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November 2015

Happy November!

It's been a very busy fall so far. Our students diligently created some really unique and vibrant squares for our **Square 1 Art fundraiser** (see *Square 1 Art Fundraiser Recap*, other side) and should be receiving their products very soon. We hope your families are able to enjoy their **unique art** this holiday season!

In late October, **Flying Deer Nature Center** was here to provide grade-appropriate nature explorations for **Grades K-6**. The students seemed to enjoy themselves while learning interesting new things about nature (and themselves!). Devin of **Flying Deer** commented on how impressed he was with our students for their level of interest and their behavior—something they should all be proud of!

We are currently hosting our **online book fair** through **Children's Bookstore** until

November 23rd. Be sure to visit frrsd-pta.childrensbookstore.com before then—we **earn 30% on all sales, which will be used to purchase new books!** Any friends or family members who don't live nearby can also shop our Book Fair; just share the link with them! **Don't have internet access at home? Join us on Friday, November 20th at 5:30pm for FREE Family Fun Night**—including pizza, a presentation on bird rehabilitation and a chance to shop online at our stations in the library!

See sidebar with **Fall Events Calendar** for details ➡

Thank you, Happy Thanksgiving to all, and we look forward to seeing you at our **Family Fun Event!**

Best,

wendy



Photos, courtesy Wendy Berman

Students out exploring a nature site behind our school; examining details and learning about leaf identification with Devin from Flying Deer Nature Center



FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming PTA Meetings

Dec 3, 2015

Thursdays at 3:15pm, School Library

Child Care Available During PTA Meetings!

We hope you'll join us! If you plan to attend PTA meetings, please send your child with a note stating they will be staying after school. Students are to meet Karen Yvon at the benches outside the gym.

Children's Online Book Fair

Ends Monday, Nov 23

One more week to order **fun reads** with the online **Children's Bookstore!** Order at home or attend our **FREE Family Fun Night** and order in the library!

★ FREE Family Fun Night ★

This week – Friday, November 20

Please join us for a **FREE Pizza Party** in the cafeteria at 5:30 pm, plus a special **bird rehabilitation presentation** by **Arlene Kiesler** in the gym at 6:30 pm! Also, shop our **Children's Online Book Fair** in the **library!** All families and staff of FRRSD are welcome to attend. Please **RSVP to pta@frrsd.org**, or via flyer sent home this week by Thursday the 19th.

Dessert donations are welcome!

Holiday Shop

December 10 & 11

Details on the other side of this page!

Annual Winter Ski Program

Begins January 2016

Otis Ridge and the PTA are partnering once again to offer great ski lesson package discounts—stay tuned for details!

“A house is not a home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body.” —Benjamin Franklin



CURRENT FUNDRAISING EVENT: ONLINE BOOKSTORE



Our Children's Bookstore Online Book Fair will be coming to a close on **Monday, November 23rd**—be sure to make your book purchases before then at frsd-pta.childrensbookstore.com! It's a great way to do some holiday shopping before the rush, and **30% of every book purchase comes back to our school!** Students in the upper grades will be coming home with "Wish Lists," if they haven't already.

All profits will be put toward new books for our school!



SQUARE 1 ART FUNDRAISER RECAP

\$3,974 in Sales / Profit of \$1,311! Profit will be allocated to each classroom according to their sales; 50% is saved for 6th Grade Field Trip, the other 50% can be spent by the teacher this year to enrich the classroom! Congratulations to the following:

Classroom with Highest Average Sales per Student:

Mrs. Farella's 2nd Graders – \$919 in Sales

Average Sales per Student: \$54.44

Prize: Pizza Party provided by PTA!

Students with Highest Sales:

Landon Havens: PreK – \$364

Logan Pease: Grade 2 – \$264

Thatcher Berman: Grade 4 – \$257

All three will receive a gift certificate for a free kid's pizza at 51 Park in Lee!

Overall participation rate was 63%! Thank you to all students and parents that contributed to the success of Square 1 Art!

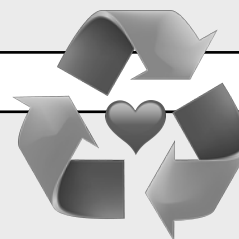
ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOP: DEC 10 & 11

We are happy to announce the return of our annual **Holiday Shop!** Children really enjoy being able to **hand-pick affordable gifts** for their **family members, friends, pets or teachers!** We set up a store in the Art Room at school and "stock the shelves" with relatively inexpensive gifts; items range from just \$1 to \$5. Children really enjoy the thoughtful process of being able to select gifts for their loved ones! They also get to practice budgeting and keeping a personal shopping list which they themselves organize. Our team of merry helpers are on hand to assist children, and two of your child's gifts will even be wrapped for them!
Open for two days: Thursday, December 10 and Friday, December 11. Parents and guardians of preschoolers are welcome to accompany their child; visiting hours announced soon. On Friday, Dec. 11, the **Holiday Shop** traditionally remains open later for parents, guardians, teachers and children if you wish to stop by for treats, browsing fun and bargains!



- Volunteers needed to help organize and serve dinner at Family Fun Night on Friday, November 20. Also looking for dessert donations—email pta@frsd.org.
- Kathy Adams is seeking volunteers to help with the annual Holiday Shop Dec 10 & 11. We need gift wrappers and helpers on the floor to assist kids with shopping lists and budgets! It's tremendously merry fun, and the kids love it! Be on the lookout for a Volunteer Signup schedule, coming soon!
- Thank you to Kathy Adams, Jon & Wendy Berman, Kathy Couch, Kelly Couch, Sherry DeCelle, Craig & Jess Drenga, Kelly Kennedy, Aimee Magovern, Ilona Packie and Stacey Schultze for their assistance and donations for the Staff Dinner held during Parent-Teacher Conferences!
- Thank you to Ashley Nelson (mom to Madison in Pre-K and Logan in Grade 1) for volunteering to assist Mary Turo with the Author Book Sale in December!

We welcome your input!
 Please get in touch with us at pta@frsd.org for more information, to become involved, or if you're interested in helping with any of these efforts.



DONATE & FIND WANTED ITEMS

Our own Karen Yvon operates *K's Kloset* where she welcomes donations, works to fill people's wish lists (think winter clothing and boots!) and connects donors with those who are looking for larger items (think furniture)

FOR FREE! Her inventory is always changing, so email her at kay239@gfluniverse.org or call 413-848-2507 to arrange a donation, make a request or schedule a pick-up.