



# PTA Express

## Forest Park PTA Newsletter

### February 2008

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### Get Smart, Stay Fit and Join PTA!

#### President's message

Hope you all had a terrific holiday season and you are well rested and ready for a brand new year. First, I would like to share the awesome news about one of our students VARSHINI PARTHASARATHY, whose work in the field of movie making has made us all very proud. Her Reflections submission in the moviemaking category has been chosen by the Peralta district to represent us in the State level. You Rock, Varshini! A special thanks to our Reflections chairs Chitra Jayaraman and Sharmila Roy for bringing this program to our school. They were enthusiastic and diligent in making sure that all the entries were judged fairly. In spite of their full time work and family commitments they did full justice to the job. Congratulations on a job well done!

We have been extremely busy this January. We have had Respect Week, Bagels for Dads, Coffee with the Principal and Movie Nights.

Respect week was a success and I would like to thank our Harmony committee chairs, Sonal Minawala and Meenakshi Umesh for their extraordinary work and their valuable time. Throughout the year they organized many events such as Red Ribbon week, United Nations day and Respect week. They showed great work ethics and dedication, and brought a lot of positive energy to our PTA.

We thank Mrs. Miller for her innovative idea " Bagels for dads". It provided dads with a unique opportunity to be involved in their kids school life. It was well attended and had overwhelming positive response. We also would like to thank Mrs. Gifford for opening her library to all the kids and their dads. Last but not least, special thanks to our hospitality chairs Shelly Dunn and Reena Balse for making this event possible.

Look forward for the following events in the near future - "Family Fitness Night", " Science Night" and "International Night". If you are not a member yet, please join us now and enjoy these events for free.

Our PTA is the only one in the Fremont council to host "Coffee with the Principal" every month. We do this to encourage communication between parents and the school administration. Please make use of these events to stay in touch with Mrs. Miller and use this opportunity to share your concerns and suggestions.

Sincerely,  
Shobana Ramamurthi  
President

#### Upcoming Events

- 1 - Movie Night for Grades 3-6 in MPR @ 6:30pm
- 11 - Staff Development Day (No School)
- 18 - Presidents' Day Holiday
- 19 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm in Room 304
- 20 - Coffee with the Principal in Library @ 8:30am

#### Membership News

This New Year 2008 brings exciting events and news for our PTA members. By now, you should have received your membership cards. Please keep them with you so that when there is a PTA event at the school, you can present your card and enter to enjoy the free events planned for Forest Park this year.

If you haven't joined the PTA yet, it is still not too late to join. Your membership benefits your child and our school and gives you a voice in school improvements on the local, state and national levels.

You can find out more about what PTA has to offer by visiting our website at:

<http://www.forestparkpta.org>

New members will soon be invited to join our PTA Yahoo groups. Meanwhile, read information about the PTA, school news and events at this website

Movie night for Grades 3 thru 6 is planned for Friday evening, February 1. Bring your cards! If you don't have them, we will still have a list of members' names at the entrance.

Have a great year!

- Chantel Costello and Karla Knema  
Membershin Co-Chairs

#### Reflections: We have a winner!!!

Our very own Varshini Parthasarathy, whose reflections entry was selected to compete at the Peralta level has now been selected to go to the State level. Congratulations Varshini...way to go!! Keep your video cameras rolling!!!! Best Wishes!!

Chitra Jayaraman and Sharmila Roy  
Reflections Co-Chairs

### Movie Night Volunteers

Movie night for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was a huge success thanks to the effort and dedication of the following people: Janet Thompson, Shobana Ramamurthi, Nivi Gupta, Sanil Gupta, Saanya Gupta, Anupama Saraf, Sridevi Ganti, Chantel Costello, Jason Costello, Hiu Ng, Michael Ng, Sonal Minawala, Meenakshi Umesh, Shelly Dunn, Ketki Thanawala, Salonee Thanawala, Suveena Thanawala, Kavita Agrawal, Trisha Agrawal, Suneeta Nagaram, Anita Banarjee, Raghu Sakleshpur, Sonia Sakleshpur, Sandip Gupta and Ciny Joy. Special thanks to Mr.Thornley for helping us setup all the equipment.

Lalitha Sakleshpur.  
Event Organizer and PTA Secretary

### Founder's Day Nominations

Join us in honoring those people who have dedicated their invaluable time and patience for the welfare of our children. Fremont Council PTA will honor these people at a Luncheon on the occasion of Founder's Day. Forest Park PTA will also honor these nominees during the PTA Meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Founder's Day Nominations form has been sent in the Friday Folders and is also available on the PTA website at <http://www.forestparkpta.org/foundersday.html> Please turn in your nominations before Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, via the web or to your classroom teacher. Thank you for your time.

Founder's Day Committee.

### Students Section

Here are the entries submitted by the third graders. Congratulations and thank you to this month's participants for their wonderful work!



By Yash Desai, Mrs.Munro's class.

#### CHRISTMAS

*By Bhavana Kunisetty  
Mrs.Munro's class*

Christmas is here  
My favorite time of the year  
When Santa is in his sleigh  
Can he forget his way  
Outside the snow is falling  
And friends are calling  
Snowmen are fun  
Children are on the run  
Don't unwrap your presents yet  
Because you'll be caught in Santa's net  
I love this season  
And there's no reason  
To not like Christmas at all!

Next, it is the second graders' turn! All **second grade entries** for the March PTA newsletter are due by **Friday, 22nd of February 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.