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**March 2016**

And suddenly, it's March!

We have a lot of good news to report this month – so let's get right to it, starting with our **Cash Calendar Fundraiser!** The daily drawings are underway and are being communicated via email at the end of each week. Winners are also posted on the school web site and on the PTA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/frrsdpta/>). Drawings will continue through April 1st!

We are pleased to report that we have reached a new all time high in sales of Cash Calendars – \$13,440, with a **net profit of \$12,515!** Thank you to all of the families, students and staff who so actively participated. Our top sellers were Connor Lewis (\$1,450), Kelly Couch (\$1,290), and Cole Kennedy (\$740). Ms. Beham and Mrs. Decker were the staff members with the highest sales at \$220 and \$190! A special thank you to Sherry DeCelle for leading the charge on this, as well as Dawn Lemon for assisting with securing donations for the calendar, Mrs. Packie for facilitating distribution and collection and to Kwik Print in Great Barrington for producing the calendars cost effectively.

We hosted the Scholastic Book Fair during Read Across America Week for staff and students, and opened to the public on Friday evening. **We're happy to report that we earned \$1,576.78 in Scholastic Dollars,** which will be spent on NEW library books! Thank you to everyone who purchased books or donated cash.

During this week the PTA also coordinated Dr. Seuss' Birthday celebration, where older students read to younger students. Thank you to Kathy Couch and the teachers for coordinating – it's always a favorite. Kathy also treated the staff to Green Eggs and Ham, "Hop

on Pop" corn, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish and Blue Fish, Truffula Trees and trinkets.



Our **Family Fun Night** event on March 4th was a great success – we served pizza to over 80 people, who then were entertained by Bryson Lang, Comedian-Juggler. He had the help of some lovely volunteers and had both the kids and the parents laughing. Thank you to all who joined us!



Coming up next is **Staff Appreciation Week** from Monday, May 2nd through Friday, May 6th, followed by **Screen Free Week** from Monday, May 16th through Friday, May 20th. We'll be asking for volunteers to help in various ways for both of these efforts, so stay tuned to your email for more info!

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## SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

### Upcoming PTA Meetings

**Apr 14 • May 12**

*Held Thursdays at 3:15 pm  
in the School Library*

**We Have Child Care During PTA Meetings!**  
We hope you'll join us! If you plan to attend, 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.

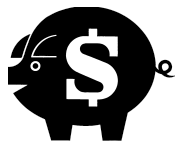
**Staff Appreciation Week**  
Monday May 2 – Friday May 6

**Screen Free Week**  
Monday May 16 – Friday May 20

**1700s Colonial Soldier  
Reenactment  
In The Lower Field**  
Friday May 20 – Sunday May 22  
*by Ye Old Lebanon Militia*

**Field Day**  
Friday June 3  
*Rain Date: Thursday June 2*

**“None of us  
is as smart  
as all of us.”**  
—Ken Blanchard



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[WWW.FRRSD.ORG/PTA/REWARD-PROGRAMS](http://WWW.FRRSD.ORG/PTA/REWARD-PROGRAMS)**



**BOX TOPS: WE'VE RECEIVED OVER \$800 SO FAR THIS YEAR!**

- Don't forget to go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for coupons!
- NEW to Box Tops: Annie's Organics! Be sure to check your Annie's products and clip those Box Tops!
- Always check the expiration date and include your child's name and grade.



**ENDING: LABELS FOR EDUCATION**

- We received notification that this program will end as of June 30th. Please send in your Labels for Education as soon as possible so we can collect! Don't forget to include your child's name and grade.

**MIGHTY NEST: 15% COMES BACK TO US!**

- Lots of great natural, organic and non-toxic products—[www.mightynest.com](http://www.mightynest.com)



**PTA NOMINATIONS**

**May 12 PTA Meeting**

Interested in taking on a more active role in the PTA? Contact the Nominating Committee at [pta@frrsd.org](mailto:pta@frrsd.org). Elections will be held at the May meeting.

**STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

More details coming soon.  
We'll be looking for food donations, volunteers, etc.



**REWIND**

**Fall Online Book Fair**

We circled back to our Fall Online Book Fair to talk about how to spend that profit (\$266). The PTA voted to use these funds to fulfill teacher wish list items that weren't purchased during the Scholastic Book Fair. So not only are we beefing up the library offerings, we've helped grow the classroom libraries, as well. Thank you again to everyone who purchased books during the Online Book Fair!

PLEASE EMAIL [pta@frrsd.org](mailto:pta@frrsd.org) if you have any questions.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CASH CALENDAR WINNERS SO FAR THIS MONTH!**

- March 1 – Lu Hyland (ticket #1226), \$250 Donated in memory of BR
- March 2 – Stephanie McNair (ticket #0935), \$100 Donated by Jody's Floor Sanding 413-269-3528
- March 3 – Phil Hiser, Jr. (ticket #0542), \$100 Donated by Otis Poultry Farm 413-269-4438 & Farmington River Diner 413-269-6874
- March 4 – The Lewis Family (ticket #1366), \$50 Donated by Buck River Farm 413-258-4958
- March 5 – Jack Barros (ticket #1351), \$250 Donated by John Field Tree Services 413-329-6519
- March 6 – Wendy Scott (ticket #0603), \$150 Donated by Tolland Mountain Builders 413-258-4996
- March 7 – Jason Hadsell (ticket #0650), \$50 Donated by A & M Auto 413-258-3381
- March 8 – Chris Hayden (ticket #0279), \$50 Donated by Hair in Otis 413-269-7507
- March 9 – Hank Wingate (ticket #1026), \$200 Donated by an Anonymous Donor
- March 10 – Tadd Fijal (ticket #0598), \$75 Donated by Harvest Moon Realty 413-354-2300
- March 11 – Brenda Vallone (ticket #0536), \$50 Donated by Lakeside Estates Bed, Breakfast & Cottage Rental 413-269-9900
- March 12 – Catherine Barry (ticket #1282), \$75 Donated by Wendy Berman Iron Blender Studios [www.ironblender.com](http://www.ironblender.com)
- March 13 – Daryl Dejordy (ticket #0527), \$100 Donated by The Guidette Family
- March 14 – Susan Paquette (ticket #0675), \$75 Donated by Wood Sculpture by KF Packie 413-281-0591
- March 15 – Robin Morrison (ticket #801), \$75 Donated by Mark Couch Trucking, Driveway Materials & More 413-539-8392
- March 16 – Matt Sinico (ticket #0766), \$50 Donated by KRM Office Equipment 413-568-4444
- March 17 – Aimee Magovern (ticket #319), \$300 Donated by Ameriprise Financial 413-644-3270
- March 18 – Chip Paul (ticket #0944), \$50 Donated by Robert McMahan & Jeanne Randorf
- March 19 – Judy Ullrich (ticket #0378), \$100 Donated by SS Home Improvements 413-563-1483