



VRES PTA Newsletter - January 9, 2017

What's Going on at VRES?

### **Movie Night! Finding Dory!!**

**Don't Forget: Movie night is THIS Friday, January 13th from 6:30-8:30.** Tickets are \$4.00. Questions? Contact Leslie McCrea at [lesliewillis@gmail.com](mailto:lesliewillis@gmail.com). Concessions will be sold by the 6th Grade Celebration Committee; please remember that parents need to stay for this event. Registration forms are available [here](#). Remember to bring your sleeping bag or pillow and wear some cozy pajamas!

### **Club Picture Day**

**Club Picture day is this Friday, January 13th.** These club pictures will be in the yearbook. Please remind your students what clubs they were in during the fall and if they want to wear club t-shirts, patrol belts or anything else that represents their club, that is encouraged. Questions about Club Picture Day should go to Robin Osterhout at [robin.osterhout@gmail.com](mailto:robin.osterhout@gmail.com) Need a reminder on what Clubs your kids have been involved in? You can find that list and the schedule [here](#)

### **Food Pantry Delivery**

The Human Relations Committee is continuing our delivery of un-used Milk and dairy products to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM). As we start up the New Year we need additional volunteers to make this happen (to date we have had 12 different volunteers sign up for all of the deliveries... it would be great to add a few new names!). It is a very simple process taking less than 1 hour. Please consider helping out: they are VERY grateful for the food that is donated!! [Click here](#) for the Sign Up Genius and contact Amy Roundtree with any questions at [amysroundtree2011@gmail.com](mailto:amysroundtree2011@gmail.com). **Thank you to all who have already signed up!**

### **Lego Club WILL NOT CONTINUE... IF...**

Lego Club is in danger of being disbanded if we do not have one additional parent volunteer to be Co-Chair. Our Spring Programs are being coordinated right now, but **without one more parent co-chair we will have no choice but to cancel Lego Club**. If your child enjoys Lego Club please consider volunteering for this fun club: BONUS - if you are a Co-Chair your child has a guaranteed spot in Lego Club! If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mindy Waltham-Sajdak for more information at [caws@verizon.net](mailto:caws@verizon.net)

### **PTA Meeting**

Save the date for our next PTA General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, February 8th 7:00-8:30 pm. More information will follow, but we will have a presentation from a Homeland Securities Agent.

### **FCPS 2017-2018 Budget**

Interim Division Superintendent Steve Lockard will present the [2017-18 school year \(FY 2018\) Proposed Budget](#) at the School Board meeting **on January 12 at Jackson Middle School at 7 p.m.** The School Board will be holding a budget work session on January 23, and a public hearing on the Proposed Budget on January 30, with additional hearings on January 31 and February 1 if needed. [Get more information on the FCPS budget.](#)

### **Science Quest!**

Virginia Run Science Quest is coming this spring! Get started now...so you don't miss out. We want to see all the amazing experiments our students can present. All you need is an IDEA, a coach and some friends!! Science Quest is open to All VA RUN Students (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade). If you need ideas...we can help. Science Quest will be on March 16, 2017 from 6:00-7:30. Contact Tiffany Graef for more information at [tiffanygraef2750@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanygraef2750@gmail.com)

Registration forms can be found [here](#)

Chemistry Ideas:

- Make your own bubbles
- Make your own slime/silly putty
- Grow Colorful Crystals
- Make your own Markers
- Turn Milk into Plastic
- Oil and Water
- Expanding Liquids

Energy Projects:

- Make batteries from coins
- Use the Sun's energy to Heat Water
- Turn Trash into Gas
- Potato Batteries
- Lemon Batteries

### **Many Thanks!**

Thanks to Mrs. Custer and Mrs. Dumais for leading us in our first Paint Night! 47 participants enjoyed a wonderful evening painting, learning some new art tricks, and having a fun night at school. We'd also like to thank Ms. Roscioli & Mrs. Schilling for their help; and Mrs. Darif for the delicious homemade goodies!

### **Money Matters**

We've had lots of events going on at VRES, and as we all know, all of those events cost money to come to fruition! Here's a look at some of the money that we've made on our Fundraising Events, and some of our costs from our Social Events:

\* Bingo Night (a Social Event) made a profit of over \$400

- \* Restaurant Nights recently raised \$450!
- \* Holiday Shoppe raised over \$300
- \* Barnes and Noble Night brought in just under \$300: that money will be divided amongst each grade level so that the teachers may purchase something for the whole grade to use
- \* Teacher Appreciation: there are many things that the PTA takes part in that many families never even know about. One of those is our Teacher Appreciation Committee. All of our teachers recently received a gift card to Target and a Holiday Cookie; those gifts cost \$1,136
- \* Paint Night was an instant success: we don't have the final figure quite yet, but we will make over \$600 on this fun night!

Many, MANY thanks to all of the parents, teachers, and staff who work so hard to make all of these fun events happen. We are so lucky to have such dedicated volunteers and appreciate all that you do for the PTA and VRES!!!

### **No School!**

Don't forget that we do not have school on Monday, January 16th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) or Friday, January 20th (Inauguration Day). Enjoy your long weekends!

### **Lost & Found**

Lots of shirts, jackets and miscellaneous items found their way to Lost & Found... so if you notice that you haven't seen a certain item of clothing for a while please go take a look! ALL ITEMS will be donated at the end of January!