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The PTA is a non-profit organization with a vision: ***Making every child's potential a reality.***

The PTA mission is to provide a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC AND GRANDPARENTS DAY FRIDAY!

Friday, September 11th – don't miss these 2 great events!

MORNING: In honor of **Grandparents Day**, FVES would like to invite you to Grandparents Day at FVES. Grandparents of *all* FVES students are invited to come in and visit. Observe your grandchildren in their classes and even sit down to lunch with them! Don't forget!

EVENING: Have fun with new friends at the FVES **BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC!** New families may attend at 5 p.m., and everyone is welcome at 6 p.m. Food is available from Potomac Pizza and Carmen's Ice. Meet new families while your kids play with their new friends. The PTA will have volunteer sign-up, take membership forms and answer questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our first Restaurant Night will be held at
Urban Burger on

Wednesday, September 30th from 5- 8 p.m.

Fifteen percent of all sales that night will go
to the PTA. Mark your calendar!



JOIN THE PTA BY SEPTEMBER 25TH! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Get involved with what happens at your child's school – and help make things happen for your kids. Being involved in the PTA means you're part of the community, supporting the students as well as the school. The PTA is responsible for many student enrichment programs, as well as favorite activities like the science fair, dance, carnival and talent show. To make these activities and programs available, the PTA needs your membership and volunteer support.

Your minimal financial support provides teacher allowances to cover the cost of classroom supplies, reading materials, and the safety patrol fund. And as a member, you receive a PTA Directory and other membership benefits. Best of all, you'll know firsthand what's available to FVES students, and be part of that effort. Please join today by downloading the membership form from www.fvespta.com and sending the completed form and payment to school by **Friday, September 25, 2009**. Questions? Please contact **Susan Girard**, Membership Chair, 301-871-6196, or sgirard@comcast.net.

SIGN UP FOR PARENT EMAIL!



The easiest way to find out about your kids' school is to get it FREE and FAST via email. It's also the best way to ask questions of other parents, find out about activities and volunteer opportunities, and learn what's going on with your kids.

Separate from the MCPS email news and notes, the FVES list is *made for parents* to communicate with each other. Don't miss out on this valuable resource! Go to www.FVESNet.com and sign up today!

Attention Parents and Friends!

The biggest fundraiser of the school year is about to launch!



On Sept 4th, check your child's backpack for the 2009 Innisbrook catalog, which includes much more than gift wrap! Chocolates, gift items, and snacks are all included too.

Last year, the PTA received approximately \$8,000 from the Innisbrook gift wrap fundraiser, and we hope to repeat the success of that sale again this year. Innisbrook items are of high quality and 100% made-in-the-USA. And every item sold generates 50% profit for FVES!

Prizes will be awarded to students who sell 10 or more items, and the top sellers will receive special prizes and recognition. Your PTA is depending upon a successful fundraiser this year, since the Innisbrook fundraiser is the largest generation of funds for our programs. With this fundraiser's profits, the PTA provides resources for classroom supplies, the Patrol fund, the science fair and cultural arts assemblies.

Can we count on your support? If every student sells at least 5 items, the PTA will meet our goal of \$10,000 in profit. This school year, it is the only big fundraiser planned. Please make our goal YOUR goal. Contact the chairperson, **Cathy Ribaudo**, at **301-460-6878** or **ribaudo@comcast.net** for more information.

PTA NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS should be sent to PTA Communications Coordinator, Kirsten Hawkins at rockinhawkins@verizon.net by **September 15, 2009** for inclusion in the next PTA newsletter.