



# The Farmland Harvest

The Newsletter of the Farmland Elementary PTA

January, 2008

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**-- Deedee Jacobsohn**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and is refreshed and ready to start the New Year with new energy!

On **Thursday January 24 at 7pm**, Amy Kines (an MCPS instructional specialist) will be giving a talk at Farmland about **"The Importance of Effort."** She will focus on the connections between effort and achievement. Her talk will include ways for parents to talk to their children about effort and what strategies to use to get the most out of learning. Please join us for what will be an informative evening.

The **Science Fair** will be held on **Wednesday February 27 from 6:30 – 8pm**. I am sure there will be many, many fascinating projects on display. The deadline for signing up was extended to Friday January 11. If your child needs another copy of the flier, it is available on the PTA website, <http://www.farmland-pta.org>.

The school **Discipline/Safety committee** met on January 9 to discuss discipline policies at other elementary schools and to begin to evaluate Farmland's policy. A progress report will be presented at the next PTA meeting. The **Modernization Committee** is visiting three elementary schools that were recently built or modernized to get ideas for Farmland's modernization. Once the visits have been completed, I will report on what we saw. If you have any questions about these committees or would like to participate, please let me know.

I would like to include one final reminder about the two memorial funds for Dr. Marci Fineman. The artist-in-residence will begin working with our children next month to make a stained glass window. The window will be dedicated in memory of Dr. Fineman. The PTA is collecting donations to cover the additional cost of materials and a plaque. Checks should be made out to the "Farmland PTA" with "Dr. Fineman memorial" in the memo line.

There is also a fund being established to support professional development opportunities for Farmland

staff. Checks should be made out to the "Dr. Fineman Memorial Fund" and sent to the school office.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far, and to the Tilden PTSA for donating \$100 to the school memorial project.

We always need more volunteers to help plan, organize and run the many wonderful programs sponsored by the PTA. If you have an idea for a new program, please let me know. In addition, if you have not joined the PTA, it is never too late! A membership form is included in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the **next PTA meeting on Tuesday February 5** at 7pm. Alan Hairston, our GT committee chair, is organizing a presentation about GT at Farmland.

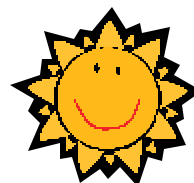
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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed. Jan 16	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade chorus presents "Wheels" for parents at 10am
Mon. Jan. 21	NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Day
Tues. Jan 22	NO SCHOOL, Professional Day
Thurs. Jan. 24	Amy Kines, "The Importance of Effort," 7pm
<b>Tues. Feb. 5</b>	<b>PTA Meeting, 7pm</b>
Tues. Feb. 12	NO SCHOOL, Primary Election Day
Mon. Feb. 18	NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day
Wed. Feb. 27	Early Release SCIENCE FAIR, 6:30-8pm

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## **THANKS FOR THE SUNSHINE!**



The Sunshine Committee would like to thank Ilene Reid, mother of 2nd grader, Dana Gerber, for providing the birthday cake for staff birthdays in December. We heard it was delicious!

## ONLY YOU CAN SAVE THE FOLLIES!



The Farmland Follies, our wonderful venue for allowing kids to share their many talents with us, is in danger of becoming extinct! As of this writing, not one parent in our entire community has stepped up to take on the coordination of this very popular event, which is generally held in April, and if we do not find a volunteer(s) the show will not go on.

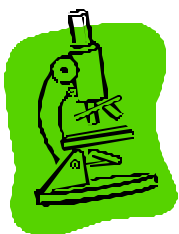
Last year's coordinator has everything one needs to put together a successful show and is ready to pass it on. If you would like to prevent one of the most exciting events on our school calendar from disappearing, please contact one of the PTA officers ASAP.

## SPIRIT WEAR



You can still turn in a spirit wear order! Orders will be accepted on an on-going basis. To keep our pricing consistent, there are minimums that need to meet for each order. I have another batch of orders scheduled for delivery next week. I will place the next order when I reach the minimums (typically 12). If you have any questions, please direct them to me at [kate.heald@netzero.net](mailto:kate.heald@netzero.net). An order form is included in the Harvest, and there will be additional order forms in the school office.

## SCIENCE FAIR NEWS



The Science Fair Committee needs your help. We are looking for scientists and engineers to act as reviewers the night of the science fair, Wednesday February 27. This is a non-competitive event, so your job will simply be to talk to several students about their projects, offer them your insights, and encourage their interest in science. Getting to talk to a "real scientist" is the highlight of the evening for our students! Please consider volunteering. Contact Kim Dettelbach at [kimdettelbach@comcast.net](mailto:kimdettelbach@comcast.net).

We also need parents to help set up for the fair. If you could help collect and organize the display boards the morning of February 27 or help set up that afternoon (it is a half-day at school) please contact Deborah Bray at [deb@broun.org](mailto:deb@broun.org).

**Please note: the registration deadline has been extended to Friday, January 11.** You can find info about the science fair on the PTA website or pick up a brochure in the school office. Any questions? Contact Deborah Bray.

## A+ BONUSBUCKS ART CONTEST!



GIANT is calling all "budding artists" in grades K through 5! Let the artist choose pencils, crayons, markers or paint to depict how your school could use the A+ BonusBucks you earn. All entries will be reviewed and five finalists from grades K-2 and five finalists from grades 3-5 will be selected.

**How to Enter:** Create a drawing/painting on how your school could use their A+ BonusBucks. Print the artist's first name, school name/address/phone number and teacher/grade level on the back of your entry. Each entry must be on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper, no photographs, and mailed to: "A+ BonusBucks Art Contest" c/o Crane Communications, Inc., 111 Presidential Blvd., Ste. 252, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. **All entries must be postmarked by 12 midnight February 15, 2008.**

**Prizes:** Finalists and Winners will be posted on the web on or around March 2. One Grand Prize winner from K-2 group and one winner from 3-5 group will receive a \$100 Savings Bond, a "Classroom Party" (\$100 GIANT Gift Card to purchase party food and supplies), PLUS 2500 A+ BonusBucks Points for their school. Each of the remaining eight Finalists' school will receive 1,000 A+ BonusBucks Points for their school.

If you have any additional questions or require further information, please contact us toll-free at 1-877-ASK-APLUS, (1-877-275-2758), or visit us at [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) for official contest rules.

Thank you for your continued involvement in the A+ Bonus Bucks program!

### PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US



Over the course of the school year, we turn to local businesses for their help in making many of our events a success. Without their generosity, we could not hold some of our most popular events, and other activities would not be as profitable. Please show your appreciation for their support of the PTA by patronizing their establishments.

The following businesses have donated goods or services to a PTA event so far this year:

- Baja Fresh
- Bloom
- Fresh Fields
- Giant
- KAH
- Starbucks
- Trader Joe's

*If you know of a business that has been left off this list, please inform Deedee Jacobsohn <deedee@jacobsohn.org> or Ruth Malloy <ruthieftm@aol.com>. We will run this list regularly in the Harvest.*

### SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL



**Box Tops for Education** is another year-round program that can help the Farmland PTA raise money. Clip, save and send the

box tops to the PTA mailbox.

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For Harvest submissions please send them via email to [ruthieftm@aol.com](mailto:ruthieftm@aol.com)

# Show Your School Spirit!

Order these top quality spiritwear items. Kids love to wear them to school events and they are an excellent way to promote school spirit and pride.



Don't forget brothers and sisters, Moms and Dads!

Our spiritwear will have the design shown printed on them. Samples will be on display at the school. Orders will be delivered in 3 - 4 weeks.

Orders due:

Checks payable to:   
(include payment with order)

Garment Color: Navy  
*Unless noted otherwise*







Imprint Color: Gold & White

### SIZE SUGGESTIONS

### MARYLAND TAX INCLUDED

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<b>SHIRTS</b>	Y-M 10-12	Y-M 10-12	Y-L 14-18	Y-L 14-18	Y-L 14-18	ADULT SMALL	ADULT SMALL	ADULT MEDIUM	ADULT LARGE
<b>PANTS</b>	Y-S 8-8	Y-S 8-8	Y-M 10-12	Y-M 10-12	Y-L 14-18	Y-L 14-18	Y-L 14-18	ADULT SMALL	ADULT LARGE

**!** Because these are custom made items we cannot accept returns or exchanges for incorrect sizes ordered.

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## The Farmland Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Needs Your Support!

Dear Farmland Family,

The PTA has a significant impact on the way Farmland functions. Joining the PTA shows your support for our school. You can show your support by attending PTA meetings, working on an activity or event, and of course by paying your annual membership dues. For just \$10.00 a year your membership gives you a vote at PTA meetings and also includes dues for the state and national PTA organizations, strengthening our advocacy for all children.

Your dues and your involvement help support the following PTA functions:

- Communication between parents, teachers, and administration
- School assemblies and cultural arts programs
- Staff appreciation
- Social and fund raising events including : Fall Festival, Carnival, Farmland Follies, Bingo, Book Fair, and Gift Wrap Sale
- Literary magazine and the Science Fair
- Sponsorship of special classes including our foreign language program (FLES), class piano, Mad Science and Chess Club
- Grants to the Opera, Chorus, and Artist in Residence programs

The PTA provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students. Together we can make a difference.

It's easy to join the PTA. Please complete the form below and return it to the membership table at the Open House in August or to your child's teacher in an envelope marked PTA Membership, along with a check for your dues and any extra donation you would like to make. Please make checks payable to **Farmland PTA**. Your \$10 dues entitle you to a single family membership and one vote. If you have any questions, please contact Meaghan Miller at 301-881-0840, [megmiller2@comcast.net](mailto:megmiller2@comcast.net) or Kate Heald at 301-881-1389, [kate.heald@netzero.net](mailto:kate.heald@netzero.net)

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Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name

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Dues enclosed (\$10)                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount                        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed                         \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!!!