



# SUNFLOWER CHRONICLE

Flower Valley Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## *Calendar of Events*

August 25  
Kindergarten Parent Meeting

August 26  
FVES Meet the Teachers

August 29  
First Day of School

September 5  
Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

September 9  
Grandparent's Day

September 9  
Back-to-School PICNIC

September 13, 14  
Back-to-School Night

September 19  
Read-a-thon START

September 22  
Restaurant Night

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## **From the President**

Hello Flower Valley Elementary!

I hope you are having a safe and fun summer. The PTA has been busy making plans and cooking up new ideas for this coming school year. We are focusing on communication and our biggest change has been developing a new and improved monthly newsletter. We hope to utilize this as a tool to keep you informed about the activities that are planned for this year. Keep your eye out in the take home folders around the middle of each month for the latest edition. Also, check out the improved PTA webpage at <http://www.fvespta.com/>. All newsletters, information, contacts, etc will be posted and kept up-to-date.

The PTA had many successes last year. Most notably, the PTA donated over \$20,000 directly to the school. In addition to providing the teachers funds to purchase new school supplies, books, snacks, etc. for the students, the PTA provided a grant for TWO new Promethean Boards. This could never have been possible without the help of our parents and dedicated volunteers. Thank you!

In order to keep providing these resources for our kids, help us by volunteering. We still have positions available. See page 2 of this newsletter for the complete list. Let me know if you are interested in chairing an event, or if you just want to help out. We need you!

We have new activities planned this year, starting with the Student Read-A-Thon, September 19. See Page 2 for more information and get your kids ready to read!

Becoming a member of the PTA is the first step in getting involved. There are MANY benefits to membership, including FVES Directory, discounts to PTA events, membership to the Maryland and National PTAs, and others. Find the membership form attached and SIGN UP TODAY!

I look forward to working with all of you this year. This is YOUR PTA, so let me know your thoughts and ideas. We are all seeking one common goal for our children - SUCCESS. Get involved so that you can help us work toward that goal.

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## By-Laws Committee

It is time for the PTA to renew our Bylaws. Would you like to help? We are forming a Bylaws committee to review and submit any Bylaw changes to Maryland PTA. Please contact Anna-Lisa Walters at [annalisaf@hotmail.com](mailto:annalisaf@hotmail.com) if you can help!

## Open PTA Chair Positions

Looking for a new way to get involved this year? Consider taking on one of these PTA chair positions:

- FLES – Foreign Language Program
- Hands-On-Science
- Reflections –National PTA Art Initiative
- SGA Representative
- Spring Carnival – Co-chair
- School Dance Party - Winter
- International Night
- Movie Night
- Parent v Teacher Basketball Game

For more information on any of these PTA activities, please contact Sandy Young.

## Grandparent's Day

September 9<sup>th</sup> is Grandparent's Day and will be celebrated with a morning program. Please encourage the children's grandparents to attend. More information will be sent the first week of school. If you are interested in helping with hospitality, etc, please contact Beth Davis.

## Back-to-School PICNIC

Please join us for the annual FVES **BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC** Friday, September 9th, from 5:30-8:00pm!

Food will be available to purchase from Papa John's Pizza and Carmen's Ice or pack your own picnic dinner. Meet new families while your kids play.

The PTA will have volunteer sign-up, take membership forms and answer questions.

We hope to see you there!

## Read-a-thon

We will kick off the year with a fundraising event that will be new to FVES: A READ-A-THON! The FVES READ-A-THON is a reading incentive program designed to motivate our children to read, to keep them reading and to encourage a "life long" love of reading. The READ-A-THON compliments the FVES reading curriculum and participation is easy.

Our children set goals to read for a certain number of minutes within an 18 day period. Sponsors pledge money per minute read. 100% of the money raised will go to the PTA to support our school and community service programs. It is so simple.....No Selling – Only FUN. Prizes and other incentives will be awarded to students reading. The PTA encourages participation from every family in order to make this a huge success for our school and our children.

More information will follow in your students' folders in early September. Look for it!

## Membership

The FVES PTA needs your membership and volunteer support to continue to provide support to our children and our school. The PTA is responsible for many student enrichment programs as well as favorite activities, such as the Science Fair, Parent v Teacher Basketball Game, Spring Carnival and Broadway Review.

As a member of the PTA, you will receive a school directory, discounts to PTA events, and be eligible to vote on important FVES PTA matters including the budget and election of officers, among others.

Find the 2011 - 2012 PTA Membership/Directory Form attached. This year's membership fee is \$20 for a family (Two Adult Household) and \$10 for a single (One Adult Household). Turn into the PTA by September 15 for inclusion in the Directory.

## E-MAIL LIST

If you have not already done so, please visit the PTA website at [www.fvespta.com](http://www.fvespta.com) and sign up for the listserv in order to receive important information from the PTA and other valuable resources.