



**Fort Garrison**  
Elementary

# Fort Garrison PTA

# Newsletter

November 2016

## **From the President**

First, I want to thank Robin Holt and Heather Crawford for once again putting together an amazing Monster Bash. There are lots of things that happen behind the scene we don't know about and it's because of these 2 this event is one of the most anticipated events of the year! Another thank you goes out to Ms. Levine's husband for being our DJ.

As we move into the school year we once again thank those that have joined the PTA. Please know it is never too late to join and the more families that join the less fundraising we have to do during the year.

I also want to take this opportunity to talk about our new [ONLINE Directory](#). We will no longer be printing directories that get sent home. You MUST log in and create a password to access directory information. If you haven't gotten any information on how to access or log in please reach out to [candydiamond@me.com](mailto:candydiamond@me.com) directly.

Please also keep in mind this is a new tool for us so we are learning as we go. We apologize for all the unnecessary emails and confusion but again bear with us as we learn this new system.

I hope you will join us at our next PTA meeting – November 21, at 6:30 pm. I am working on another guest speaker and will keep you informed.

We hope to see you soon at our upcoming events and please encourage your child to participate and fundraise for the Read A Thon!

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### Upcoming Events



- School Closed on November 8<sup>th</sup>
- Pizza Blitz Restaurant Night on November 8<sup>th</sup>
- Roller Skating Day Event on November 8<sup>th</sup>
- American Education Week, November 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>
- Spirit Day, November 17<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month)
- PTA meeting on Monday, November 21, at 6:30 pm

### What's New?



#### **A Successful Fort Garrison Annual Monster Bash**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Monster Bash Trunk or Treat. It was a great success and couldn't happen without all of the volunteers that helped set-up and clean-up the school; donate candy and decorations; and participate in the trunk or treat.

The PTA would also like to thank the teachers and staff who volunteered to stay and give out candy. Every little bit of help matters to make this event special for our kids. We hope all of the Fort Garrison families enjoyed themselves and look forward to next year's event.

Halloween decorations will be on sale during the next few weeks. If you happen to see any, and are able, please consider donating for next year's Halloween Monster Bash. Items we always needed and include Halloween wall coverings, black rectangle tablecloths, streamers, and lightweight items that can be hung from the ceiling or taped to the walls. Halloween string lights would be fun as well. Items we **do NOT need** include webbing and items that can't be hung. Please bag up the items and label it "Halloween Bash 2017" so we can store them for next year.

Thank you for your consideration!

#### **5th Grade Families Update:**



#### **Read-A-Thon Fundraiser:**

The 2016 Read-A-Thon event kicked off at Fort Garrison on October 31st for two weeks. The fifth grade is using this Read-A-Thon in hopes of raising enough money to support our end of the year ceremony and celebration for our 5th graders. Any remaining money raised by our class will be used to purchase additional reading resources for the classrooms. So, if your 5th grader has yet to start fundraising, please do so today! If you have not yet logged into the Read-A-Thon site ([www.read-a-thon.com](http://www.read-a-thon.com)) and set up your child's page, go ahead. Everyone likes to support a child who reads! Please help give our kids an awesome last year at Fort Garrison!

**Halloween Bash:**

A big thank you to those families who purchased bottled water and freezie pops at the Halloween Bash. The 5th grade appreciates your support!

Should you have any questions about 5th grade activities, feel free to reach out to us.

Sari Alperstein, Terri Dackman & Allyson Simon  
5th Grade Chairs



**Holiday Shop: Help to make holiday shop 2016 a success!**

The holidays are just around the corner and our students look forward each year to the Holiday Shop. Each student will have an opportunity to purchase gifts at their assigned time at FGES holiday shop.

Holiday shop will be opened December 12 – 14<sup>th</sup> and volunteers will help your child shop for gifts for the friends and family you list on the order form provided in your child's class folder.

Please sign up for a time slot to help our students purchase gifts for friends and family.

To sign-up click the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044DAFAE22A57-holiday>



**Join the PTA. Membership Update!**

Volunteer, get involved, connect with other parents, and stay informed. Help make our school the very best for our children.

We have 148 current members, a 26% increase from last month and have raised \$6,900.

Please help us reach 100% PTA participation.

It's important to know that the more participation we get, the less fundraising we have to do throughout the year. Together, we can create the most positive and powerful learning experience for our children. PTA Membership [forms](#) are available on our website or at the front office.

**Box Top Contest Winner and New Box Tops Bonus App Information**

**Congrats Mrs. Varelli's Fort Garrison 1st grade class for WINNING the 1st #FGESBoxTops Contest this year. #GreatJob!**



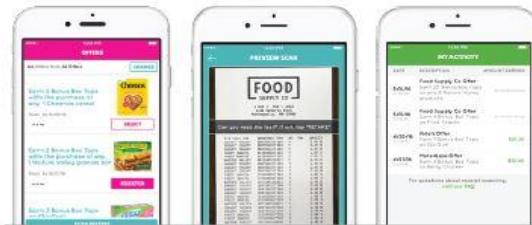
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**Pizza Blitz Restaurant Night on November 8<sup>th</sup>:** Join the PTA on November 8 for another Restaurant Night. Portion of your bill will be donated back to us. So carry out or eat in and support the PTA! Don't forget to bring your flyer to get recognition. Pizza Blitz is located at the Quarry off Greenspring Avenue.

**Roller Skating Day Event**

Join the Fort Garrison PTA at Sportman's Hall Roller Skating Rink. They will be open from 11 am - 3 pm. Just when you pay tell them you are with Fort Garrison Elementary School and a portion will be donated back to us Pizza Blitz is located at the Quarry

After you skate I am sure you will be hungry...Then join us for Restaurant Night!

**About Us**

The Fort Garrison Elementary School PTA mission is to build a community at Fort Garrison between our teachers, parents and students and raise funds for programs that enhance the Fort Garrison students' learning experience.

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