



PTA Express

Forest Park PTA Newsletter

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Get Smart, Stay Fit and Join PTA!

President's message

Hello All,

Spring break is almost here and half of our students have already taken their writing assessment test. Hope everyone did a terrific job. Our PTA has reached seven hundred members and we are proud to say this is the highest in the last five years.

Our Movie night was a huge hit! Thanks to Lalitha Sakleshpur, Nivi Gupta and Anupama Saraf for organizing and making this event possible.

It is time to select our next year's PTA board. If you are interested in serving Forest Park PTA kindly stop by the office and pick up the application form for the following positions:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Historian.

As per the survey results, this year we will have International Night during the first week of June and look out for the participation forms in the Friday folder next week. This is a great chance to showcase our kids' talents and celebrate our diversity. Please do not miss this opportunity to participate in this one of a kind event. Have a great spring break!

Sincerely,
Shobana Ramamurthi
President

Upcoming Events

11 – Math Festival. Math Night in MPR @ 6:30pm
18 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm in Room 304
19 - Coffee with the Principal in the Library @ 8:30am
20 – School Variety Show
21 - Holiday - No School
24 - 28 - Spring Break

Membership News

Membership numbers for our PTA has reached 700! Congratulations to Forest Park parents for taking the opportunity for joining the PTA!! Remember to keep your cards with you, so that when there is a PTA sponsored event, you will be able to show your card and enter for free! With your membership, you have helped your children's classroom, the teachers and events at Forest Park. It is still is NOT TOO LATE to join! If you have not yet joined, please contact Chantel Costello at MsCosti@aol.com, or come into the front office to complete a form. It costs \$9.00 per parent, or \$15.00 per couple.

Remember to access our PTA website at:
<http://www.forestparkpta.org>

Have a great year!
- Chantel Costello and Karla Knema
Membership Co-Chairs

Reflections

All the "Reflections 2008" entries have been displayed in the hallway outside the computer lab, and towards the 200 wing. Take a look at the awesome artwork, and the great writing skills of Forest Park Students, the next time you happen to be at school. Each of the participants will receive a medal in the very near future. We will inform the parents via e-mail about the date, time, and venue.

Chitra Jayaraman and Sharmila Roy
Reflections Co-Chairs

Thank You, Movie Night volunteers!

Movie Night for 3rd – 6th graders on February 1st was a huge success. The kids enjoyed watching Disney/Pixar's Ratatouille as they munched on chocolate chip cookies and fruit snacks. Thanks to the following people who helped out at Movie Night: Chantel Costello, Sridevi Ganti, Jyothi Patel, Sonal Minawala, Shelly Dunn, Reena Balse, Kavita Agrawal, Aditi Honawar, Shobana Ramamurthi, Nivi Gupta, Anupama Saraf, Janet Thompson, Ciny Joy, Chitra Jayaraman and the numerous 5th and 6th graders who helped distribute the snack packs.

Lalitha Sakleshpur
PTA Secretary & Event Organizer.

ForestPark PTA YahooGroups mailing list

If you are a PTA member and are not receiving emails from the ForestParkPTA Yahoo Groups mailing list, then go online to our PTA homepage at <http://www.forestparkpta.org> and add yourself to the list. The mailing list is a great way to stay in touch with all that is happening at Forest Park. The list is moderated and is restricted to PTA members only.

Lalitha Sakleshpur
PTA Secretary & Web Admin.

FAMEous

The second sets of projects have been a success with the students! The two projects are Charles Schulz ("Peanuts") with Ludwig Van Beethoven, and Diego Rivera with Francisco Soler. The school hallways are full of Snoopy and the Gang cartoons, along with colorful murals based on California. Many thanks to Beena Nawani, for putting together the Charles Schulz / Beethoven presentation and art project. Watch this space for news about the next set of exciting projects!

Anjana Desai & Sharmila Roy

Founder's Day Service Award Winners

Founders Day (February 17th) is a time to renew the dedication to the purposes of the PTA that was defined by PTA's Founders more than a century ago. Each year in February, Forest Park PTA honors three individuals who have been dedicated advocates for children. Forest Park PTA is pleased to announce the 2007 -2008 Founder's Day Service Award Honorees:

School Staff Award Recipient: Mrs. Barbara Gifford.

PTA Parent Award Recipient: Shobana Ramamurthi.

Community Service Leader Award Recipient: Kids Castle.

Here's what some of the parents, teachers and staff members had to say about these three Awardees:

Shobana Ramamurthi :

"....she has brought in innovative ideas to Forest Park PTA, helped increase membership and has helped resolve issues in a timely manner."

"....with her busy schedule, she still makes time for the PTA."

"....her passion for working for the school and kids is unparalleled and she is a great person to work with."

Mrs. Barbara Gifford :

"....She single-handedly setup the school library to what it is today."

"....she guides students on what books to read and is very helpful with their projects, thus helping them get good grades."

"...she is dedicated to making children read more."

Ketan Patel, Kids Castle :

"...Generously offers donations to all PTA events."

"...Unlike other places, Kids Castle gave back 75% to Science Camp Fundraiser."

"....always willing to help out financially at all PTA events."

These Honorees were awarded plaques at a special reception held by the Forest Park PTA in their honor, on February 19th. They were also invited to a special luncheon hosted by the Fremont Council PTA on February 28th. Congratulations to the three award winners and a special thanks to all the parents and school staff who sent in their nominations!

Mrs.Munro, Mrs Brandon, Kavita Agrawal, Reena Balse, and Lalitha Sakleshpur.

Founders Day Committee Members.

Students Section

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

Next, it is the first graders' turn! All **first grade entries** for the April PTA newsletter are due by **Thursday, 20th of March 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.



Spring is here

*By Rohan Arora,
Room 302, Ms. Gilbert's class*

Spring is here,
Fun time of the year.
Children are playing, and trees are swaying.
Bees are buzzing, and birds are singing,
It is nice to hear Ice-cream bells ringing.
Winds are blowing, and streams are flowing,
Flowers are growing, and spring colors are showing.
There is beauty all around, from the sky to the ground.

Chess

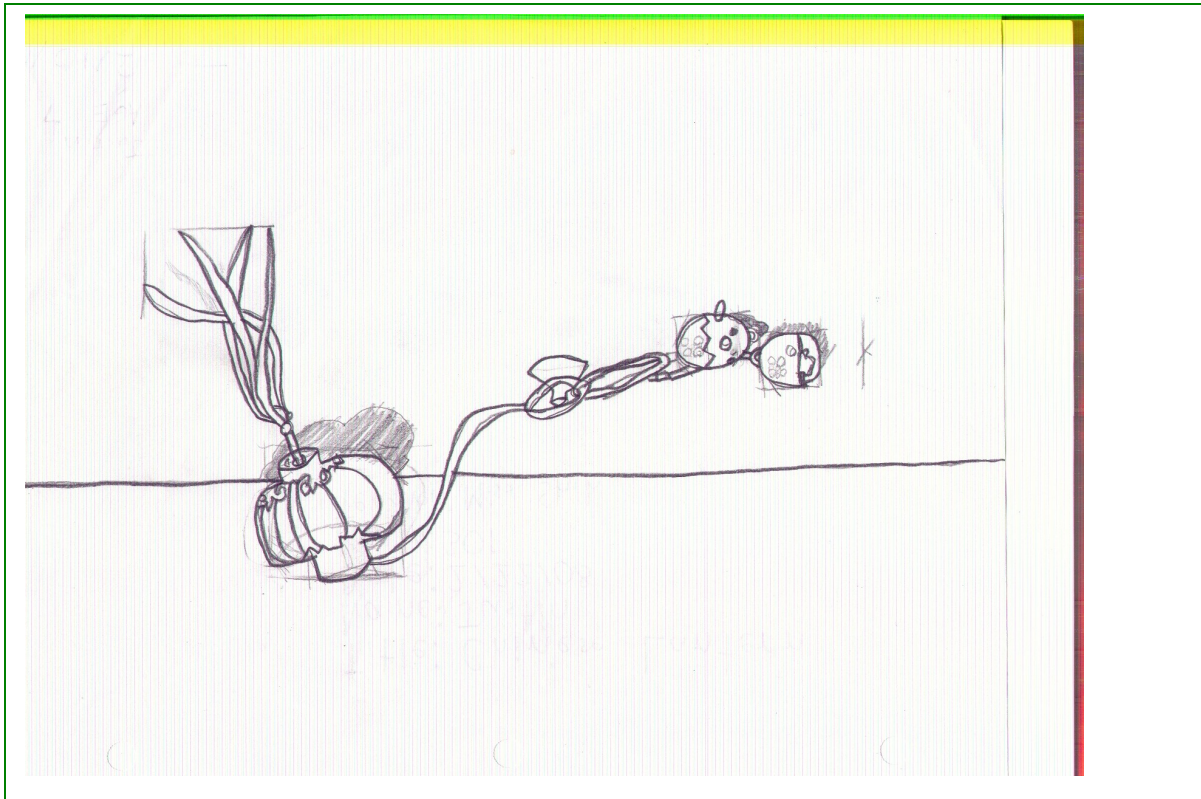
*By Pranav Nagarajan
Room 302, Ms. Gilbert's class*

The game of chess is what I like
You don't have to bike, hike, or talk in a mike,
There are 32 pieces that are not alike.
You can play anywhere still
The game sure needs thinking skills.
The pieces can move up, down, sideways and diagonally,
They all use their powers until the finale.
Playing chess is what I like.

Chinese Lantern

By Justin,

Room 301, Ms. Shih's class



Small Deeds, Big Difference

By Sonia Sakleshpur,

Mrs. Likens class

These are some of the things that I do,
To make this world better for me and you.

I recycle, to continue the food cycle,
I reuse, until it is no longer of use.
I reduce, so there is less to lose,
I rot all the organic lot.

I try to be honest, so I stand out from the rest,
I'm responsible, so that I can be dependable.
My friends, I respect, because that is what they expect,
The more I care, I make my enemies rare.

So, it is plain to see,
Without me, a better world it would not be.