

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

The PTA continues to work hard to build community and support our students and teachers. **If you have not been receiving emails from the PTA about school events and would like to, please fill out your email release and send it back to school or email us at fortgarrisonpta@gmail.com and ask us to add you!**

Monster Bash was well attended! Thanks to all the parents who worked so hard to decorate their cars and the school or donated candy to make this event so wonderful! Special thanks to our retiring co-chairs Robin Holt and Heather Crawford who have worked so hard this year and for so many years on the Monster Bash. We will miss you, but our new chairpeople hope to continue the tradition!

Congratulations to our pumpkin contest winners:

Most Creative - Lanie M.

Scariest - Shravya R.

Silliest - Adina B.

Most Elaborate - Logan D.

Some of other recent contributions to the school include:

- The Welcome Banner colored at our Popsicles and Play event is now hanging above the gym doors.
- Fourth and fifth grade recently participated in a week of dancing sponsored by the PTA! Parents were invited to watch the culminating performances and the kids did a great job!

Upcoming:

- **Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 20th!**
Mrs. Lepley (rescheduled from October) will talk about the guidance program at FGES and also the behavior modification programs and rewards in the individual classrooms and school wide. We will also model how you can check your student's grades online with BCPSone. At our last meeting we , went over updates from the committees, approved monies for the nurse to purchase a privacy screen and discussed opening the directory up to all parents next year.
- **Our second restaurant night at CuVino is on Nov. 4th!**
A percentage of the sales that mention FGES will be donated to the PTA to support our students!
- **Holiday Shop Order Forms will be coming soon!** All items will be \$3.00. Students pre-order for who they are ordering and then will be given the opportunity to select gifts for those people at the Holiday Shop. A sign up genius for parent volunteers will be sent out closer to the date!

- **We would like to remind parents to complete the volunteer training so they can help out at school or chaperone a field trip!** Applications and training can be done online.
https://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/

Reminders:

- **We are interested in having a volunteer coordinate volunteer opportunities for parents such as helping in the cafeteria as we did last year.** We also need volunteers to co chair some of our committees!
Dance (Feb)
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (Spring)
Plant Sale (May)
Kindergarten Meetups (Summer)
- **Please continue to collect and submit Box Tops and download the new Box Top App.** Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school. For each clipped or Box Top, we earn 10¢. *Be sure to send them to your school before they expire.* Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging to the new Box Top label. Use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online. A list of all participating products can be found at <https://www.boxtops4education.com/Participating-Products-Page>
- **PTA membership and Spiritwear are accepted all year!** **Membership forms** are available in the office and online at https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/eac34a_60623fec5c4f4de8bb310d197415ddd3.pdf
- **Spiritwear Orders** can be placed at <https://shop.wgmprinting.com/fortgarrisonelementaryschool/shop/home>

Thank you!

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