

Box Tops!!

**Please turn in all Box Tops for Education coupons that you have by this Friday, February 24th.** To speed things up for our Box Tops Coordinator, please make sure to throw away any Box Tops coupons that are expired; additionally, if you can place them in sandwich baggies in counts of 50 with the total marked on the baggie that would be a HUGE time saver!! Thank you!

Magic Show at VRES

**Virginia Run's favorite magician, Joe Romano, will be performing for all families on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 pm!!** Joe will feature some incredible magic and also share a quick glimpse of his upcoming after school magic class at Virginia Run. **Kids and parents alike do not want to miss this FUN, FREE event!** Following the magic show we will have our PTA General Membership Meeting. Snacks will be served. Please plan to bring something for your children to quietly work on following the magic show.

Joe has appeared in every major theme park in the United States including Universal Studios, Walt Disney World, Knott's Berry Farm, Six Flags Texas and Six Flags America. His appearances include The White House, Disney Cruise Lines and halftime appearances at The Washington Redskins football games. Most recently, Romano was chosen to open for First Lady, Michele Obama at the "Read Across America" celebration at the Library of Congress.

Color Run Planning Meeting

The next Color Run planning meeting will be on Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm at Kelly Sabine's house. If you are able to attend and help coordinate the Color Run please contact Kelly Sabine at [tellies@gmail.com](mailto:tellies@gmail.com).



Book Drive

Don't forget! VRES is having a Book Drive next week, February 27th-March 3rd. Please bring any new or gently used books to the lobby. All books will be used for the Book Mobile this summer. Please contact Mrs. Siwert with any questions at [eqsiwert@fcps.edu](mailto:eqsiwert@fcps.edu)

PTA Auditor Needed

The VRES PTA is looking for a CPA to perform our 2016-2017 school year (and beyond if your willing...) audit of PTA finances. We are looking for one CPA, or to form a committee of three non-CPA individuals willing to provide some volunteer time before the start of the next school year. The audit will need to be done in August. If you are interested please contact Johannah Evans at [johannahevans@yahoo.com](mailto:johannahevans@yahoo.com). Ideally we would love to have this time be donated, but can negotiate a modest fee if needed.

#### Science Quest Forms Due!

Science Quest Forms are due this Thursday, February 23rd. They can be found [here](#) if you still need it. If you have any questions please contact Tiffany Graef at [tiffanygraef2750@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanygraef2750@gmail.com) Even if your child is not participating you'll want to come to check out Science Quest on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00-7:30: it is sure to be a great event!!!

#### Custodial Appreciation Week!

Join us in thanking our custodians this week! Custodian Appreciation Week goes through Friday, February 24th so help us thank them for all of their hard work.

#### Don't Forget: Amazon Smiles

Have you been shopping at Amazon Smiles to support the VRES PTA?!? If not, it's never too late to make the switch! Instead of logging onto [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) for your weekly (daily?!?) shopping head to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) - from there you'll select Virginia Run Elementary PTA as the non-profit that you'd like to support and you'll be all set! We'd love the support of your family and friends as well!!!

#### Money Matters

The PTA has awarded our Spring Mini-Grant Recipients. This is another area where our funds benefit our school, teachers and students. Make sure to check in with your students to see how they are able to benefit from these new services!!

\* Val Sesso (AAP Resource Teacher) applied for a grant for a Rubik's Cube Lending Library.

The Rubik's Cubes will be able to be checked out by teachers and will help students with problem solving, learn algorithms, and develop algebraic concepts.

\* Becky Wyland (2nd Grade Teacher) applied for a grant for money for our Summer Book Mobile Program. Books will be bought and distributed to students throughout the 6 week program.

\* Mrs. Custer & Mrs. Dumais (Art Teachers) applied for a grant to buy DoInk Apps. These apps will be installed on iPads and will be used by students to make avatars, learn the art of GIF making, drawing animation, and green screen video making.