



SMALLTALK NEWSLETTER



February 2020
Fort Smallwood Elementary
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Pasadena, Maryland 21122
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Vision, Mission and Values Statement

Parents, please review our school's Vision, Mission and Values statement:

These are not just words to us. These are our beliefs. Everything that we do is based on them. Please read them and know we **do** have your child's best interest at heart.

What are we about?

Vision

In partnership with parents, teachers, and the community, Fort Smallwood students will be provided the opportunity to achieve and maintain a solid educational foundation that stimulates thought, celebrates diversity, and prepares students to have a positive impact on their community, country and world.

Mission

We are committed to fostering each child's full academic potential by providing instruction that is engaging, challenging, appropriately supported, and promotes life-long learning.

Values

We value a school supportive of:

- High expectations for learning and behavior
- Instruction that appeals to a variety of learning styles and experiences
- Maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment
- Fostering positive, open, and effective home/school communications
- Promoting parent involvement opportunities within the school
- Respecting all members of the Fort Smallwood School community.



Principal's Message

Greeting, Fort Smallwood Elementary Community!

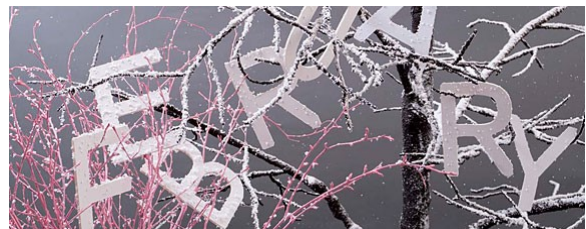
As we approach the midway point of the school year, please review important dates in the calendar in this newsletter.

Remember to visit your child's grade level Blackboard site, which is updated monthly, for any and all information regarding assessments, units of study, field trips, etc.

I would like to sincerely thank the entire school community for the wonderful welcome to Fort Smallwood Elementary. It has been my pleasure to meet many of you at school activities or as you volunteer. Please know that I am available by phone or email (pnalley@aacps.org), if you would like to contact me. You may also schedule a conference if you would like to meet me.

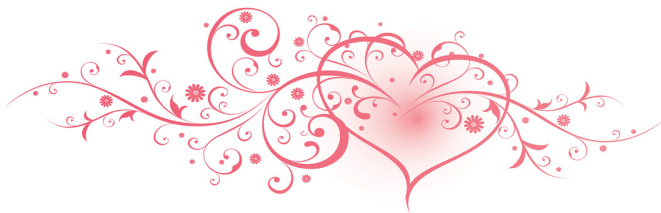
Regular school attendance is a primary factor in school success. Our staff closely monitors attendance. Thank you for recognizing the importance of school attendance!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Nalley
Principal
Fort Smallwood Elementary School



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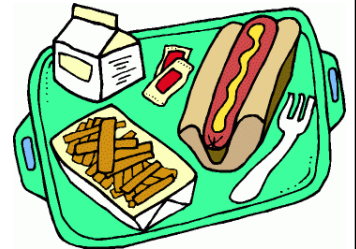
*****PICK-UP REMINDER!*****

Please help our dismissal run smoothly by following this guideline:

If you need to pick up your child for early dismissal OR if you are calling to have your child be a car rider, please notify the office by 3:15 PM. After that time, children will be dismissed at 3:35 (our usual dismissal time) and intercom messages to the classroom will not be made.

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

When you come to visit your child for Welcome Wednesdays it is for **lunch only and not for recess!** Please bring a bag lunch from home or you may buy a lunch from the cafeteria, **do not bring in lunches from fast food restaurants.**



You also cannot take pictures during lunch times.

The Anne Arundel County Public Schools System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, natural origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or familial status in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs. Questions regarding nondiscrimination should be directed to Mr. Leslie N. Stanton, Specialist in Human Relations, AACPS, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401, (410) 222-5318, TDD (410) 222-5500 or www.aacps.org



Fort Smallwood School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exteriors public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations.

During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.



Creativity February 2020



SAY IT:

Using your imagination to do something unique

KNOW IT:

ASK A KID:

- Have you ever made up a game to play with friends or by yourself?
- Share ideas, dreams or thoughts you have had about something that you have created or want to create.

ASK A GROWN UP:

- What does it mean to think outside the box?
- When are you at your most creative?

SEE IT:

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in Manhattan, New York displays some of the most creative works of art in the world. There are many art forms beyond paintings or sculptures. Movies, songs, architecture, photos and books can also be works of art. Two and a half million visitors from all over the world enjoy these mediums and more throughout the year at MoMA!

BE IT:

How can you use your imagination to create something unique? Investigate taking a painting class, pottery class, or culinary class. Look for ways to exercise your creative potential. Give your family the opportunity to appreciate everyone's imagination by exploring his/her creativity.

Creatividad FEBRERO 2020



DILO:

Usando tu imaginación para crear algo único

CONOCELO:

PREGÚNTALE A UN NIÑO:

- ¿Alguna vez has inventado un juego para jugar con amigos o solo?
- Comparte ideas, sueños o pensamientos que hayas tenido sobre algo que hayas creado o que quisieras crear.

PREGUNTAR A UN ADULTO:

- ¿Qué significa pensar fuera de la caja?
- ¿Cuándo estás más creativo?

MÍRALO:

El Museo de Arte Moderno (MoMA) en Manhattan, Nueva York, muestra algunas de las obras de arte más creativas del mundo. Hay muchas formas de arte más allá de pinturas o esculturas. Películas, canciones, arquitectura, fotos y libros también pueden ser obras de arte. ¡Dos millones y medio de visitantes de todo el mundo disfrutan de estos medios y más durante todo el año en MoMA!

VIVELO:

¿Cómo puedes usar tu imaginación para crear algo único? Investiga tomando una clase de pintura, una clase de cerámica o una clase culinaria. Busca formas de ejercitar tu potencial creativo. Dale a tu familia la oportunidad de apreciar la imaginación de todos al explorar su creatividad.

PTA NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair Success!

Thank you again to everyone for their support of past Scholastic Book Fairs. Here are a few pictures of the books we've been able to purchase using "Scholastic Dollars" for the classrooms:



Father-Daughter Dance (Fri., Feb. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Daddies, Special Friends, and Daughters – We are gearing up for a Hollywood theme event coming February 28. So, get your dancing feet ready!!

Teacher & Staff Lunch (Tues., March 10)

Our teachers and staff mean the world to us! We will show them a small token of our appreciation at our second teacher and staff lunch of the year. Please visit signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA9A722A2F85-teacher1 to sign up to donate an ingredient for the lunch.

Mother-Son Game Night (Fri., March 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Sports mom? Board game guru? Musical maestro? On Friday, March 13, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria/gym, your Fort Smallwood PTA will host a Mother-Son Game Night with prizes, snacks, and a bunch of fun (Baseball Toss, Horse, Slapjack, Connect 4, Name That Tune, Nerf Target Shoot, Giant JINGA, Coding Robots, and a Photo Booth)! Come on out to enjoy a night with your son! Please visit tinyurl.com/sve8q2y to RSVP.

Calling all DADS! And moms of only daughters and grandparents and anyone else that can help with the Mother Son Game Night! We need volunteers to man stations for the event. It's really easy and these moms and sons deserve some love since the Father-Daughter Dance has stolen the show in years past! Opportunities include running a radar gun on baseballs pitched, stacking giant JINGA blocks, and dealing Slapjack cards. Please visit tinyurl.com/ue3cvyj to sign up.

PTA NEWS

Goodies with Grandparents (Tues., April 7 and Wed., April 8 from 7:45 – 8:30 a.m.)

Calling all Grandparents - Save the date! The PTA will sponsor its Goodies with Grandparents events on April 7 (student last names starting with A-J) and April 8 (student last names starting with K-Z).

Grandparents can enjoy early morning breakfast goodies and activities with their grandchild(ren) before the school day begins. More information will be sent home in student folders. Contact the PTA Goodies with Grandparents committee with questions at PTAFortSmallwood@gmail.com.

Spring 2020 PTA Events/Activities

- **Father-Daughter Dance** - Fri., Feb. 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. – FSES Cafeteria and Gym
- **Teacher & Staff Lunch** – Tues., March 10 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. – Teachers' Lounge
- **Mother-Son Game Night** – Fri., March 13 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – FSES Cafeteria and Gym
- **Goodies with Grandparents** – Tues., April 7 (A-J) & Wed., April 8 (K-Z) from 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. – FSES Cafeteria
- **PTA Meeting** – Wed., April 15 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – FSES Media Center (child care for FSES students provided by Open Door in the cafeteria)
- **Family Movie Night** – Fri., April 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. – FSES Cafeteria and Gym
- **Spring Book Fair** - set up: Fri., May 1; sale days: Mon., May 4 – Fri., May 8 – FSES Lobby
- **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week** – Mon., May 4 – Fri., May 8
- **PTA Meeting** – Wed., May 13 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – FSES Media Center (child care for FSES students provided by Open Door in the cafeteria)
- **Field Day Inflatables and Popsicles** – May TBD
- **5th Grade Pancakes** – last day of school
- **2019-2020 Yearbook**
- **Box Tops for Education**

Please do NOT follow the dates in the front of the agenda books that were provided in September.

Box Tops for Education



We are over half way to our \$1,000 goal this year!!! Please keep collecting and sending in Box Tops that have NOT expired.

Also, if you see the label to the left on products, please be sure to scan your receipt via the Box Tops for Education app. Before you do that, make sure “Fort Smallwood Elementary School | Pasadena, Md.” is selected as your school of choice.

Visit [youtube.com/watch?v=qWuXDKejVEg&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWuXDKejVEg&feature=youtu.be) to watch a video to learn how to scan your receipt.

The app will find participating products purchased at most stores and instantly add cash to our earnings online. When you receive the confirmation email, email it to the PTA with your student's name, grade, and teacher's name.

NOTE: If you'd prefer that we scan your receipts, send them in within 2 weeks with your student in an envelope marked “PTA mailbox/Attn: Box Tops.”

Here is a list of participating products: boxtops4education.com/Participating-Products-Page

If you have questions, email ptafortsmallwood@gmail.com.

FORT SMALLWOOD PTA PRESENTS
THE HOLLYWOOD FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE



FRIDAY, FEBUARY 28
6:30-8:30 p.m.
FSES Cafeteria & Gym
RSVP by Friday, February 21
ENTRANCE FEE: 1 non-perishable food item
to fill the UMUC Food Bank

HOLLYWOOD GRAMS \$1.00

Cash Only, Exact Change

For current female students and one father/male father figure who is 18 years or older

Questions? Please email Mrs. Nene at
mrs.nenedance@gmail.com or ptafortsmallwood@gmail.com

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE RSVP

FATHER OR FATHER FIGURE NAME: _____

DAUGHTER(S) NAME & GRADE _____

Attn: PTA Mailbox



Mother Son GAME NIGHT

sponsored by your Fort Smallwood PTA

Friday, March 13

6:30 - 7:30 pm

FSES Gym/Cafeteria

GAMES

SNACKS

PRIZES

PHOTO BOOTH

RSVP <https://tinyurl.com/sve8q2y> **VOLUNTEER** <https://tinyurl.com/ue3cvyj>



please bring a toiletry to donate to the Enlisted Spouses Club
of Fort Meade to support our deployed military members

suggestions include: toothbrush, toothpaste, disposable razors, shampoo, mouthwash, body wash, baby wipes, lip balm, pain relievers, eye drops, foot powder, nail clippers, cotton swabs, hand sanitizer

please no pressurized containers/aerosols

Please complete the following and return it to your child's teacher **OR** use the link above to RSVP.

Mother:

Son:

Food Allergies:



ATTN: PTA MAILBOX

SPIRIT DAY

Fort Smallwood Elementary

Wednesday, February 26 • All Day

Come out and support your organization during spirit day. Bring this flyer through our Drive Thru or for Dine In/Carry Out. A portion of the sales will go to the character education program.

COME FIND MRS. DRESSIN FROM 5:00-7:30PM
TO HELP YOUR CLASS
WIN THE NUGGET TRAY.



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(410) 760-2697

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February

We would like to welcome Mrs. Nalley to the Fort Smallwood family. We may have her for only a short time, but we are sure it will be a memorable one.

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Robotics Club 4-5 Math Night	5 PreK Registration begins Sewing Club 4-5:30	6	7 PBIS Celebration	8
9	10 Club Pictures Report Cards Go Home	11 Robotics Club 4-5	12 2-hr Early Dismissal Sewing Club 4-5:30	13 Vision & Hearing	14	15
16	17 Schools & Offices Closed	18 Robotics Club 4-5	19 4 th Gr. Field Trip to BSO Sewing Club 4-5:30	20	21	22
23	24	25 Robotics Club 4-5	26 Honor Roll Assembly Sewing Club 4-5:53 Chick-fil-A	27	28 Father/Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30	29

ASK THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Do you have a question or concern regarding a school matter? This form is provided as a means of open communication with parents/guardians to keep informed of school-related topics. Simply, complete the form and send it back to school. I will respond via a phone call, letter, or e-mail.

Thank You,

Mr. Sembly
Principal

My question

is:

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher _____