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Happy New Year! I am hoping that each and every Fairview family enjoyed their time off together and came back to school relaxed, refreshed, and ready to be back in the regular routine.

This is a time of year when lots of people make resolutions. If one of your goals is to make a difference in your child's life and/or the life of someone in your community, Fairview PTA can help you be successful.

You see, we have scores of opportunities to participate in upcoming events - Book Fair, Hot Lunch, Pizza Friday, STC Scholarship, and Science Fair just to name a few. We have lots of wonderful volunteers, but there's a catch: many are 6th grade parents who are leaving at the end of the year.

Would you please consider getting involved THIS YEAR so that next year will be a terrific one for your children? We need you, really!! Whether you work or stay at home, there is a way for you to be involved. Contact me or any of your PTA board members to find out more. If someone is already chairing a committee that appeals to you, give them a call - they'd love to talk with you about what they do and how you can be a part of it.

In our community, we have a fantastic opportunity to help people we don't even know - save a life, even. The STC Blood Drive will be held on February 14th from 1:30-7:30pm at the District Office. To get the time slot you like best, please sign up online at <http://www.heartlandbc.org/>. I am told that roughly only 5% of eligible people actually donate blood. Come be a part of this important effort.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2012!

Ammie Silvestri
Fairview PTA President

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From the desk of the Principal....

Our first week back at school has been wonderful! Students took off learning on the first day. It always amazes me how the students are able to transition and they had to jump right into the core curriculum. Many grade levels are working on probability, geometry, and conversion of numbers between fractions, decimals and percents. Literacy blocks are filled with students focusing on cause and effect, word choice in writing, analyzing text structure and theme. This is just a glimpse into what the students worked on during the first week back. I am sure you will be amazed as the learning that will come about in 2012.

Student-led conferences are a great opportunity for your child to be a vested member of his learning. Students learn to take ownership of their academic growth and become empowered. Some of your students may have discussed their reading goal with you during the conferences. As a parent you may be looking for opportunities to help your child in their learning process. On your child's map report there is a Lexile range listed for your child. This is the range that tells you your child's independent reading level. Parents can help children look for books within that range at <http://www.lexile.com/> or talking to the librarian at the Schaumburg Library. Another resource available for younger readers is a link that is listed on our district website. Many parents are unaware that the district has a link on the website where children can hear a district teacher reading a book at your child's reading level. Once you are on the district website, click on Student Learning, then scroll down to Literacy and click on Literacy. Underneath literacy there is a wide range of resources, but the one that you will want to click on is SD54 Story Ideas. You may choose a reading level for your child and a range of books will be listed. Once you click on a book your child can view a video of a district teacher reading a book. This is a great way to change up story time at home with your child and you are still able to have a discussion about the book afterwards. These are just two resources that are available to parents to assist their child in their independent reading time at home.

Many parents have questions about the variety of testing that takes place within our schools. Some of the tests that take place are required by the state and must be completed. The ISAT test, which takes place in March, is required by the state of Illinois and all students in grades three through eight must participate. These results from the test are generally distributed at the beginning of the next school year. The ACCESS test, which takes place in January and part of February, is administered to all of our second language students currently enrolled in our bilingual program, or to students who parents refused bilingual services and still need to obtain a score that qualifies for transition. The results from the ACCESS test are also distributed at the beginning of the following school year. The MAP test, which the district administers three times a year, is a district assessment that allows us to gauge individual student progress. The test is nationally normed and allows us to see not only how our students are growing academically but how we are doing as instructors. Teachers create goals for students based off of these scores in the fall and monitor their progress with not only the winter and spring test but with classroom assessments. There are other assessments that are given by teachers that assist them in gauging their short-term and long-term content objectives. As with all test, you cannot gauge student progress with only one data point. Our teachers will look at several data points to gauge student current academic level and student growth.

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The winter season is upon us, which often mean unpredictable weather and cold season. It is extremely important that the school office has updated contact information. If your child becomes ill we strive to connect with parents in a timely manner, but this can only happen if we have updated contact information. The updated contact information includes an emergency contact. Your contact information is also important in case inclement weather prevents the district from having school. Our website will be updated with any necessary information, but we also have an automated phone system that will call families to inform them of this information. If any of your information or your emergency contact information has changed please notify the school office.

The cold weather often forces people indoors for several weeks or months. Parents are at times looking for ideas to keep their children busy. Outside of their daily required reading at home there are some fun activities that families can do throughout the winter. Board games are a great pastime that families can participate in. These games not only bring the family together but they also promote reading skills, math skills, and problem solving. If you are looking for some fun outside the home, the Schaumburg Library and the park districts in Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates have some wonderful activities. The activities range from physical activity to art workshops. There seems to be something that all can enjoy.

Have a wonderful January and I look forward to seeing all of you at our student-led conferences.

~ January 2012 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 School Resumes !	4 Hot Lunch Variety Show Tryouts @ Lunch PTA Mtg. @7pm/LRC	5 Variety Show Tryouts @ Lunch SD54 School Bd. Mtg. @7pm	6 Pizza Friday Spiritwear "Blue & Gold" Variety Show Tryouts @ Lunch	7
8	9 Variety Show Tryouts @ Lunch	10 Book Fair Variety Show Tryouts @ Lunch	11 Hot Lunch Book Fair	12 1/2 Day - Parent-Teacher Conf. No EC or Kdg. & No School in PM Book Fair	13 Parent Teacher Conferences Conference No School	14
ACCESS Testing for ELLs						
15	16 No School - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day	17 Band Concert @ Keller Jr. High 7pm	18 Hot Lunch	19 D54 School Bd. Mtg. @7pm	20 Spiritwear "Blue & Gold" Pizza Friday Market Day Pick-Up/Gym @ 4:00-5:00pm	21
ACCESS Testing for ELLs						
22	23	24	25 Hot Lunch	26 F/T - EC@8:40 - St. Alexius Cultural Arts Assembly@ 10:30 (KA, 1, 2, 3) F/T - EC @ 11:55 - St. Alexius Cultural Arts Assembly@ 1:30 (KP, 3/4/, 4, 5, 5/6, 6)	27 6th Grade Camp All Day Spiritwear "Country Western Day" Young Athletes - EC/Gym 8:45 & 12:20 Pizza Friday	28
ACCESS Testing for ELLs						
29	30	31	Notes:			
ACCESS Testing for ELLs						

~ February 2012 ~						
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			1 Hot Lunch PTA Mtg. @ 7pm/LRC	2 D54 School Bd. Mtg. @7pm	3 Pizza Friday Spiritwear "Blue & Gold" PTA General Mtg. & Totally 80's Party	4
ACCESS Testing for ELLs						
5	6 Falcon Forum Assembly @ 1:30	7 Variety Show Rehearsal @ 3:00-5:30/Gym Early Childhood - Non Attendance Day!	8 1/2 Day Inservice - No School in Afternoon No EC or Kdg 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert @ Mead 7pm	9 Variety Show Rehearsal w/ Stage and Lights 3:00-5:30 Gym	10 Pizza Friday Spiritwear "Blue & Gold" Variety Show Performance @ 1:00pm/Gym Variety Show Evening Performance @ 7-8:30/Gym	11
ACCESS Testing for ELLs						
12	13	14 PTA Blood Drive	15 Hot Lunch	16 D54 School Bd. Mtg. @7pm	17 Pizza Friday Spiritwear "Blue & Gold" Young Athletes - EC/Gym 8:45-9:15 & 12:20-12:40 M. Day Pick-Up/Gym 4- Foundation's Mardi Gras & Casino Night	18
19	20 Presidents Day - No School	21	22 Hot Lunch	23 Kindergarten Registration	24 End of the Second Trimester Spiritwear "Crazy Hair Day" Pizza Friday	25
26	27	28	29 Hot Lunch	Notes:		

DID YOU KNOW... The Illinois PTA publishes its Bill List, *In Brief*, of the Illinois General Assembly?

The Illinois PTA will routinely update the list, including bills newly introduced, assigned to committees, amendments affecting our position, as well as bills that have special significance for education, education funding, juvenile justice, and health/safety concerns to Illinois PTA members.

For more information, see <http://www.illinoispta.org/Legislation.html>



In an effort to eliminate waste and to “take back our backpacks,” District 54 shares information about community events with our students and families through our Virtual Backpack.

We know that parents are interested in extracurricular activities. At the same time, we don’t want the homework, letters from the teachers, school news and other important district information to get lost among the countless other pieces of paper in our students’ backpacks.

Parents who wish to stay informed about community activities for children will be able to view the flyers from nonprofit organizations on our district’s website.

Organizations wishing to post a flyer on this site should review [Flyer Guidelines](#) and then email a pdf document to [Community Relations Director Terri McHugh](#).

<http://sd54.org/virtualbackpack>



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1 can make.

Free Money for Fairview -- Box tops and Labels

Please clip and send those hot pink Box tops for Education and Labels for Education!

Check your tissue boxes, plastic wrap, cereal, soup cans etc.

The funds from this program support peer mediators, patrols and additions to the Fairview reading room.

Help Wanted !!!

Hot Lunch Chair/Co-Chair:

Want to serve in a vital role for the Wednesday's Hot Lunch program? It's a great way to get involved and meet other Fairview parents.

If you are interested, email me at sandyoh58@yahoo.com.



Five Stars for Seussical the Musical Play Reviews from Room 109
(unedited)

I give this play 4 stars. My favorite part of the play was the dancing and singing. I liked this part of the play because the dancing was entertaining and the singing was nice to listen to. My favorite character was JoJo because she saved Whoville from getting destroyed. I think everyone should see this play because it was very entertaining and fun to watch. It also might teach you a lesson or two. - *by Marissa N.*

I give this play 5 stars. My favorite part of the play was when Horton had an egg. Do elephants have eggs? I liked this part because Horton the elephant had an egg. Isn't that crazy? He was my favorite character because he was funny. - *by Ava M.*

I give this play 5 stars. My favorite part was when Horton the elephant heard the desperate cries of the Whos on the tiny speck of dust. I liked this part because it made me laugh. My favorite characters were the Wickersham Brothers. I liked the way they sang and danced. I think everyone should go see this play because it was so amazing. I want to watch it every day. - *by Aldo M.*

I give this play 5 stars. My favorite part was when the dancers were dancing. I liked this part because there were loud sounds and background with the songs . It had real stories from Dr. Seuss, like Horton Hears A Who. Jo Jo was my favorite character because she sang nice. I think everyone should see this play because they were acting exactly the way the book said. They looked delightful when they danced. - *by Aditi*

I give this play 5 stars. My favorite part of the play was when Dr. Seuss did Dr. Seuss news! I liked this part because it was funny and cool. My favorite character was JoJo because she sang so many songs. I think everyone should go see this play because it was funny and so awesome and the best show on earth! If you see it you will be amazed and surprised. - *by Peyton.*



Congratulations to all of the Fairview Reflections Participants. We had a total of 54 Reflections projects with 11 literature pieces, 9 photography pieces, and 34 visual arts projects. Fairview had one of the highest numbers of projects submitted to the Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs.

I want to congratulate the following students who had projects that moved onto the PTA District 37 level of judging (which covers all of the school districts in the Northwest suburbs): Vivek, Gracie, Sydney, Vinusha, Aneesh, Archisha, Ankit, Nyle, Gawain, Shiv, Julia, Matthew, Smriti, Rachel, Amy, Satyam, and Daniel.

Once we receive all of the projects back from further judging, they will be on display for the whole school to enjoy. Thank you for your support of the PTA Reflections Program!

HOT LUNCH CHANGE:

There is **no Hot Lunch on Wednesday, March 28th** as it is Spring Break that week. That date should be **Wednesday, March 21st**.



Reading Recognition

Ending in January!

Orbit Roller Skating Party

Encourage kids to keep up on their reading minutes! Anyone who read the required minutes from November through January gets invited to the Fairview skating party at Orbit on February 18th.

Chicago Bears *Tales to Tackle* Open to 6th Graders!

Notebooks are due at the end of January! Read and report on 3 books per month to get a chance to visit Halas Hall in Lake Forest.

Six Flags Great America *Read to Succeed*

Complete 6 hours of recreational reading (not related to homework or class assignments) and earn a free admission to Six Flags Great America. The program began in December and continues until February 17th. Specific program information and the forms can be found on the website.

Check out our website to get program information and forms:

<http://fairview.sd54.org/pta/reading-recognition-programs>



Girl Scout Troop (40261) will start collecting new pajamas for kids starting January 19th through April 16th, which is National Pajama Day. All the kids' pajamas will be donated through a national pajama program that distributes pajamas to such places as homeless shelters and women's shelters. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Zelden at 847-517-1080.

It's Back in 2012 - Fairview Dance Party

When: Friday- February 3, 2012

Where: Fairview Gym

Time: 6:30 PM till 9 PM

Admission – \$ - FREE *

**Sponsored by the Fairview PTA*

We are bringing back the fun.

Great music from the 80's, 90's and now. Plus a fun DJ and a free Hip Hop dance lesson.



Our friends from **Rise Dance Studio** in Schaumburg will be here to get us started. Learn some cool Hip Hop moves and dance the night away.

Let's get ready to have some winter fun....

Parent/guardian must be present....No drop-offs allowed



Boy Scout Troop 193 is holding an Open House on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Michael Collins School, 407 Summit Drive in Schaumburg.

It will be held in the gymnasium, which is where the troop meets the first three Tuesday evenings of each month. All interested boys, 5th grade and up, and parents are invited to attend this event and learn about our troop, planned activities and the fun to be had by participating in Boy Scouts. No prior scouting experience is necessary. Stay for the entire event or just stop by and meet us and pick up some information.

Some of 2011's action-packed activities and outings for the troop included skiing & snowboarding at Cascade Mountain, winter camping at the Klondike & our Junior Leadership Training weekend, rock climbing, orienteering, hiking, Spring Camporee, Napowan Adventure Base summer camp, Warren Dunes State Park, USS Cobia overnight, flag ceremonies & community service.

Contact Troop 193 Committee member Judy Walther at 847-301-7244; judywalthr@comcast.net or Scoutmaster Rick Sarver at 847-301-8291; rsarver3@comcast.net, if you have any questions or are not able to attend the open house, but would like information.

Schaumburg Parent University



SPU Presents...

“Family Recipe Book!”

Who: Sue Longo – Scrapbook Consultant

When: Wednesday, January 18, 2012; 6:00-7:30p.m.

Where: Schaumburg School District Office
(524 E. Schaumburg Rd.)

Join us as we make a family recipe book filled with the recipes for your family’s favorite treats, or the snacks your children like to prepare for themselves. Bring along 5 – 7 recipes and a photo that you would like to use as the cover of your recipe book and we will put together a guaranteed best – seller!

There will be a limit of 15 families for this class
There is a \$5.00 fee to be paid at the door



****This class will be presented in English!****

There will be childcare available and a gift card drawing!

You can register for this class at SPU@sd54.org, or by calling
Meg Kwak (847) 357-5534 or Brigid Janiak (847) 357-2073

