# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SFES?

FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OF THE PROGRAMS BELOW, FEEL FREE TO CALL US AT 410-313-6900

# AUGUST

#### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT/ TITLE I ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 30..... PRE K & KINDERGARTEN @ 5:30 – 7:00PM PRE K PRESENTATION @ 5:30 GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION @ 6:15 KINDERGARTEN PRESENTATION @ 6:45

SEPTEMBER 17...GRADES 1 & 2 @ 5:30 - 8:00 GRADE 1 PRESENTATION 5:30 GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION GR 1 & 2 6:30 GRADE 2 PRESENTATION 7:00

SEPTEMBER 20 ...GRADES 3, 4 AND 5 @ 5:30 - 8:00 GRADE 3 PRESENTATION @ 5:30 GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION @ 6:30 GRADE 4&5 PRESENTATION @ 7:00

Parents, you are invited to meet your child's teacher(s), hear about what your child is doing in school, and see their classroom. Learn about the school day schedule, general objectives, behavior rules, and homework expectations. Learn ways you can educate your child at home, how to volunteer within the school, as well as how to join our School Improvement Team. Learn more about the PTA, Title I, and help make decisions about parent involvement programs, Title I budgets, School/Family Compact and Plan, and staff development. \*Transportation/childcare/interpreters available upon request\*

#### FAMILY READING & MATH ACTIVITES WILL BE SHARED DURING BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, AS WELL!

Join us for a night of hands-on, engaging activities for the whole family. Parents and students will work and play, to learn strategies to strengthen reading and math skills. Each session is held in your child's grade level team so you will know exactly what they are working on this year and how to help them. Free games and materials will be sent home with every family, to help practice these skills at home!

# SEPTEMBER



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL SEPTEMBER 14, 6:00 SFES Playground

This is a wonderful "welcome back" celebration! It's fun and it's FREE! We'll have ice cream, snowballs, and activities for the kids. This is a great way to get to know our SFES community.

#### >>INVITATION ONLY<< BRIDGES ORIENTATION TBD

Parents will learn about the expectations, policies, and procedures that are followed in this wonderful after school program. The program is designed to give students additional experiences in reading and math. Parent attendance is required for the student to participate. \*Transportation/childcare/interpreters available upon request\*

# **SEPTEMBER** >>INVITATION ONLY<<

CAMINO A LA UNIVERSIDAD SEPTEMBER 27, 7:00pm at SFES

This meeting is targeted to our Spanishspeaking parents. Useful information for academic success in elementary school and some college readiness topics will be explored.

#### ENRICHMENT ORIENTATION NIGHT SEPTEMBER 26, 6:30pm – 7:00pm BACK TO SCHOOL MUSIC NIGHT 7:00 – 7:45

Come learn about the GT programs and enrichment activities that are offered in SFES for Grades 1-5. Parents of new instrumental music students can learn about the Band & Strings program for this year.

# OCTOBER

#### REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Calling all artists!!! Reflections is a PTAsponsored art contest encouraging students to reflect on a theme and respond through various forms of art. This year's theme is "Heroes Around Me". Students can interpret their thoughts through visual arts, film production, dance composition, photography, literature and music composition.

## OAKLAND MILLS FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 6, 11:00AM – 4:00PM

Come to the Oakland Mills Fall Festival for family fun and a chance to support your PTA. We'll be selling hot dogs, drinks and snacks.

#### KINDERGARTEN FAMILY MATH & READING ORIENTATION NIGHT OCTOBER 16, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Join the Kindergarten teachers to learn ways to help your child become a reader and play number sense/ counting games with your child. Kindergarten expectations for reading and math will be shared. Each family will receive a book and math game materials to take home! \*Transportation, childcare, and interpreters available upon request\*

## HARLEM WIZARDS BASKETBALL GAME OCTOBER 17, 7:00pm Oakland Mills High School

This is our BIG fundraiser for the school year, but it's not your average fundraiser. You'll be treated to a Harlem Globetrotters-style basketball game where the Harlem Wizards

use their tricks and twists against our very own principal and other members of the community. Tickets are \$10 per person. Contact

<u>jessical.mahajan@gmail.com</u> to buy yours today!

# PARENT SURVIVAL SKILLS WORKSHOP OCTOBER 25, 6:00-8:00pm

This workshop will help you understand how to set the stage to create positive situations for empowerment and pride; develop consequences that work; gain strategies to handle oppositional behaviors and learn strategies for better homework habits.

## OCTOBER TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 26, 6:00PM SFES Parking Lot

Another FREE event! Join us in decorating your car and handing out Halloween treats to student trick-or-treaters. Or just bring the family for some safe Halloween fun.

# NOVEMBER

STRINGAPALOOZA NOVEMBER 13, 7:00pm

This event will be held at Oakland Mills High SchooL. It includes all the String Instrument Programs that will go to Oakland Mills Middle School as well as the OMMS and OMHS orchestras.

# TURKEY TROT

NOVEMBER 16, Throughout the school day Parents are encouraged, during the school day, to come cheer on our students as they complete this annual run! Prizes will be rewarded to top finishers in each grade.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES NOVEMBER 19, 20, 21

This is an important time to meet with your child's teacher so you can hear about their progress and ways to help them excel in school. You will review your child's academic goals, as well as have an opportunity to provide feedback on the SFES Parent/Teacher/Student Compact. Information on the upcoming MAP and PARCC assessments will also be shared. \*Transportation/childcare/interpreters available upon request\*

# DECEMBER

## FRIENDSHIP SKILLS WORKSHOP DECEMBER 6, 6:00 - 8:00

Parents can have a strong impact on their children's social/emotional development to help their children learn positive interpersonal skills that bread both success in developing friendships and the "side effect" of stronger academic skills. This workshop will center around social relationships, peer pressure and self-esteem.

## CHOIR CHIMES & CHORUS WINTER CONCERT DECEMBER 20, 7:00pm

All families are invited to join us for some wonderful music performed by our very own SFES 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

# ALL YEAR LONG MONTHLY PTA MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 6:30pm , Media Center

Any and all are welcome to attend! We would love to hear your ideas, as we work together to help our students and teachers.