



# South Fayette Elementary

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## SOUTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES BLACK AND GOLD DAY



# Calendar & Information

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 13** *Valentine's Day Parties*  
10:30 AM - K-AM  
2:00 PM - K-PM -4
- Feb 13** *Performing Arts Club Performance 7:00 PM*
- Feb 16** *NO SCHOOL*
- Feb 17** *Cubs Corner Store Open*
- Feb 18** *Executive PTA Meeting 5:45 PM*
- Feb 18** *General PTA Meeting 6:30 PM*
- Feb 23** *Market Day Pickup - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*

The PTA is always accepting memberships. Forms are available on our web site under Join Us:

[www.sfepta.org](http://www.sfepta.org)



2008 - 2009 South Fayette

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## Fourth GRADE PSSA Results



On the Science PSSA, the state average on the fourth grade test was 81.5% of the students scored proficient or above. Ninety-nine percent of South Fayette Elementary 2007-2008 fourth grade students scored proficient or above on the Science PSSA; making us first in the state. WOW and congratulations!!!!

To find out about the other happenings at the Elementary School check out the full version of The Building Report on the web: [http://www.southfayette.org/schools/es/prin\\_reports/2008-2009/jan\\_09.pdf](http://www.southfayette.org/schools/es/prin_reports/2008-2009/jan_09.pdf)

# Updates and Announcements



## CUBS CORNER STORE

Well, the holidays are over and **YES** spring **IS** around the corner. We are anticipating the warmer weather soon.

Look for a new Spring Special Online Order form in mid-February to include new ladies and men's active wear shirts, large SF umbrellas for the upcoming soccer season, duffle bags and back sacks for all SF sporting events.

There are still lots of winter apparel items in stock at the store.

Print and Send your order form in today and stay warm until spring!

Interested in volunteering at the store to help the student to shop?

Contact one of the following.

Tricia Ford [jeffreyford@verizon.net](mailto:jeffreyford@verizon.net)

Cerena Bushmire [cbrn@verizon.net](mailto:cbrn@verizon.net)

Pam Elia [pameelia@hotmail.com](mailto:pameelia@hotmail.com)



**PTA MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING - 5:45 PM**  
**GENERAL MEETING - 6:30 PM**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**Babysitting available for \$2 per hour per child**

Click [here](#) for a complete list of this year's meetings and approved minutes

## Meals on Wheels

As a community service project, the PTA schedules the drop off of 6 dozen cookies two times a week at Meals on Wheels in Bridgeville.

Thank you to the following volunteers:

January: Jody Lazzini, Barb Hayes, Pam Weselok, Laura Helbling, Sharon Sharp, Shanan Goerd, Chris Wilke and Kim Wakim

If you are interested in volunteering please click [here](#) for more info or contact Sandy Hanich at (412) 266-1997 or [smhanich@verizon.net](mailto:smhanich@verizon.net).



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Thank you to everyone participating in the *Campbell's Labels for Education* program this year. Participating in the program is easy — simply save bottle caps from V8 juices or the UPC codes (the bar codes) as proofs of purchase from participating Campbell products and send them to the school. The specially marked Campbell's drop-off bin is located outside the office.

## PLEASE NOTE:

**SINCE JANUARY 2006, CAMPBELL'S ONLY ACCEPTS UPC CODES AS PROOF OF PURCHASE. LABEL FRONTS OR LABELS WITHOUT UPC CODES ARE DISCARDED.**

**UPC CODES ARE THE BAR CODES THAT ARE ON ALL CAMPBELL'S PRODUCTS.**



**IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHAT TO TURN IN, PLEASE SEND THE ENTIRE LABEL WITH THE UPC CODE (BAR CODE).**

A complete list of eligible Campbell products and point values for 2008-2009 is available at [http://sfepa.org/doc/eligible\\_products.pdf](http://sfepa.org/doc/eligible_products.pdf)

Additional Campbell's drop-off bins are located at the South Fayette Library, the South Fayette Senior Citizens Center, Sturgeon Post Office, Presto Post Office, and outside the Little Lions Preschool classroom at the high school.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with our *Labels for Education* collection drive, please contact Natalie Kugler at 412-221-3408.

Thanks so much for your support!

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Mark Your Calendars

For SFEPTA Family Reading Night

**Tuesday, March 31, 2009**

Our theme will be

**Festivals and Celebrations Around the World**

We will be holding the annual book swap so start saving your books!

Other activities will include:

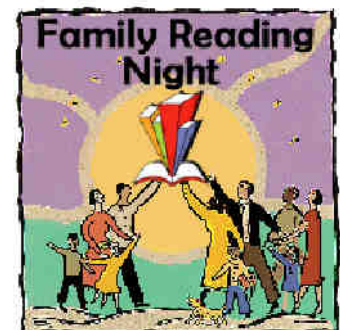
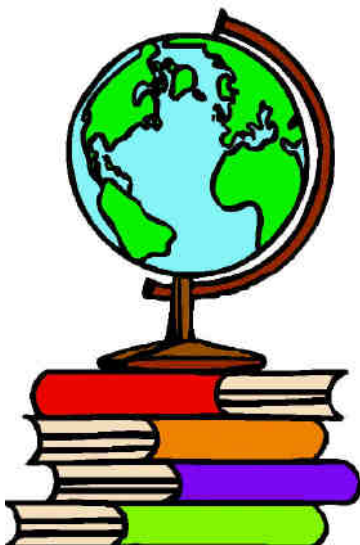
Crafts

Raffle Drawings

Theme Story Rooms

Special Guest Readers

Cookies & Milk



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## ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Check this out!

**Here is the this list of students that have achieved incentives in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reporting period.** Many of these students have reached more than one level. Congratulations to all these students!

### Kindergarten

Chad E	Aaron S.	William C.
Noah S.	Makenzie S.	Garrett F.
Anna B.	Ryan B.	Colton L.
Garrett M.	Ben W.	Nathaniel S.
Krit V.	Cecelia G.	
Rithik N.	Adam W.	

### First Grade

Andrew F.	Maura H.	Payton L.
Quentin F.	Luke F.	Hailey P.
Sara T.	Sathi S.	Isabella G.
Colby G.	Drew W.	Alexandra B.
Hiral S.	Ashley M.	Sohum S.
Leah Y.	Nolan V.	Matthew M.

### Second Grade

Mitchell D.	Seth A.	Christian G.
Jordan H.	Sophia R.	Braden H.
Shourya B.	Rachel D.	Caitlin P.
Emma O'H.	Emma N.	Joseph G.
Alexis Y.	Izabella B.	Michael G.
Alexa P.	Vinay P.	Joseph B.
Jiayl L.	Daniel T.	Tyler P.
Ava F.	Sean S.	Maria Y.
Brianna T.	Peyton T.	Paige B.
Noah K.	Patrick G.	Colin M.
Emma Y.	Jeremy A.	Taylor B.
David G.	Sarah K.	Marin G.
Lauren S.	Zachary W.	Heather F.
Johnny T.	Skyler A.	Brendan D.
Aubrey L.	Taylor M.	Sara I.
Faith S.	Hailey B.	Jeremy S.
Alexis S.	Elizabeth Mc.	Zackary S.
Benjamin C.	Scott Z.	Dylon A.
Marcus D.	Anna W.	Simon C.
Avrey B.	Alyssa D.	Karyssa L.

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Nova D.  
Tanner V.  
Ryan K.  
Bhavana K.  
Michael T.  
Thomas E.  
Brooke B.

Maura G.  
Rachel T.  
Sydney K.  
Riley S.  
Max W.  
Samantha F.  
Laurel E.  
Sareena W.

Mara I.  
Helina V.  
Timothy P.  
Lanah V.  
David M.  
Marlo P.  
Roman M.

## Third Grade

Joseph B.  
Anna T.  
Taylor V.  
Emily S.  
Nicole S.

Neha J.  
Ali D.  
Harmon R.  
Samantha V.  
Autumn H.  
Matthew J.  
Emily V.  
Samuel G.

Ava W.  
Nicole C.  
Jordyn C.  
Brenna M c.  
Nicholas I.  
Hope H.  
Isabella F.  
Colin D.

## Fourth Grade

Grace E.  
Breanna M c.  
Breanna F.  
Anthony F.  
Riley R.

Hannah F.  
Erica A.  
Mackenzie R.

*It is not too late to start reading and earning incentives.*

Accelerated Reader Program is an optional program for **ALL** reading levels. We hope that you choose for your child to participate. Information can be found on the school or PTA websites.

***The love for reading is our goal!***

If you have any questions about Accelerated Reader, please feel free to call or email me at 412 221 1324 or [jeffreyford@verizon.net](mailto:jeffreyford@verizon.net).

A Huge Elephant thank you for ALL of your December orders.

With your support it was the most productive sale in 5 years!! We made over \$800!

The classroom that won the reading session with our principals was Mrs. Kurchena's 2 nd grade. Congratulations.

Coming in February...Stock your freezer AND our library. Your orders this month go toward earning a \$250 gift card to Barnes and Noble to supply our library with new books.

A Sincere Thanks,  
Cerena Bushmire  
[cbrn@verizon.net](mailto:cbrn@verizon.net)



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## You Can Make a Difference for Our School with Box Tops!

- **Clip** Box Top coupons from favorite products and send them to our school.
- **Shop** at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace<sup>SM</sup> ([btfe.com/marketplace](http://btfe.com/marketplace)), and up to 8% of your qualifying purchase will automatically be donated to our school with no additional cost to you!
- **Purchase books** through the Box Tops Reading Room<sup>SM</sup> at Barnes & Noble.

We've recently launched our 2008-2009 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. This year we've set a goal of earning \$3500 through Box Tops to support many of our reading programs.

For 12 years, Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools raise over \$250 million to buy the things they need. The Box Tops for Education program offers three easy ways to make a difference for our school through everyday activities: buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books. School budgets are tighter than ever, and [name of school] is asking for the support of families and community members such as yourself.

Sign up to support our school at the Box Tops website ([www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com)). You'll get updates on our school's Box Tops earnings, money-saving coupons, family-pleasing recipes, chances to win Bonus Box Tops for our school and the latest Box Tops news!

For more information on how you can help our school earn cash through Box Tops for Education, contact Jen Iagnemma, our Box Tops coordinator, at [mjiagnemma@yahoo.com](mailto:mjiagnemma@yahoo.com) or visit [btfe.com](http://btfe.com).

## Two Gifts in One

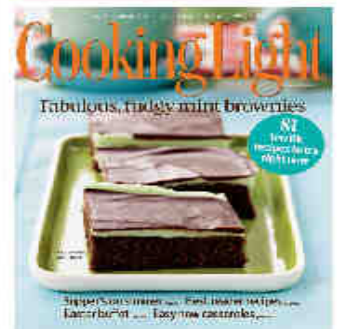
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Great American OPPORTUNITIES



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## GIANT EAGLE SHOP N' SAVE GROCERY CARDS/CERTIFICATE



EARN \$\$\$\$\$ FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BY PURCHASING GROCERY  
CARDS FOR YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GIANT EAGLE: \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate quantity)

SHOP N'SAVE: \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate quantity)

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Filled: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Method: **Sent home with child**

Make checks payable to **SFEPTA**

Return the order form by **Wednesday** afternoon each week. The Grocery Cards will be sent home with your child on **Thursday**.

The SFEPTA is not responsible for lost or stolen cards.

Any questions, please contact Teresa Peluso (412) 257-8015



# National News

## Parental Controls Become Easier to Understand, Install

No more excuses — parental control software helps parents supervise their children's computer usage, even when the parents are away from the computer, and the software is becoming simpler to use, according to [TheOnlineMom.com](http://TheOnlineMom.com).

Nearly everyone knows of a friend or neighbor's child that stumbled across an inappropriate website or accidentally deleted important files. How can you make sure this doesn't happen in your house? It's easy... and getting easier, according to [TheOnlineMom.com](http://TheOnlineMom.com). And it's even more important in this post-holiday season with new laptops and desktops received as gifts. Use this primer to learn about parental controls.

### What are parental controls?

Parental control software allows parents to:

- Manage time spent on the Internet or on the computer
- Limit what their children are allowed to see and read online
- Select which computer programs children can use
- Monitor and log all Internet activity

### Managing computer time

For all children, managing time spent at the computer is as important as monitoring the amount of time spent watching TV. Like the TV, computer use should not be an automatic right; rather it should be a privilege earned by good behavior and respect for the rules of engagement.

Most parental control software allows scheduling of times when the computer, and by extension the Internet, is and isn't available to your children.

### Filters and blocking software

When it comes to controlling what children are allowed to see and read, most security suites will typically offer to block websites matching specific categories such as pornography, violence, drugs, or chat. Some blocking software will refer to its own database of matching sites, which is constantly updated for new additions, and others will analyze page content in much the same way that search engines do.

### Protect files and turn off applications

All parental control software programs will also allow parents to "turn off" applications that are normally available to older users. Typically these would be e-mail services but could also include financial applications, games, movies, or other entertainment programs available off the desktop or elsewhere.


### To spy or not too spy?

Finally, there is the "spyware" side of parental controls. This can be a useful tool if you want to monitor how adventurous your children might be getting with their Internet searches. Typically, these monitoring features will log every attempt to visit a banned website or simply record every website visited, good or bad. They can even send notifications real-time, so you can be at work and see which sites your children are attempting to visit.

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# FEBRUARY



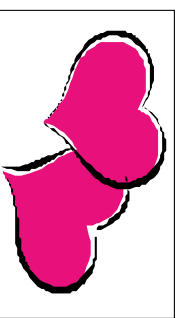
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 2 Day B4   <b>Groundhog Day</b>  Two-Hour Staff Development Day School starts at 11:00 a.m.	February 3 Day C5	February 4 Day D1	February 5 Day E2	February 6 Day F3
February 9 Day A4	February 10 Day B5	February 11 Day C1	February 12 Day D2	February 13 Day E3  PTA Valentine's Day Parties 2:00 p.m. a.m. kdg. - 10:30  Performing Arts Club Program 7:00 p.m. High School Theatre
February 16  No School for Students and Staff  Presidents' Day	February 17 Day F4  Cubs' Corner	February 18 Day A5 Cubs' Corner PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	February 19 Day B1 Cubs' Corner	February 20 Day C2 Cubs' Corner Interim Progress Report Day
February 23 Day D3  Market Day Pick-Up 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	February 24 Day E4	February 25 Day F5	February 26 Day A1	February 27 Day B2

Lunch Price is \$1.50  
 Premium Meal is \$2.25  
 Staff Meal \$2.50  
 Staff Premium Meal \$3.30













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## South Fayette Elementary School



**MONDAY**      **TUESDAY**      **WEDNESDAY**      **THURSDAY**      **FRIDAY**

<p><b>2</b> 2 hour late Start        Chicken Strip (1) with Mac and Cheese, mini tossed salad, veggie or fruit and Milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>	<p><b>3</b> Cheeseburger on bun, Tri Tater, fruit and Milk          or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>	<p><b>4</b> Double Stuff Crust Pizza, mini tossed salad, peaches, milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal        Lucky Sticker Day</p>	<p><b>5</b> Grande Taco Station        Walking Tacos with seasoned meat, shredded lettuce, taco pac ket., shredded cheese, fruit, veggie, Milk          or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>	<p><b>6</b> New Snack -N Waffle, Sausage, hash brown, syrup, fruit, Milk - or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal        Happy Birthday Cake  </p>
<p><b>9</b> Max's Pizza Sticks with marinara dipping sauce, potato, fruit and Milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal        Snack Bag</p>	<p><b>10</b> Premium Meal \$2.25        Tyson Chicken O's, pierogies (2) and fruit or green beans with Milk  </p>	<p><b>11</b> Pizza Hut        Premium \$2.25 Meal        Mini tossed salad, fruit and milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal  </p>	<p><b>12</b> Home-Style        Pasta Meal with Meat-Sauce and mini pretzel or garlic stick, mini tossed salad, fruit and Milk          or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>	<p><b>13</b> Tyson Chicken        Nuggets, mini pretzel, fruit and veggie and Milk        Valentine's Day Cookie          or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>
<p><b>16</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  </p>	<p><b>17</b> Tyson Chicken Patty Sandwich with bun, Potato Stars , fruit and Milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal        Lucky Tray Day - Fanny Pack</p>	<p><b>18</b> Personal Pan Pizza, mini tossed salad, fruit and milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal        Fruit Snacks</p>	<p><b>19</b> Chicken breast (White Meat Strips), honey mustard dipping sauce, fruit, cosmic Potato Smiles and mini potato Roll, Milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>	<p><b>20</b> Grande Taco Station        Walking tacos with seasoned meat, shredded lettuce, taco packet, shredded cheese, fruit, veggie, Milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>
<p><b>22</b> Pancakes with sausage, hashbrown, slices of orange, milk, syrup        or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>	<p><b>24</b> Mini Carved Turkey Breast Sandwich on mini buns, fruit, shapcup, Milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>	<p><b>23</b> Pizza Hut Premium Meal        \$2.25 Mini tossed salad, fruit and milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal  </p>	<p><b>26</b> Premium Meal \$2.25        Tyson Chicken O's, tater tots, fruit and Milk        COOKIE          or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal        Lucky Sticker Day</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>NEW</b>        Mini Fish Sandwich on mini slider bun with macaroni and cheese, veggie, fruit and Milk or Salad Meal, PB&amp;Jelly Meal or Hot Meal</p>



### News

Please sign up for Cafe' Prepay  
[www.cafeprepay.com](http://www.cafeprepay.com) to check you child's balance and participation for their lunch account.

Questions: Email Deb Deep, Elementary Leaders  
[deep@southfayette.org](mailto:deep@southfayette.org)  
 Elementary School Leader

Kitchen Phone:  
 (412)221-4542 x8334#



Menu Subject to change with out notice - due to weather

