
The FLYer

The Paul V. Fly Parent Faculty Club

February 2012

PFC Officer's Message

Welcome to the February edition of the FLYer. With January already behind us, there are only 4½ months of school remaining. There is still so much to do within that time period! We must continue to support and encourage our children to excel. Take the time to discuss their day. Ask what they are learning in the classroom. Check over their homework. Check their graded tests. If there are any mistakes, go over what was wrong, why, and how to find the correct response. These day-to-day activities are great learning opportunities -- not just for our children, but for us as well.

February 14th is our next early dismissal day. If you would like to send in Valentine's Day cards and/or treats, please check with your child's teacher to ensure that you send in the correct number of items (one for each classmate).

The next spirit day is **February 17th**. Students can show their school spirit by wearing red, white, and blue to school.

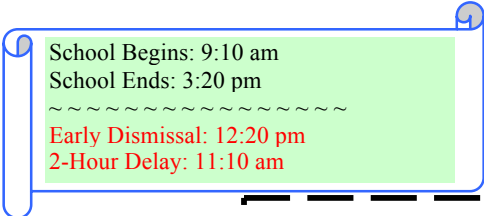
School will be closed on **February 20th** in observance of President's Day. It is also the perfect opportunity to discuss history with our children. Talk to your children about our current President as well as our past Presidents.

The spring Book Fair will run **February 27th to March 2nd**. Children will have the opportunity to purchase books at a designated time. Parents and caregivers will also have an opportunity to come into the school to preview and purchase items (either with their child or separately). We will also need volunteers to help staff the Book Fair.

Spring pictures will be taken on **February 29th**. If you would like to purchase pictures, please complete and return the order forms on picture day. Order forms will be sent home with the children prior to picture day.

Family Jubilee is scheduled for **Friday, March 9th, from 6:00 to 9:30 PM**. The jubilee is a carnival type event. Friends and family are welcome to attend. There will be games, prize wheels, face painting, and basket raffles. Tickets to attend are **\$5** per person. This ticket covers entry to events and dinner. Dinner options must be selected on ticket order forms that will be sent home with your children. Tickets will **NOT** be available at the door. Tickets for games and basket raffles will be sold at the event. The gym will be open for dancing throughout the evening. Please try to join us for this fun evening at the school.

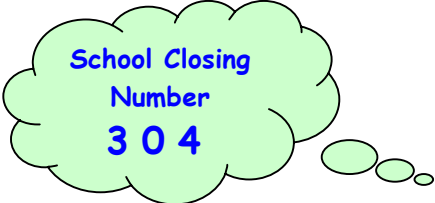
Thank you for your continued support.



School Begins: 9:10 am
School Ends: 3:20 pm
~~~~~  
Early Dismissal: 12:20 pm  
2-Hour Delay: 11:10 am

Regards,  
**Ann Schwartz**  
PFC President

[paulvflyPFC@gmail.com](mailto:paulvflyPFC@gmail.com)



School Closing  
Number  
**304**

### PFC FLYer

If you would like your school-related message displayed in the FLYer, please contact me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month via [paulvflyPFC@gmail.com](mailto:paulvflyPFC@gmail.com)! Be sure to include "FOR RACHAEL" in the subject line.

**Rachael Wilford**

| <b>2011 – 2012 Parent Faculty Club Contacts</b><br><b>paulvflyPFC@gmail.com</b> |                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PFC Presidents</b>                                                           | Ann Schwartz                                           |
| <b>PFC 1st Vice Presidents</b>                                                  | Mary Ellen Piccari & Michelle Ryan                     |
| <b>PFC 2nd Vice Presidents</b>                                                  | Debbie Heim & Chris Morano                             |
| <b>PFC Corresponding Secretary</b>                                              | Rachael Wilford                                        |
| <b>PFC Recording Secretary</b>                                                  | Toyca Williams                                         |
| <b>PFC Treasurers</b>                                                           | Karen Noyle, Dana Carbone, Trish Garnett, Jen McCarthy |
| Auxiliary Fundraising                                                           | Nicole Dell                                            |
| Book Fair Chairpersons                                                          | Beth Kormos, Heather Garman, Toyca Williams            |
| Concession Stand                                                                | Ann Schwartz                                           |
| ESCRIP Fundraising                                                              | Trish Garnett                                          |
| Feather's Flyer                                                                 | Christine Henry                                        |
| Field Day                                                                       | Chris Morano & Ann Schwartz                            |
| Fundraising                                                                     | Dana Carbone & Debbie Heim                             |
| Holiday Shoppe                                                                  | Chris Morano, Natalie Colson, Carol Carr               |
| Hospitality & Testing Snacks                                                    | Jennifer Dooling                                       |
| Jubilee Chairperson                                                             | Nicole Dell                                            |
| <b>Market Day</b>                                                               | <b>OPEN</b>                                            |
| Membership                                                                      | Becky Kinsey                                           |
| Pre-school Reading                                                              | Paula Brown                                            |
| Pod Parties                                                                     | Laurie O'Neill                                         |
| RIF                                                                             | Michelle Ryan & Mary Ellen Piccari                     |
| <b>School Board Representative</b>                                              | <b>OPEN</b>                                            |
| School Pictures                                                                 | Jen McCarthy                                           |
| Slideshow for 4th Grade                                                         | Barry & Rachael Wilford                                |
| <b>Special Events</b>                                                           | <b>OPEN</b>                                            |
| Staff Appreciation & First VIP                                                  | Michelle Ryan                                          |
| Writing Center                                                                  | Cindy Wineburg                                         |
| Yearbook                                                                        | Ann Schwartz                                           |

| <b>Dates to Remember</b> |                                                                |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2/02                     | <b>PFC Meeting in Library 7:00 pm</b>                          |
| 2/14                     | <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 12:20</b>                                   |
| 2/17                     | School Spirit – Red/White/Blue Day                             |
| 2/20                     | <b>President's Day – no school</b>                             |
| 2/23                     | Riverbend Science Night 6-8pm                                  |
| 2/27-3/02                | Book Fair                                                      |
| 2/29                     | Spring Picture Day                                             |
| 3/01-02                  | Book Fair                                                      |
| 3/01                     | Math & Reading Night 6:30-8 pm                                 |
| 3/02                     | YoJo Assembly                                                  |
| 3/06                     | <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 12:20</b>                                   |
| 3/09                     | Family Jubilee 6-9pm                                           |
| 3/12-23                  | PSSA Math/Reading – gr 3-8, 11                                 |
| 3/29                     | Parent Conferences: PM sessions                                |
| 3/30                     | <b>Parent Conf: AM sessions – no school</b>                    |
| 4/02-09                  | Spring Break – no school                                       |
| 4/23-27                  | PSSA Science – grade 4, 8, 11                                  |
| 4/24                     | Staff Development – no school                                  |
| 5/08                     | <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 12:20</b>                                   |
| 5/25                     | Field Day                                                      |
| 5/28                     | <b>Memorial Day – no school</b>                                |
| 5/29                     | Field Day rain date                                            |
| 6/15                     | Last day of school for students & <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 12:20</b> |

**4th Grade Photos**  
 Calling all Parents! Help!  
 Please send electronic photos of your children at school-related activities to the PFC email address or to us directly. If you have printed photos, please write your name and phone number, child's name and room number on the back of each photo, and put it in an envelope marked PFC Corresponding Secretary.  
**Barry & Rachael Wilford**

# NOTIFICATIONS

## Assemblies:

- March 2: PSSA YoJo Assembly (grade 3-4)
- April 16: Spirit of America (tentative)
- May 15: The Frisbee Guy Assembly

## Book Fair:

- Feb 27 to March 2

## Reading is Fundamental (RIF):

- Coming in April

## Fundraisers:

- Box Tops: next submission deadline March 1
- Possibly Dominos Pizza Night
- Burger King and Chik-fil-a Nights

## Field Trips & Activities:

- Keswick Theater - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Colonial Plantation - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Promotion Ceremony - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Pod Parties:

- End of year Picnics: June

## **FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2012**

### **Massage to Health, Inc.**

Greays Mendoza, certified massage therapist  
1597 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422  
267-934-9222  
Hours: M-W-F-Sat.

**1 Hour massage is \$60.00 and \$30.00 is donated back to Paul Fly.** You must mention **PAUL FLY SCHOOL** when making the appt. for us to get credit.

### **FAMILY JUBILEE: Friday, March 9th**

If you have **unused party favor toys**, gently used and in good condition, please consider donating them for this event. All donations help us decrease our expenses, therefore increasing our profits. Please place donations in a bag marked "jubilee donation" and send to the office. Please also send an email, so I will know that items are expected in the office.

Ann Schwartz

**Story Time Schedule: 9:30 AM**  
**on Wednesdays and Thursdays**  
**in Room S5A on 2nd Floor**

**February: 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29**

**March: 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29**

### **Jubilee Basket Thank You Notes**

If you would like to send a thank you to a company or organization for a donation, kindly send your request to Laurie Baltrus, along with: **company's name, address, and contact name.**

Secondly, if you receive a donation from an organization requesting our Tax Exempt #, send the **company name and address** to Laurie and she will get the signed tax exempt form from our District Business Office for you.

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by PFC President Ann Schwartz followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed everyone in attendance.
- A motion was made by Dana Carbone and seconded by Laurie O'Neill to approve the Nov. 3 minutes. Vote from floor: all were in favor, no opposition. There was no meeting in December

### Officer Reports

#### President's Report – Ann Schwartz

Ann gave a few announcements about upcoming events taken from a recent Parent Club Council meeting.

- **GNPAL** --The Greater Norristown Police Athletic League is hosting several events – Family Bingo Night Jan 20, College Fair on **Feb 23**, daily tutoring sessions at the center Monday through Thursday and a Science Fair in March. More information about the programs at the center can be found on the GNPAL web site, <http://www.greaternorristownpal.org> .
- **Take a Tour Thursday** -- any person can take a tour of NASD schools on **Thursdays between 9-10:30 a.m.** Interested parties should call the school to set up an appointment. Principal Skoczynski added that there was a recent tour of kindergarten parents at Paul Fly. It is the district's hope that the program will break down perceptions of the schools, allow parents to come in and ask questions and provide administrators an opportunity to share the good works that go on each day at the schools.
- **PCC** --All are welcomed to attend the Parent Club Council meetings -- next meeting Jan 18. A representative from the Times-Herald will be available to speak about media coverage of NASD.
- **School Resource Officer** – PCC plans to form a committee to determine how to retain the school resource officer for the middle schools. There is one more year left on a 5-year grant that provided placement of officers in the middle schools.
- **Book Bonanza** – Book bonanza held at Eisenhower Science and Technology Leadership Academy on Nov 5 was a success. There are discussions to tentatively schedule another book bonanza in the spring.
- **PFC Resource Binder** – The resource includes a description of the duties and responsibilities for the various roles and committees within the PFC. Ann asked officers and committee chairpersons to review the current descriptions and provide any updates.

#### Treasurer's Report – – Karen Noyle, Dana Carbone, Jen McCarthy, and Trish Garnett

Karen and Dana provided an overview of budget. More than 60 percent of the auxiliary fundraising/revenue has come in. PFC officers will meet in February following the general meeting to review the budget and plan for the 2012-2013 year.

- Learning Express – the fundraiser brought in \$35.10
- Gianni's Fundraiser – brochures sent home. Order deadline is Jan 17.
- Box Tops for Education – box tops should be in by March 1 for final collection for the 2011-2012 school term.
- Election Bake Sale – the fundraiser brought in \$300; motion was approved to keep a small line item in the budget to purchase a few items for the bake sale.
- Holiday Shoppe -- Christine Morano, one of the holiday shoppe co-chairs, said the event was successful and thoroughly enjoyed by the students. She estimated that the shoppe brought in about \$5,300 in sales. Holiday Shoppe is not a fundraiser for the school. She also thanked the staff for allowing the use of the teacher's lounge for a week, the volunteers who assisted in all aspects of the event and families that donated items to offer to children who did not have money to spend.

#### 1st Vice President's Report – MaryEllen Piccari & Michelle Ryan

The following assemblies have been scheduled

- Yo-Jo, March 2
- Spirit of America, April 16 (tentative)
- The Frisbee Guy, May 15
- Reading in Fundamental – So far, a total of \$16,169 books have been read. The goal is to read 20,000 books. The first distribution was a success and the second distribution will take place Jan. 23-25. Volunteers are needed. Plans are underway for a Super Bowl Reading Celebration. NASD high school student-athletes will come to the school to read to students the week before the Super Bowl.

#### 2nd Vice President's Report – Debbie Heim

Christine Morano gave the report.

- Dominos Pizza Night – in discussions to finalize a fundraiser.
- Burger King & Chick-Fil-A nights – will continue with the fundraisers; both have been successful.

- Massage Therapy – Certified massage therapist and Paul Fly parent Greays Mendoza will offer massages and provide a portion of the proceeds back to PFC for the month of February. A one-hour massage is \$60, with \$30 being donated back to Paul Fly. Contact Greays at Massage to Health, Inc., located at 1597 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422, (267) 934-9222. You must mention Paul Fly School when making the appointment to receive credit.

#### **Corresponding Secretary – Rachael Wilford**

Please send your information to by mid-month for the next edition. This is my last year doing the FLYer, so if you would like to do this for the next school year, let me know.

### **Committee Reports**

**Field Day** – Volunteers are needed! **May 25**. Ann Schwartz and Christine Morano are co-chairs. Students will have colored shirts again, as well as parent volunteers.

#### **Fourth Grade Slideshow** – Barry and Rachael Wilford

Please send your electronic photos to the PFC email address or to Barry and Rachael directly. If you have printed photos, please write your name and phone number, child's name and room number on the back, so that we can return it to you.

**Jubilee Night** – Volunteers are needed! Friday, **March 9**.

#### **Membership Report – Becky Kinsey**

No report.

**Picture Day** – Volunteers are needed! **Feb 29**. If interested, contact Jen McCarthy, [doctorjen@msn.com](mailto:doctorjen@msn.com) . Parent volunteers also receive a discount on school pictures.

**Yearbook** – cover contest winner has been selected. Orders for yearbook are due in **March**. Love notes for yearbook are still being taken.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Teacher's Report – Mrs. Hawkins/Mrs. Schultz**

Mrs. Hawkins provided the report. She said staff would like to thank the PFC for its continued generosity – dinner during parent-teacher conferences, Staff Appreciation Day breakfast and the winter parties for each grade. She also said the students enjoyed the Holiday Shoppe and the Franklin Institute Assembly. Several in attendance suggested that the staff appreciation breakfast be moved to May. The breakfast and the dinner for parent-teacher conferences are usually close in scheduling during an already busy holiday season.

#### **Principal's Report – Mr. Skoczynski**

Mr. Skoczynski gave an overview on professional development objectives of the staff. He also provided detailed data related to the second round of 4Sight tests for third and fourth graders. Both grades have improved in reading and math. 4Sight testing is a good PSSA predictor. Staff continues to look for strategies to use in taking the PSSA. For example, calculators can be used on the PSSA for some of the math. Students are being taught how to use calculators. Robust vocabulary words are appearing throughout the building – nametags, classrooms, gym and bathroom walls – wherever there is an opportunity to optimize teaching, he added. A reading and math night is also being planned to reinforce some of these strategies

- Personal Passport to Success – Data has become more and more important in determining whether schools are excelling or failing. Mr. Skoczynski is teaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to take ownership of their data by meeting with each to discuss their test scores and what it means. Each student should know how their success fits in the big picture of school-wide performance.
- Administrators Take Tour -- In January, a team of administrators will visit the classrooms of Paul Fly.
- Gift of Giving – He also shared that the Paul Fly family continues to mourn the loss of Mrs. Garvey, the former school librarian who passed away. The Paul V. Fly family donated \$1,040 to the family.

#### **New Business**

- Beth Kormos encouraged parents to use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as your search engine because \$.05 is donated to Cole Manor Elementary when used.
- Township Security – Debbie Klawby asked whether the township has a system in place to notify parents when there is illegal activity taking place and involving children. Recently, there had been reports of a stranger taking pictures and lurking near student's bus stops in East Norriton. Mr. Skoczynski said he did not know of a system in place. Parents agreed that there should be some notification given to the schools to disseminate to the parents so that they can be more aware of surroundings.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. was made and passed unanimously. The next meeting will be Feb 2, 7pm.