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the
Sanfordville PTA Newsletter

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Warwick, NY 10990
987-3300
Student Day: 8:45-3:15

Principal, Roger Longfield
Nurse, Creslyn Driscoll
Attendance: 987-3304
*(Please call to notify the school
the day your child is absent)*

From your PTA Leadership

*Happy New Year Sanfordville
Parents!*

PTA Reflections, Science Fairs, Mad Science Assemblies and Parents As Reading Partners are all taking place this month at Sanfordville. These activities coupled with the dedicated staff at our school and some very engaged parents are the key reasons why Sanfordville Elementary School is one of the best schools in New York State. According to a rating on Schooldigger.com, SES ranks 162 (out of 2,292 New York Schools) based on 2010-2011 3rd and 4th grade ELA and Math scores combined. That's pretty impressive and our school community will continue to strive to make it even better. A few years ago, Jim Trelease, the author of the famous "Read Aloud Handbook" came to Sanfordville for an assembly and parent workshop. This winter when the kids are glued to their angry bird games, remember that there is nothing better than reading that story aloud. It will probably entertain and soothe your child, but it may also develop his vocabulary, improve his ability to learn to read, and - perhaps most important - foster a lifelong love of books and reading.



Superintendent's Community Forum - Jan. 21

The Warwick Valley Central School District PTAs will host a Superintendent's Community Forum, Sat., Jan. 21, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the middle school. The event will kick-off with keynote speaker Peter Van Buskirk, founder of The Admission Game (TAG). Please join us to discuss what the community values in education, programs the community would like kept intact, the importance of foreign language, math, science and the arts, what the future of education in the district should look like and how best to prepare students for life after school.

Save the Date!

January:

1/9 BOE Meeting, 7:30 H.S
1/11 Mad Science Assembly
1/12 PTA Mtg. 7pm
1/18 & 1/19 Science Fair
1/21 Superintendent's
Community Forum
1/24 3rd Grade Concert
1/30 PARP Begins
1/30 TV Turnoff Week Begins

February

Wed/Thurs After School
Enrichment Classes
2/13 BOE Mtg. M.S
TBD Asian Culture Workshop 3rd
TBD PARP Guest Author
2/16 PARP Ends

Enrichment Classes

Coming to Sanfordville in February!

Give us your ideas: what type of enrichment class would your child like to attend? Is there a local organization that offers a service for children that you would like offered in the Enrichment Program, let us know and we can reach out to them. The PTA sponsors the Enrichment Program and it is held in the month of February. We ask for parents, grandparents or community members to volunteer to instruct classes. The classes are held during the month of February on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Sanfordville immediately following dismissal. This is a wonderful program where you can share your talents with children in a structured environment. If you have any ideas you'd like to share or questions you can e-mail us at SESEnrichment@gmail.com.

Science Fair

January is Science Month!

The Science Fair will be held on January 18th & 19th. All students are invited to participate in the Annual Science Fair. Fourth grade will be required to participate (check with your teachers). Volunteers are needed! Please contact Ann Pack at anp0123@msn.com or call 917-224-3354.

*Mad Science assemblies are scheduled for 1/11 and 1/12.

PARP

We are hoping that by the end of the month all parents and students will be ready to PAWS FOR READING! Our Parents as Reading Partners program will be kicking off on Monday, January 30th. Our goal is to have every student reading a minimum of 15 minutes per day during the three weeks of the program. Please work together with your child or children in order to make this a reality. More reading means more help for our local Humane Society, who we hope to support through these efforts.

We are asking that you send in a picture of your pet with your child. If you don't have one, no problem, just send in a picture of a pet they might like to have or a friend's pet! One more helpful item would be sending in toilet paper or paper towel cardboard rolls for a project the students will be working on. Thank you. PARP will encourage reading and also help a worthwhile community organization!

Baskets of Fun Carnival Event

March 30th

The Baskets Of Fun Carnival Event, which will be held on March 30th, consists of Carnival games, food, a Basket Auction and lots of fun! Last year the auction was a huge success! We are in need of volunteers to make it all happen again! Please contact Gina Casale at gmc1019@optonline.net if you can help in any way!



Circus Week

The 2012 SES Circus Week is now April 30th – May 4th and the 4th grade Friday evening performance will be held May 4th, due to changes in state testing. The Circus Committee will begin meeting this month. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Heather Thomson at thompsons.ny@hotmail.com

TV Turnoff Week

Monday, January 30 – Friday, February 3

There are lots of exciting activities being planned for this week including pottery night and a spelling bee! But, we need volunteers to make this happen! First meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 1:00 pm at Café A la Mode. If you cannot make the meeting but are available to volunteer, please contact Victoria Aloia at cliving@optonline.net

5th Grade Moving Up

The first **5th Grade moving up** organizational meeting is **Wednesday January 11th at 7:00 in the Art Room**. If you would like to be involved but cannot make the meeting please contact Karen Kaytes at 986-7011 or karkaytes@aol.com. Fifth grade moving up day is scheduled for **Thursday, June 14th**.

Wellness Week, Great Job Sanfordville!

The Kids Walk to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation held during Wellness Week was a great success. We raised over \$4,800, of which 10 percent comes back to the PTA to benefit our Wellness program. A special thank you goes to Mr. Van Pelt and Mr. McElroy for their support. Great job Sanfordville!

The Winter Wonderland Breakfast



A fun time was had by all at the Winter Wonderland Breakfast...delicious food, a performance of the Nutcracker by the American Youth Dance Academy, photos with Santa Claus (Kathie Austin Photography), crafts, and raffles. Thank you to all our wonderful Elves for making the day such a success!

Parent Portal Gives Parents Access to Their Child's Information

Oct. 6, 2011 - The Warwick Valley Central School District is pleased to offer families of students a new program, "School Tool Parent Portal" for accessing school information. Parents and Guardians will be able to securely access their child's information via the Internet. Viewable information includes: emergency contacts, attendance, discipline, schedule, report card grades and grades 3-8 State Assessment results. To enroll, please visit the District website at

http://www.warwickvalleyschools.com/District/newsmore/1112/parent_portal_2011.cfm

Fit Families Open Gym Night

Sanfordville Elementary School PTA hosted the first "Fit Families Open Gym Night" on Wed., Nov. 16, 2011. Families came out to play basketball, and for those who wanted a challenge, Warwick's own "Beyondbarre" was there leading complimentary Glide Board Workouts!

The Holiday Bazaar

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped set up, escort students, assist shoppers, wrap, and sell all the gifts! It was a wonderful experience for the children to learn how to budget and spend wisely... and experience the gift of giving!



Sanfordville Elementary School introduces a new Drama Club! They will be presenting the Wizard of Oz this spring! Check out the Drama Club's new Website!

<http://sesdramaclub.weebly.com/index.html>

Parents and students can check the website to keep informed on all details associated with this year's production of the Wizard of Oz in regards to cast, rehearsal dates/times, etc.

Sanfordville Students Hold Food Drive

Nov. 30, 2011 - Sanfordville students recently held a food drive and presented the donations to the *Backpack Snack Attack* program Director, Ms. Shirley Puett. Sponsored by the Warwick Reformed Church, this program provides weekend meals to more than 170 children each week in the Warwick,



Please Help Sanfordville Elementary support the Warwick Ecumenical Food Pantry January 9th – 13th

Dear Sanfordville Families,

As you know, the need for food in our community has risen steadily. In order to help lessen the burdens of others and continue in the community spirit of giving back and helping our neighbors, the Sanfordville PTA Food Pantry/Backpack Snack Attack Committee is going to be beginning monthly collections for these organizations. The next few months are the Food Pantry's greatest time of need, and we want to help!

Collections will be taken (approximately the second week of each month January – May) that target *specific needs* of the Food Pantry. June will target collection needs for the Backpack Snack Attack's Summer Food Distribution program. Although non-perishable food items are always welcome, please try to send in an item listed, and be on the lookout in future months for new collection information.

Donation boxes will be available in the Front Lobby and in the Cafeteria.

As always, please remember to check the expiration dates of any item you donate!

Suggested Items for Donation JANUARY 9th – 13th

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS * Shampoo *

Soap * Deodorant * Toothpaste * Toothbrushes * Laundry Detergent * Hand Creams * Shaving Lotions * Etc.

Please consider donating an item to these worthy organizations during the collection periods!

Thank you all for your continued support! Contact Laura Nokland with any questions.

blwelland@yahoo.com or 986-6452



Thank you to the parents who've joined Price Chopper's Tools for Schools! We have 58 shoppers signed up and already have 24,175 points. That's already enough to purchase 2 webcams or 2 document scanners. At this rate, we are well on our way to have 6 new devices in our school this year. Don't forget to register your card (or Grandma's card) at www2.pricechopper.com/toolsfor schools and use code 15672.



Help support your school and child education by clipping box tops! Last year we earned \$2,898 for our school! Our goal is to collect 30,000 Box Tops to earn \$3,000 for our school. Currently, we have collected 17,964! Help us reach our goal. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a listing of participating products, as well as money saving coupons.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mezzetti's class for collecting the most Box Tops last month and earning a movie/popcorn party for February (sponsored by Bill Garcia Allstate Insurance). To sponsor a party or for any other questions, please contact Wendy Bonsignore at wbons@optonline.net



PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy group in the nation. All parents and school staff are welcome to join. JOINING PTA DOES NOT PUT YOU ON ANY VOLUNTEER LISTS. A small portion of your membership supports NY and National PTA. The rest stays right here in at our school. Please return this form and your check made out to SES PTA to your child's classroom in an envelope marked "PTA". Please direct any questions to Membership Chair, Kim McGowan at kandmmcg@yahoo.com.

PARENT: _____

CHILDREN (GRADES): _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

___ \$15 Membership – Includes Car Magnet to proudly display your SES spirit!

___ \$10 Single Membership Only

___ Please include me in the PTA Membership Directory.

Cash will be accepted at all upcoming PTA/back to school events. Look for the PTA Magnet!