



THE FALLSMEDIUM

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A monthly newsletter of the Fallsmead Elementary School PTA
www.fallsmeadpta.org

SCRIP NEWS: 30 FAMILIES NOW ORDERING SCRIP AND \$700 PROFIT TO DATE!

EVENTS SCHEDULE

November 2009

- 14 **Saturday**
Kids Club, 6:00-9:30 pm
- 25 **Wednesday**
Early Release for Students
- 26 **Thursday – 27 Friday**
No School - Thanksgiving

December 2009

- 1 **Tuesday**
PTA Meeting, 7:15 pm
- 5 **Saturday**
Kids Club, 6:00-9:30 pm
- 24 **Thursday**
No School – Winter Break Begins

CONGRATULATIONS TO
OCTOBER'S **BOX TOPS FOR
EDUCATION WINNERS**

**SIDNEY COHEN
BRENDAN EIG
SARAH SIMMONS
ALEXIS ZINSELMEIER**

Keeping sending in those box tops.
Contact Sabrina Altman at
boxtops@fallsmeadpta.org for
more information or to volunteer
to help.

NEWS & NOTES

Fallsmedium is Going Green

Starting in December, the PTA newsletter will be published in an electronic format. If you would like to be on the distribution list, please sign up for PTO Manager at <http://fallsmead.ptomanager.com/> or you can send your request (and questions) in an email to president@fallsmeadpta.org. Sign up today so you don't miss any important news.

PTA Meeting on December 1st

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st at 7:15 pm in the Media Center. Principal Payne will address the math focus at Fallsmead. You don't have to be a PTA member to attend—all are welcome!

Student Directories Distributed

Fallsmead Student Directories were distributed during the last week of October/first week of November. Everyone loves the new design and spiral binding! Directories were distributed to all who joined PTA. If you have put off joining or it slipped your mind, there's still time to join and get a student directory. Go to www.fallsmeadpta.org and click on Membership/About Us to join today. Questions? Email Vina Coonin or Tracy Clark at membership@fallsmeadpta.org.

Scrip News & Grocery Card Reminder

Congratulations to the Zinselmeier family who purchased the most SCRIP in October! They won the \$10 Starbucks card! Remember SCRIP when making your holiday purchases and shopping for the holiday meals. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com and make your purchase today! Code E4FB2B2121943. The class that sells the most SCRIP between now and December 21 will win a free pizza party! Contact Denise Dolan at scrip@fallsmeadpta.org for more information. On another note, please don't forget to register your grocery store bonus cards to benefit Fallsmead. You must re-register with each store every school year. Fallsmead ID numbers are: Giant 00701, Safeway 6502734 and Harris Teeter 8078.

Falcon Spiritwear

Fall spiritwear has been on display in the front of the school since Oct. 26th and order forms were distributed to students for the Nov. 13th order deadline. For those who ordered, clothing should arrive before winter break and will be distributed to students in their classrooms. Enjoy showing your pride and spirit in Fallsmead! Contact Marjorie Topmiller, falcongear@fallsmeadpta.org.

Chess Club Kids Making all the Right Moves

Fifty student members of the PTA-sponsored Chess Club--ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade-- meet on Wednesday evenings to practice and learn the game of chess. U.S. Chess Federation Expert Roman Turkevich volunteers his time and shares his love of the game. Read more about Chess Club at www.fallsmeadpta.org.

A Message from Your Co-Presidents . . .

Thanks to the hard work of Tharini Ramakrishnan and Shruti Taneja who brought so much of our community together our Book Fair was a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many friends milling about the Media Center searching for literary adventures, especially Mr. Payne and Ms. Vilkonovsky! What great fun there was in the gym too with Mr. Reid. And there certainly were many enjoying the activities and snacks in the All Purpose Room! Our community truly is a friendly group with strong belief in education.

Principal Payne presented the current School Improvement Plan (SIP) at the November PTA meeting. It was great to hear about the specific things that are happening during the school day that improve our children's chances of success and make Fallsmead a choice school.

We are delighted that SCRIP is off and running with 20 families purchasing SCRIP online and another ten families ordering SCRIP using the order form. We have already made \$700! Although we are off to a good start, we hope this is just the beginning. Unfortunately, even with the continued support of so many families, sales of Sally Foster have fallen this year. To maintain our current budget we will need to raise additional funds. SCRIP could be our answer! Please don't assume that your SCRIP purchases are not truly needed. With the holidays fast approaching, we need to put the **purchasing power** of all of our families behind SCRIP so we can continue the support we plan for Fallsmead Elementary. If you haven't made a purchase yet, please take the time to do it today. Your **purchases are powerful** for our children!

See you at the PTA meeting on December 1st! Until then . . . Happy shopping!

Jamila & Lyn

NOTICE!!!

THE FALLSMEDIUM IS GOING ELECTRONIC.
THIS IS THE LAST PAPER ISSUE!

IF YOU WANT TO KEEP RECEIVING THE
FALLSMEDIUM, YOU MUST JOIN PTO
MANAGER!

(See instructions under "Fallsmead is Going Green")