

EAGLES' NEST NEWS



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OCTOBER 2008

Special Points of Interest:

- State Fair of Virginia - 25 Sept - 5 Oct
- *Maryland AgriScience Festival - weekends Sept-Oct*
- **Fall For Fairfax KidsFest - 4 Oct**
- Fall Harvest Family Days at Mount Vernon Saturday, October 18 - Sunday, October 19, 2008

Counselors' Corner

Welcome back to the new school year! We are pleased to be here as your school counselors. Mrs. Gibson is returning as a full time counselor for grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 5, 6 while I am returning as the counselor for grades 3 and 4. I am part time and will work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.15-2.30.

At SEES our mission is to provide a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate counseling program that extends to all children. Our program supports and compliments the efforts of the classroom teacher to facilitate your child's learning. This year our curriculum will focus on teaching students the skills of: Responsibility, Respect, Cooperation, Honesty, Kindness and Perseverance. In addition we also provide group and individual counseling.

During these first few weeks of school we have had an opportunity to visit the classrooms to meet the new and returning students. In the event that you opted out your child out of counseling services last year, we want you to know that your request will remain in effect this school year. Should you wish to change your request you may do so in writing at any time.

We welcome this opportunity to work with you, so please feel free to let either one of us know if you have any concerns about your child. We will be happy to assist you and your child in any way. You can reach us through the school number, 703-921-2300.

We wish you the very best for the school year!

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REMINDER: PTA Meeting is the first Thursday of each month.

RECORDATORIO: Reunión del PTA es el primer jueves de cada mes.



The first cookie day for the 2008-09 school year will be on Wednesday, October 8th, 2008. This month's flavor will be Chocolate Chip! Otis Spunkmeyer cookies are baked fresh at the school by volunteers on the same day that you receive them. Remember you get 3 freshly baked cookies per bag for only \$1.00! Watch for the cookie flyer to order your cookies in the Friday folder October 3rd. Complete the order form and send in your money on Monday, October 6th, 2008.

Open House Passport Raffle Winners!!!

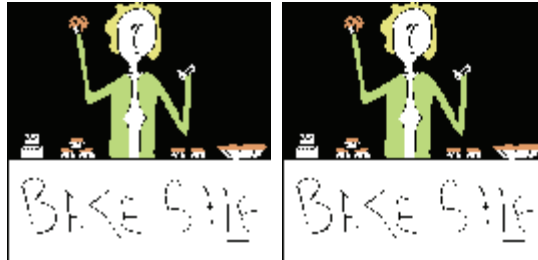
(Left to right) David Harris, 6th grade, Ms. Robertson's class, \$10; Zachary Davis, 4th grade, Ms. McConnaughey, \$15; Justin Carter, 5th grade, Ms. Paulson, \$20.



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Yard Sale/Bake Sale



Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 425



Where: Springfield Estates Elementary School

6200 Charles Goff Drive, Springfield, VA 22150

Saturday October 4, 2008 9 am until 2 pm

WOW!

2008-09 Reflections Contest

WOW us! Each PTA encourages children to express their thoughts, feelings and creativity through the national Reflections contest. This year at SEES, we're hoping to see many entries addressing the annual theme: "WOW!" The contest is open to all SEES students, and it divided into the following age categories: kindergarten through 2nd grade, 3rd grade to 5th grade, and 6th grade.

Consider original entries in the following categories:

- literature/writing;
- musical composition,
- visual arts,
- photography,
- film/video production, or
- dance choreography.

Deadline date for entries at SEES is **Oct. 27**. Entries can be turned in at the "Reflections" box in the office. Reflection rules and entry sheets can be obtained through the Virginia PTA site (www.vapta.org).

For questions, call Janice Simmons Sweeney at 703-960-3321 or at hlthscribe@aol.com.

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Carschooling's Leaf Coloration Game

As you drive along, have one person look for leaves on trees. That person calls out a leaf color that they see - green, orange, yellow, red, purple, and brown or black. The first player to correctly identify the scientific pigment for that color gets five points. The person with the most points in five minutes or five miles wins. Make up a silly song or rap to help your carschoolers learn these scientific names for leaf colors:

- green = chlorophyll
- yellow = xanthophyll
- orange = carotene
- bright red/purple = anthocyanin
- brown/black = no pigment



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We'd like to thank everyone who supported our September Market Day sale and hope you are enjoying everything you purchased. We had about 15 new customers and earned over \$650 – **what a great way to start the school year!!** How would you like to win **"Free Groceries for a Year"??** If you place your October order online, you will automatically be entered in the Big Grocery Giveaway!! **See your October Market Day order sheet for details.** *Please note* – some of you may have gotten a flyer with the contact information and account number for another school which we did not catch until after the distribution. Our school number is still **16604** and the contact information is still the same (see correct information below) – please call any of us if you have any questions!!

You still have time to place your **October** Market Day order -- there are three easy ways. Simply fill out your order sheet and **return it to school** before October 8 or place you can order **on line** at www.marketday.com by **NOON on Thursday, October 9 (the SEES school code is 16604)!!** Or you can call one of the co-chairs (listed below) to help you place your order!! Check out the flyer for details! We're looking forward to seeing you at the next Market Day sale on **Wednesday, October 15 between 7-8 p.m.** in the cafeteria. All orders must be paid for and picked up on the sale nights. If pick-up times are a problem for you, try to coordinate with neighbors on alternating pick-up days. Remember all food has a **100% satisfaction guarantee!!**

If you haven't ordered Market Day yet, why don't you give it a try this month?? Don't forget about the chance to **win Free Groceries!!!** If you are already a regular customer, appreciate your continued support to help us raise funds for our school children – **you really make this a great fundraiser!!** We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at the October sale! If you have **any questions** or would like to **volunteer to help at the sales**, please call Sue Berry at 703-719-0388, Carol Davis at (703) 922-0724, or Edna Padilla at (703) 624-4176 – we'd love to hear from you!! It's a great way to **meet new people** and it is a fun, easy way to **help our school.**

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We're on the Web
[http://www.fcps.edu/
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Mary Randolph - Principal
6200 Charles Goff Drive
Springfield, VA 22150

Monday Schedule
8:40 AM First bell
8:50 AM School begins
1:20 PM Dismissal bell
Tuesday - Friday
8:40 AM First bell
8:50 AM School begins
3:25 PM Dismissal bell

703-921-2300 Office
703-921-2397 Fax
703-921-2323 Attendance Line



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County Public Schools provide you the information
that you need

FCPS **Keep in Touch** Email Notification System
<https://fcps.medianext.com/fcps/signup.html>

Create a **Parent Account** for FCPS 24-7 Learning.

FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT Marion Zoretich, PTA President, mszoretich@gmail.com

Well, almost a whole month of school is complete; your routines are probably set and you are back in the swing of things. Here are a couple ideas from the National PTA:

100 Ways to Help Your Child and School Succeed

There are many ways that you can help your child succeed! A few small activities each week will pay huge dividends over the course of the year. Here are a few that you can do this week:

- Share expectations and set goals for your child with his or her teacher. *Comparta las expectativas y establezca objetivos para su hijo junto con el docente.*
- Make appointments as needed to discuss your child's progress or concerns. *Solicite citas segun su necesidad para hablar sobre la evolucion o las inquietudes de su hijo.*
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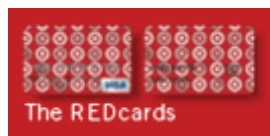
Thank you to all of the positive reactions from Back To School Night, its greatest success was that so many parents attended. And my plea for a new Treasurer yielded not one but two wonderful parents who volunteered their time. Mr. Vincent Kim has been duly elected to be the SEES PTA Treasurer. Everyone on the board is pleased about Vince joining the team and adding his energy to making SEES a wonderful school. Please remember to join the PTA and be part of the team and also sign up for the Giant Bonus Buck program and the Safeway Scripps program; these are easy ways to donate to the school. Look for opportunities to volunteer and really DONATE – your time!.



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