundraising efforts. Each of our fundraisers goes to support specific programs and events at the school in all three divisions.

Attractions Dining and Value Guide – New to the PFA fund raising efforts this year. This Book is full of coupons for local restaurants and area attractions. The book sells for \$25 and each book sold nets FA \$12.50. A trip to Kings Dominion for a family of 4 pays for the book. Buy a few, keep one in your car so you'll always have the coupons with you and give the others as gifts. In stock and available for purchase at school's reception desk and PFA events.

Fall Innisbrook Catalog Gift Sales - Catalogs will be available immediately after Labor Day and orders due back by the end of September. On line order and direct shipment to your home are now available. The proceeds from this annual fundraiser will be used to support our teacher appreciation events.

Scrip Gift Card Sales - Gift cards purchased by you at face value are paid for by the school at a discounted rate. All it costs you is a little pre-planning. An inventory of the most popular cards for local retailers is in stock at the reception desk. Hundreds more are available on line. Profits from scrip gift cards will be used to purchase specific wish list items for the school. While each individual card may not bring in huge dollar amounts, cumulatively the use of scrip gift cards for everyday purchases and gift giving has huge potential for our school. Watch for ongoing information on goals and special promotions by the retailers.

Holiday Evergreen and Poinsettia Sales - Fresh holiday wreaths, swags, garland, and centerpieces delivered directly to your home or the homes of family and friends. Beautiful Poinsettia plants delivered to the school for pick up. Both make great corporate or personal gifts. Profit from this holiday fundraiser supports our After Prom event.

Retail store rebates programs (Giant, Bloom/Food Lion, Target) - by signing your card up to designate FA as the school you wish to support you earn money for the school by simply shopping as always at your favorite stores. The proceeds from these rebate programs support school activities such as Field Day and Holiday Breakfast in the LS and Falcon Flyer and the Perch in the US.

Box Tops for Education - each *Boxtop for Education* coupon you clip from participating manufacturers products earns our school 10 cents. Collecting them and turning them into your child's classroom or the collection boxes in the reception areas of all three schools earns money for our school. Volume is the key here. Proceeds support Childcare for back to school night's open house and Student Life Council.

Funding Factory (recycling ink cartridges and cell phones) - why throw away all those old ink cartridges and cell phones when bringing them into the school will earn cash and help the environment at the same time. Money earned will support our Global Explorers Program.

Spring Flower Sale - fresh baskets and flats of annuals will be sold in early May to both the FA community and to the general public. Profits from this sale will support MS field trips. Students from the middle school will be a great support system to help make this a successful fundraiser.

Hot Dog Lunches - a Friday tradition at our school. Not only is this a fundraiser but it is also a convenience for our parents. Lunches are provided by the PFA each week with the profits benefitting the general PFA fund for operational expenses and the PFA's gift to the annual fund.