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Flower Valley Elementary School

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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.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT FOR ALL STUDENTS

Please mark your calendars for International Night at Flower Valley Elementary. This event to celebrate our students' heritage, culture and diversity will be on **Tuesday, December 1st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

All students will participate in a multicultural show directed by Ms. Kormann. The school will be decorated with flags created by the students with the support of Ms. Choi. Families should plan to bring food representing their cultural heritage so that our families and students can taste dishes from a variety of cultures.

Families can also wear traditional clothing and participate in a fashion show. Look for a flyer in your child's backpack to sign up for food and the fashion show! We also need volunteers for set-up, serving food, and clean-up.

Please contact **Kary Lawrence, 301-603-1951**, or **karybeth@verizon.net**.



GROCERY SHOP FOR FVES!

Please sign up to earn money for our school. It only takes a minute.

GIANT – www.giantfood.com, select A+ Bonus Bucks and designate #00737.

SAFEWAY – www.escrip.com, click sign up and designate our school #6503964.

TARGET – www.target.com, select redcards and designate our school #58130.

Reminder: Hands on Science returns in January 2010!

Look for details and registration materials in your child's backpack next week.

Forms will be due on December 4, 2009.

INNISBROOK WINNERS!

Way to go Flower Valley Elementary School! The Innisbrook fundraiser has now ended and products have been delivered. Enjoy! The total profit earned by the school is \$5,774 thanks to all of you!

Congratulations go to the #1 student seller, **Marisa Casimates, 4th grade**, who sold *more than \$500* of products all by herself! Second place winner is **Christina Hatziyannis, 2nd grade**, who sold *more than \$400!* Both students have won a super-cute jungle stuffed animal. The winning teacher, with the highest number of student sellers, is **Mrs. Margie O'Brien**, 4th/5th grade teacher! Mrs. O'Brien has won \$100 gift certificate for use in the Innisbrook catalog.

We had 108 student sellers (almost 23% of the students), who sold 1,141 products, totaling over \$11,580 in sales. A hearty thanks to the entire Flower Valley Elementary School population for helping to make this fundraiser such a success. The whole school will benefit from this profit through PTA support of programs. Throughout the year, you may shop at **www.innisbrook.com** with our school code of **107515**, and Flower Valley will profit 50% from every order placed. Thanks again!

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT EVERY DAY!



Lands' End clothing is perfect for spirit wear days, field trips, holiday gifts, and every day. The Lands' End program donates 3% of our school's net sales back to our school. This spirit wear program is voluntary. There is no obligation to participate and no pressure to buy. You can use the preferred school number - **900104209** – on any order, not just spirit wear.

Our school colors are Cobalt Blue, White, and Gray Heather. You can also specify the Flower Valley bulldog as your logo. Great clothing selections include the super-t, polo shirt, or turtleneck. You can order at **www.landsend.com/school**. Look for more information in your child's backpack. Contact **Wendy Leon** via email at **wendy_m_leon@mcpsmd.org** or call **301-460-8613** with any questions.

*Please send all PTA NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS to Kirsten Hawkins at **rockinhawkins@verizon.net** by **December 1, 2009** for the first December newsletter.*
REMEMBER: Submissions must be 1-3 paragraphs (not full-page flyers) for inclusion.