

## Upcoming Events

**Wed. Nov. 19/21**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Woodson  
Planetarium Field Trip

**Thurs., Nov. 20**

Thanksgiving Lunch

**Mon. Nov. 24**

Family Day (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

**Wed., Nov. 26**

2-hour Early Release

**Thurs., Nov. 27-28**

Thanksgiving Holiday  
No School

**Tues, Dec. 2**

**7:30 p.m.**

PTA Monthly Meeting  
(Library)

**Tues., Nov 12**

Mark Jester "Foolish  
Antics, Mute Amusements  
& Music"



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### **LEES CORNER: Pride, Teamwork, EXCELLENCE**

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# Lees Corner PTA

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## PTA President's Message

From an old rock song, "Times...they are a changing". We have elected a new President promising us change. For those of us that chose to vote early on November 4<sup>th</sup>, the lines were long, but we benefited with our PTA Bake Sale that netted us about \$500! Thanks to Jodi Fraize for coordinating and all the wonderful volunteers that worked throughout the day to make it a big success. The PTA worked in partnership with our local Girl Scout Troop with our sales that also realized these generous profits for their initiatives.

I wish to express my deepest thanks for all the parents that were again generous in their time and money to make the Innisbrook Fund-Raising event a huge success. Without your support, our children probably would not have attained their total sales or your individual cash donations. Despite our tough financial times, Denise and Michael Clendenin as our Co-Chairs, reached our aggressive goal of \$15,500! Well done! As last year, the students that reached the goal of selling at least 40 items were rewarded with a Hummer limousine ride with Clay Sande and Kathy Case to CiCi's Pizza. This year, we had 26 students that achieved this honor and they all had a blast enjoying the event. Pictures will be available on the Lees Corner website.

Continuing with my gratitude for recent events, the Book Fair was also a huge success. There were \$15,774 in books sold, which made \$3,840 in cash and \$350 in immediate books to restock our shelves plus an additional \$280 in vouchers! In addition, the Baja Fresh nights on the Family Nights also contributed \$306 to the PTA. Our great Spirit Wear Team, Lisa Vivian and Natalie Cohen again exceeded their goal of \$1500 already this year, with a spring line of apparel to come out later in the school year. They are planning to make available some items free to students that otherwise couldn't afford these purchases so they can share in Lees Corner Spirit.

Another great Reflections event has ended and the wonderful entries are posted at school. Now they advance to regional competition. I wish to thank Trish Brehm and Gina McCue for their involvement as they are stepping down as Co-Chairs. Also, I wish to thank Claire Finks for all her unsung efforts to handle Membership and our Student Directory publication. This is a volume of work to enter this data in database. I would be remiss not to mention Betty Nolan's efforts in assisting the PTA to go electronic this year and providing us the information to use. Thanks, Betty!

There are so many events currently happening and upcoming. Steven Kroll, a famous children's writer is visiting our school on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Many other events are listed here like our Thanksgiving luncheon. I encourage you to visit this website as events are periodically updated on the opening screen.

I encourage you to make a visit to the Franklin Farm Village shopping center before December 5<sup>th</sup> to enter into their Spirit of Giving contest. Entries are located in almost all of the businesses and you can enter each of your family members. The prize is \$500 in vouchers to be used at those businesses and a donation of \$1000 to the school of your choice. Last year, Lees Corner was the recipient of the \$1000 donation and we hope that it can happen again this year. Good luck!

Final thoughts, we still are looking for a volunteer(s) to Chair the annual Fun Fair. It would be a shame to not hold this traditional event next spring as the students look forward to this fun day. If you think this might be something you could do, contact me to put you in touch with previous chairs to explain what is involved. There are already many sub-committees in place to run the various activities.

*I wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving for you and your family!*

Gary Stumpf, Your PTA President

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## Principals Comments

### **Special Enriching Opportunities**

Our students will be treated to a wonderful author, Steven Kroll on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Sheila Heffron for her efforts to bring a noted children's author here, and to our PTA Book Fair and school funding support that make it possible! But that's not all, our third grade students took a field trip to Mount Vernon on November 12<sup>th</sup>, sixth grade participated in the many team building activities at Hemlock, and first grade will hold Family Day on November 24<sup>th</sup>! Additionally, I know I don't have to tell you how much throughout the year we all enjoy the PTA special assemblies; they are always unique and wonderful.

### **Student, Staff and Parent Kudos!**

I hope you had a moment to view the exceptional student Reflections entries displayed on our walls. Impressive! As was your participation during parent conferences, it speaks volumes to your children. All our students are winners in our eyes!

We have incredible parent support! I can't believe all this has happened in two plus short months! Kudos are in order for the many parents who have supported events and activities including: PTA Newsletter, Lees Corner Web site, School Supplies, Gift Wrap, New Parent Welcoming and Baja Fresh nights, French Classes, Book Fair, Reflections, Bus and Custodian Recognition, Monthly Teacher Appreciation Lunches, School Spirit Apparel, Red Ribbon Week, and our Parent Directory, not to mention our PTA President Gary Stumpf (who has taken on improving our landscaping with gusto!) and our hard working board and committees! Your support of our children and school is incredible and so appreciated! We do appreciate you!

If you are planning on having Thanksgiving lunch on November 20 please understand that we are limited in space and must keep to our schedule.

## FAIRFAX COUNTY FY 2010 BUDGET

"We are in a dire budget position." Kathy Smith, Sully District School Board representative. Fairfax County is projecting a budget deficit of more than \$400 million for FY 2010 (beginning July 1, 2009) which must be addressed through a combination of spending reductions and other strategies. Our challenge is to develop a budget with an appropriate level of services that are both sustainable and acceptable to the community. If you have suggestions or comments please call the Budget Hotline at 703-324-9400 or complete the budget Feedback Form online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget).

Perhaps the most important thing is to enjoy learning with your child! I can't say often enough . . . I thank you for the wonderful children you send us!

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Clay Sande*

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**Two Hour EARLY CLOSING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.**

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## GT Center Referral Deadline

If you are planning on referring your child for level 4 GT center services (grades 2-6), the deadline to turn in the "Gifted and Talented Center Referral Form" is **February 6**. For more information and to download the necessary forms, please visit the GT website at [www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt](http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt). Forms should be forwarded to Nicole Pierce, GT Resource Teacher at Lees Corner. Late referrals will not be accepted.

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## Counselor's Corner

**Sue Buckley**  
**Nadjmeh Salimi**

We are beginning the second grading period, and once again I am reminded of how quickly time passes. We have such wonderful students, staff, and parents at this school, and it is always a pleasure to come to work. How fortunate we are to live in such a caring community.

Our **First Friends Committee** is beginning its second year, and we have representatives in every classroom. These students are helpers for new students who come to their classroom; they take them on tours of the building, introduce them to special people around the building, find other students who ride the same bus, and make sure they are included in activities. Our First Friends for this year are: **Charlotte Ashby** and **David Deleon** in Mrs. Dowell, **Katie Latham** and **Ian Clough** in Mrs. Hellman, **Michael Lynch** and **Sabrie Mohamud** in Mrs. Kitchen, **William Baird** and **Ruth Miles** in Ms. Kotula, **Danny Beeman** and **Elise McCue** in Ms. Pivarnik, **Elizabeth Paul** and **Gregory**

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**Cho** in Mrs. Davis, **Adaline Lee** and **Ryan Dinh** in Mrs. Sullenberger, **Ben Schuman** and **Isobel Cobb** in Mrs. Sterrett, **Celie Anderson** and **Sameer Kawalramani** in Mrs. Smiley, **Jonathan Miller** and **Emma Rowson** in Ms. Carbonara, **Lexy Tenny** and **Michael Hawley** in Mrs. McGorty, **Ariana Brehm** and **Benny Blue** in Mrs. Hilburger, **Leah Copeland** and **Patrick Collins** in Mrs. Lane, **Julia Haug** and **Liam Kelly** in Mrs. Tarrant, **Justin Yanez** and **Lauren Johnson** in Mrs. Graham, **Julia Chesnut** and **Raheel Tauyyab** in Mrs. Penton, **Kennedy Jenkins** and **Xavian Henson** in Mrs. Howlett, **Katie Whittingham** and **Dawoud Seraj** in Mrs. Moring, **Megan Sung** and **Taylor Olsen** in Mrs. Thomas, **Jamie Clark** and **Munis Thahir** in Ms. Frontino, **Ryan Krueger** and **TT Ren** in Mrs. Im, **Kyle Harris** and **Diana Hernan** in Mrs. Elder, **Duy Nguyen** and **Kirstie Le** in Mr. Cullen, **Theo Mulvey** and **Aliyah Sawaneh** in Mrs. Proppe, **Crystal Jerdak** and **Nico Cuba** in Mr. Houser, **Marissa Gonzalez** and **Nick Tenny** in Mrs. Gillison, **Laila Abuelhawa**, **Leslie Kim** and **Akhil Suri** in Ms. Lazarus, and **Helen Smith** and **Neil Desai** in Mr. Norman. Congratulations to all of these students on being chosen for this special role in welcoming our new students.

Another group of students of whom we are very proud are our **Sixth Grade Tutors**. Continuing our list from last month, we now have these students helping younger students in grades K-3: **Isabel Goldschmidt**, **Abigail Minor**, **Bryan Rodriguez**, **Kelly Chung**, **Monica Brown**, **Suhail Thahir**, **Vigen Babayan**, **Laila Abuelhawa**, **Rohan Shrivastava**, **Julia Golden**, **Emily Booker**, **Heather Gaskins**, **Drew Cohen**, **Katelyn Birchfield**, and **Madison Fisher**. This year, our sixth graders are serving as **Tutors** and as **Peer Buddies** in our special education classes. We still have sixth graders who want to work with younger students but have not been assigned; we are waiting for more teachers to request their invaluable help.

The counselors at Lees Corner are always willing to work with you and your children. Please call if you have any concerns.

Sue Buckley (grades 1, 3, 5, 6, special education)  
Nadjmeh Salimi (grades K, 2, 4)  
School Counselors

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## Giant Store Bonus Cards

Go to [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com) to register your bonus card number today. **The money earned from this program goes directly to school supplies for Lees Corner.** It's simple:

1. Go to [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com)
2. Select the "Our Stores" menu
3. Select "Register your Card" from the drop down menu

It'll walk you thru the remaining steps. Be sure to have your bonus card number when registering your card.

Or, print out and complete the "Register Your Giant Grocery Loyalty Cards" page of this newsletter and send it into school with your child to be forwarded to **Liz Persell**.

# REGISTER YOUR GIANT GROCERY LOYALTY CARDS



***The program runs from October through early April.  
You must register your card each year.***

***Lees Corner earned \$4,600 from these programs last year allowing the school to purchase needed supplies for the school.***

***To date, only 134 families have registered their cards. Our goal is 200!***

Go to [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com) and register your card today!

***Or let us register you. Simply complete this form (even if you registered last year) and return it to school with your child. Encourage your friends and family to sign up too (add their information on back of form)***

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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of the last  
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***Thank you for your  
participation!***

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*Lees Corner Receipt Committee*