








THE LION'S DEN



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Submit Recipes for the Forts Ferry Cookbook through February 13th			1 Parents of Incoming Kdg. Students Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Parents of Incoming Kdg. Students Snow Date	3	4
5 Rachel's Challenge Theme Week. Feb. 6th-10th	6 PTA Executive Council, 6:30 pm	7 All District Band/Orchestra Rehearsal @ SHS, 1:30-3:30 pm	8 Building Council, 8 am Young Writers Workshop, 9 am-1 pm Math Fair, 6-7:30 pm	9	10 PTA Family Dance	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday 	13 All District Band/Orchestra Rehearsal @ SHS, 1:30-3:30 pm PTA Fundraising Mtg. All PTA Members Welcome Last Day to Submit Recipes for Forts Ferry Cookbook	14 Valentine's Day  Valentine's B'fast & Parties	15 All District Chorus Rehearsal @ SHS, 3:30-5:30 pm	16 Concert for 3rd Graders @ SHS, 9:30 am	17 Concert for 3rd Graders Snow Date	18
19	20 President's Day  School Vacation	21 School Vacation 	22 School Vacation 	23 School Vacation 	24 School Vacation 	25
26	27 All Dist. Band/Orchestra Rehearsal @ SHS, 3:30-5:30 pm Last Day to Order Forts Ferry Cookbook BOE Mtg. @ SG, 7:30 pm	28	29 All District Band/Orchestra Snow Date	1 All District Chorus Rehearsal @ SHS, 2:30-4 pm	2 Elementary All-District Concert @ SHS, 7:30 pm	3



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Building Assistant: Mrs. Coreen Perna



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 2-10
PTA Family Dance
- ◆ 2-14
Valentine's Breakfast

School closings or delays

Forts Ferry School will not be listed or announced. Closings and delays will be announced as:

North Colonie School District

When a decision to close school or delay the opening of classes is made, radio announcements will be made on the following radio stations, TV stations and websites:

92.3 FM, 95.5 FM, 100.9 FM, 102.3 FM, 104 FM, 107.7 FM, 590 AM, 810 AM, TV channels 6, 10 and 13 and the school website:

www.northcolonie.org

If a delay is announced, continue to listen to stations to find out how long the delay will be and whether schools will open or close for the day. If severe weather conditions or another type of emergency forces early dismissal of classes, students will be dismissed in

the following sequence at 40-minute intervals:

1st: Shaker High and Jr. High

2nd: Early Elementary Schools:

Blue Creek, Southgate and Boght Hills.

3rd: Late Elementary Schools:

Forts Ferry, Latham Ridge and Loudonville.

Forts Ferry School also uses their emergency telephone chain. Many Forts Ferry parents have accepted this important undertaking to initiate calls. Messages will NOT be left on answering devices of any kind. In the event of inclement weather, be aware of the above information and keep informed of any school decisions.

Colonie Youth Center Snow Policy

School Delays:

In the event of a school delay, the before-school program WILL NOT operate.

Early Dismissal:

In the instance of an early dismissal from school (any time before 2:30 p.m.) Children who would normally attend the after-school program would be bused to their regular stop. Please make sure that your child knows the bus number he/she would take in the

afternoon and where their bus stop is located.

School Closed:

If the school is closed, the before and after-school programs are cancelled.



Kindergarten News

If you have a child or know of a child who will be attending Forts Ferry School for kindergarten 2012, please call our central registrar, Mrs. Arditi at Central Office 785-8591 x3135.

To be eligible for kindergarten at the opening of school of any year, a child must be five years of age on or before December 1st.

Winter Recess

Students are outside for recess during the winter months. Please be sure they have ALL the appropriate clothing such as a warm jacket, hat, gloves and boots.

If they do not have boots, they must stay on the blacktop if snow is on the ground.

Labeling all belongings will help prevent the collection of lost and found items that sometimes never find their way back!

"Learning is a treasure which accompanies its owner everywhere"
-Chinese Proverb

After-Hours Building Use

If you wish to use any of the rooms in the building after school, a "Use of Building" form will need to be completed and approved prior to the use of the space. These forms are available in the main office.

If you can't get to the school, please call Mrs. Guzy at 785-9203 ext. 3903 and we will gladly mail the form to you.

PTA News

Forts Ferry Family Cookbook:

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of Forts Ferry history by submitting your favorite recipe to the 1st Forts Ferry cookbook! Entries must be received by February 13th. There is no cost to enter a recipe, but the book itself will cost only \$10.00!

For more information please contact Lisa Borst (keegenr@hotmail.com)

The PTA Family Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 10th. Watch for more information to come home soon!

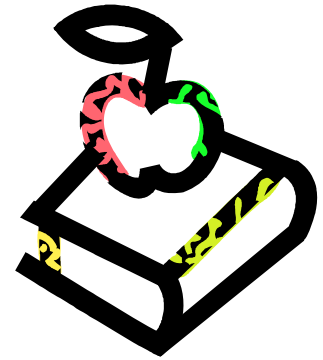
It is never too late to join the PTA! Membership is only \$10.00 and entitles you to a directory and voting privileges at meetings!

More information is online at www.fortsferrypta.com

Rachel's Challenge Theme Week

Help us continue our effort to support Rachel's Challenge by participating in a theme week taking place from February 6-10th! The schedule is as follows:

Monday 2-6: Wear your Rachel's Challenge t-shirt day
 Tuesday 2-7: Be a Friend Day
 Wednesday 2-8: Mismatch Day
 Thursday 2-9: Celebrate Differences Day
 Friday 2-10: Orange Day



1st Annual Math Fair

Wednesday, February 8, 2012
 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Come play math games in the gym created by the 5th and 6th grade Alternate Math students! Each grade level will have supplies and directions for you to make and take games that will help reinforce grade-level math concepts.

Fill up a card with stickers by playing the games and receive a homework pass! (one per student only)

We hope to see you there!

Interesting Facts for the month:

~Abraham Lincoln was the tallest U.S. President to date at 6'4"
 ~Valentine's Day fact...who receives the most Valentine's Day cards?
 Teachers do!!

Health Office News

Allergy Policy Reminder:

Any classroom that is designated "nut free" must be sure that all foods coming into the classroom are Nut/Peanut Free. This means that labels must be read and ingredients checked before any food is sent in. Please take note of "MAY BE MANUFACTURED IN A FACTORY THAT MANUFACTURES NUT/PEANUT PRODUCTS"...this means these foods CANNOT be in a nut free classroom.

For classrooms that are not strictly nut free, but do have a student with an allergy...please do not send foods in (that will be eaten in a classroom) that have peanut/nuts as the main ingredient. This is our best precaution to keep all safe. Thanks so much for your cooperation and call me if you have questions.

Mrs. Madrick,
 School Nurse

LIFETOUCH SPRING PHOTOS

Lifetouch studios will be returning for spring photos on Monday, March 19th

Watch for more information to come home soon!