



PTA Express

Forest Park PTA Newsletter
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Get Smart, Stay Fit and Join PTA!

President's message

Wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Forest Park PTA just had our "Muffins for Moms" on Dec 4th. It was a successful event. Many moms came with their little ones and enjoyed the muffins, coffee, and shared a book with their children, in spite of heavy rain that morning.

I would like to thank our hospitality chairs, Shelly Dunn and Reena Balse for making "Muffins for Moms" possible.

We have planned many exciting events such as "Bagels for Dads", "Movie Night", "Science Night", and "Health and Safety Night". Please look forward for the information and the RSVP fliers that will come home with your child's Friday folder.

Please e-mail me if you have any suggestions or questions. Looking forward to hearing from you all.
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Happy Holidays!
Shobana Ramamurthi
President

Volunteer News

We would like to thank the following parents for volunteering their valuable time on Dec 4th for "Muffins for Moms":

Anupama Saraf, Meenakshi Umesh and Lalitha Sakleshpur.

Special thanks to Lalitha Sakleshpur our web administrator for doing a terrific job with our Forest Park PTA website. Please visit us at

<http://www.forestparkpta.org>

Keep up the great work Lalitha!

Upcoming Events

20 December 2007 - Winter Concert in MPR @ 7pm
24 - 31 December 2007 - Winter Break

1 - 4 January 2008 - Winter Break

15 January 2008 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm in Room 304

16 January 2008 - Bagels for Dads in MPR 7:45am - 8:30am

17 January 2008 - Coffee with the Principal in Library @2:15pm

21 January 2008 - MLK Jr. Holiday

25 January 2008 - Movie Night in MPR @6.30pm for grades K-3

1 February 2008 - Movie Night in MPR @6.30pm for grades 4-6

Membership News

Happy Holidays to all our members!

This year we are happy that we have a large number of new members. We have surpassed our membership over last year! Your joining PTA will definitely benefit the school programs and your children's classrooms.

Membership cards will be sent to your children's classrooms in a few days, and will come home in their backpacks. We would like to apologize for the delay as we have been working with a new national system for the first time this year. Your patience has been appreciated.

We look forward to the New Year with our members. We would also like to encourage more parents to join, so that each family may enjoy the programs available at Forest Park. Simply present your cards and you will enter for free at any PTA sponsored event!

Thank you for your help in making our PTA a success in 2007-2008!

- Chantel Costello & Karla Knema
Membership Co-Chairs

Fundraising Update

Thank you all for supporting our Holiday Fundraiser. We did not raise as much money as last year's Holiday Fundraiser!

We have been steadily receiving checks of matching donations, and we would like to thank everyone who participated in their company's matching donation program.

Please remember to cut out your Box Tops and send them to your classroom teacher. Also, register your Safeway card number at <http://www.escrip.com>, for your school to get funds.

Have a wonderful Winter Break.

Thank you,
Anu Saraf and Jyoti Patel
Fundraising Chairs

Reflection Winners

Our heartiest congratulations to the following students whose reflection entries were chosen to go to the next level of judging at the Fremont council. We received a total of 54 entries and the following 19 students' artwork was chosen by our judges to go to the next level.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank each and every student who participated in the reflections program. Their beautiful art work will be displayed in the hall ways of our school during January and February.

Chitra Jayaraman and Sharmila Roy
Reflection Co-chairs
Forest Park PTA 2007-08

Literature

Nitya Kondapalli	Grade 1
Sonia Sakleshpur	Grade 2
Pranav Nagarajan	Grade 2
Rebecca John	Grade 3
Garima Raheja	Grade 5
Sara Ye	Grade 4
Ramola Baviskar	Grade 6
Nithya Damodharan	Grade 6

Visual Arts

Nitya Kondapalli	Grade 1
Ishani Pandya	Grade 1
Sneha Patkar	Grade 5
Sara Ye	Grade 4
Akshatha Silas	Grade 4
Vignesh Ramachandran	Grade 6

Photography

Trisha Agrawal	Grade 5
Sonia Sakleshpur	Grade 2
Neha Nene	Grade 5

Film/Video

Varshini P	Grade 6
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Musical Compositions

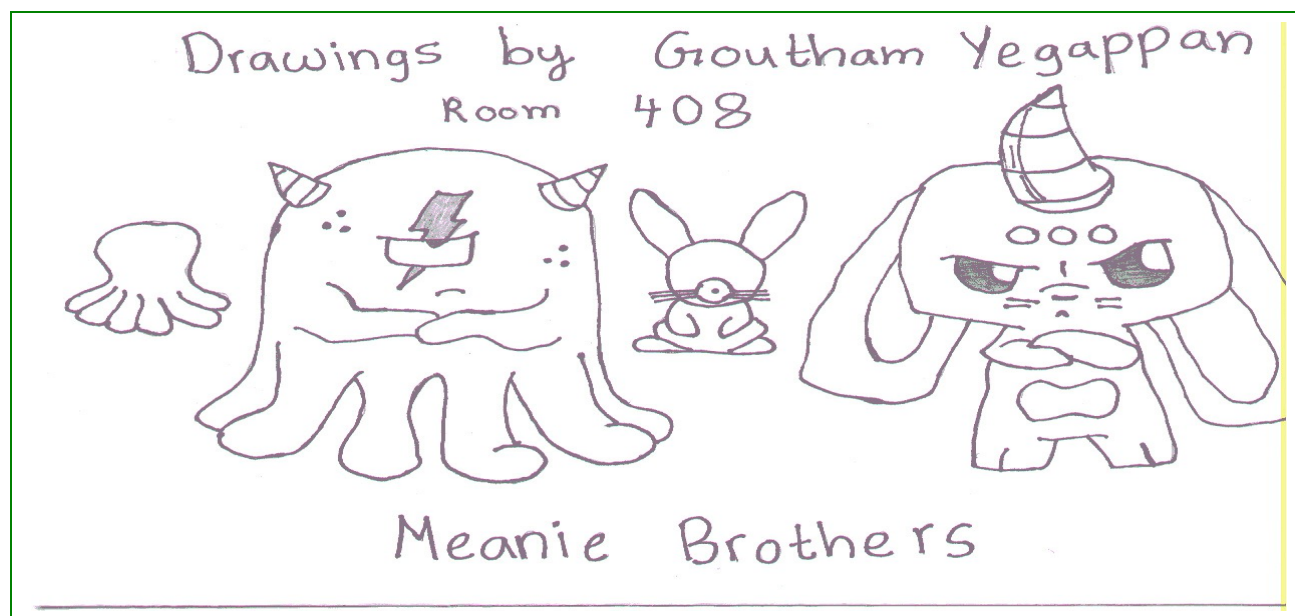
Nitin Nuthikattu	Grade 5
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Students Section

Here are some entries chosen from the work submitted by this year's fourth graders.

Next, it is the third graders' turn! All **third grade entries** for the February PTA newsletter are due by **Friday, 18th of January 2008**. Once again, the categories are Poetry, Comic strip, Drawing, and Fiction. Entries must not be longer than half a page. Cartoons and drawings must be done on plain white paper, preferably in black or blue ink.

Congratulations and thank you to this month's participants for their wonderful work!



Diwali

By Hely Goswami, Room 403

The sweet smell of flowers,
The colorful Rangolies,
Diwali is here.

Firecrackers are heard,
Candles are lit,
Children play,
With friends and family.

Traditional food to eat,
Presents are given,
We pray to the Gods,
For the Grand Festival of Lights,
Diwali is here.

Turkey trouble

By Medha Jayaraman, Room 403

It was the month of November
Till now perky turkey was a happy camper
But he knew this life of bliss
Couldn't forever, last like this.
He figured something was amiss
When, from his friends he got a goodbye kiss.
One day when he was in deep slumber
He heard a Bam! A hunter with a bad temper
Put a damper on perky Turkey!!

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The hidden treasure

By Saurabh Kamble, Room 407

Once a boy named Andrew had a mean neighbor named Mr.Hess. Mr.Hess made Andrew rake his leaves everyday. One day when Andrew was raking the leaves he found a bottle with some paper in it. So he sneaked back into the house, and into his room. When he took the paper out, some light came out! Out of the light a key flipped out, and then Andrew read what the paper had written on it.

It read, "Far in Antarctica lay an enchanted door. Go in it to find the clue for the treasure." Andrew decided he would go find the clue for the treasure, but how? Then he had an excellent idea! He had an uncle who had his own helicopter. He asked his mom if he could go. Good thing it was almost winter holidays. His mom said he could go as long as he stays with his uncle.

From that day onward Andrew was busy as a bee. He packed up everything he needed from toothbrushes to clothes. Finally, it was time to go to Antarctica! When Andrew entered helicopter he had a feeling that this would be a dangerous journey. Then his uncle who owned the helicopter came in and said, "Buckle up" Then Andrew said bye to his family and off they flew. They had to fly up quite high. Then they started lowering until some fog came. Luckily they saw some land coming. When they landed there was no snowstorm. Andrew took the key that flipped out of the piece of paper into his pocket. Then Andrew and his uncle went off to look for the enchanted door!

Then Andrew and his uncle started walking into the snow. Soon a small snow blizzard came, then it turned bigger, but they still walked on, and on. Soon a big ice wall came upon them. Somewhere in the ice wall Andrew saw a door. Then they both went inside the door and saw some stairs. They went up those stairs. At the end of the stairs there was a chest. Using the key Andrew had in his pocket, he opened the chest. Then in there he saw another piece of paper. He took out that paper and some light came and a key flipped out. The paper read, "Go down the stairs out into the snow and right next to the door, dig two feet and there you will find the treasure." Then they both went back to the snow and right next to the door, they dug two feet down into the snow. When they finished digging, they found a chest. Andrew used the key to open the chest. There he found lots of gold! So Andrew and his uncle took the treasure back to the helicopter and went back to their home. Then after a few months Andrew and his family moved to New York City. There he had a friend who is his neighbor. And most of all, he didn't have a neighbor who made him rake his garden ever again!

Jaguars in a forest

By Kavyasri Ravikanti, Mrs.Huggins' class

