



## FCES PTSA Headline News

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### 2009 Walk A Thon Kick-Off

**The drive for funding education excellence starts today!**



**Go the Extra Mile**

Please start gathering pledges now to benefit our kids. **Every child benefits with your Walk-A-Thon pledge - guaranteed.** When you gather pledges, you are enriching your children's learning at FCES. The PTSA provides a long list of educational programs - in fact, over of all Walk-A-Thon pledges will be spent directly on the students. Don't forget to ask donors if their company offers Corporate Matching. To donate online, find out more about PTSA enrichment programs or check out the prizes your child could win, go to [www.fcесptsa.org](http://www.fcесptsa.org).

**We need many volunteers to make the Walk-A-Thon a success.** Can you help? Please return the volunteer form that was sent home with your child today.

#### Key Dates:

Thursday, Sept. 24th - Pledge envelopes due. The class with the most envelopes turned in by Sept. 24th will have a popcorn party!

Thursday, October 1st - All School BBQ before the Walk-A-Thon, 11:30am - Parents are welcome & encouraged to attend! The Walk-A-Thon will start at 1:00pm.

**The Reading Buddy Kick-Off Breakfast and Training Meeting**

**Sept. 24th @ 9:15am**

It is time to launch the 2009-2010 Reading Buddy Program! A Kick-Off Breakfast and Training Meeting will be held for returning and new volunteers on Thursday, September 24, 2009, in Room 1 at FCES (Ms. Nystrom's former first grade classroom). The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m., with breakfast and coffee for all volunteers. Beginning at 9:15 a.m., we will map out the new school year for all volunteers and provide general information about the reading buddy program. Come and hear about the improvements and refinements to the program, many of which are based on volunteer suggestions.



Training for new reading buddy volunteers will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will last until 12:00 p.m. (Returning volunteers are welcome to stay for the training, but are not required to do so.) During this time, Katie Morris, FCES' Literacy Coordinator, will go over the Reading Buddy Power Pack with the new volunteers and take them on a tour of the school and the library. The training will cover such subjects as what reading buddies do together, what to do in those first few meetings with your buddy, and how to get help if you need it with your buddy. Katie will also answer any questions you may have about the program.

The Reading Buddy Program at FCES is a wonderful enrichment program that has helped the school attain high literacy marks. There would be no Reading Buddy Program without our adult volunteers, who are enriched by the experience of working one-on-one with a student reader. Please consider giving thirty minutes a week to the program, even if you cannot make the Kick-Off Breakfast and Training Meeting. If you have any questions about the program or the meeting, please contact [Katie Morris](#), [Terry Nwokeuku](#), Reading Buddy Co-Chair, or [Cheryl Duncan](#), Reading Buddy Co-Chair.

**PTSA General Meeting and Volunteer Fair -  
In Library**

**Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 7:00pm (childcare provided)**

Please join us for the year's 1st PTSA meeting. Some of the agenda items being discussed are:

- How does the PTSA raise funds and what do they spend it on?
- After school Enrichment classes
- Meet the new teachers on staff
- Literacy for Life Program - what is this?
- Principal's Report
- Volunteer opportunities - sign ups in hallway for Walk-A-Thon, raffle, science fair, bakers, and more
- Joel Aune, Superintendent of Snoqualmie Valley School District - the state of our district and future outlook

Don't miss this opportunity to get connected to your school!

### **Become a PTSA Member - Receive Your School Directory**

**Click Here for a membership form:**

[\*\*PTSA Membership Form\*\*](#)

**(please print out and return to school)**

Get your 2009-2010 FCES Student Directory! Return the FCES PTSA Membership and Directory Form to secure your order now and to make sure your contact information is included. You and your students are best connected to friends, classmates, and other parents when your information is published! In addition to receiving a Student Directory, PTSA Members can receive discounts at Barnes & Noble, T-Mobile, Southwest Airlines, Sharp, among others. Contact Julie Chappell or Zeeba Baccetti.

Deadline to appear in the Student Directory is Friday, Sept 18th.

### **Advertise Your Business**

**....in the School Directory!**

Share your business or organization with the Fall City school community: buy an ad in the Student Directory! This year FCES and CKMS PTSA's have again partnered together. When you become a 2009/10 sponsor, your ad will be seen by over 550 families at both FCES and CKMS!

See [School Directory Sponsorship](#) for sponsorship details or contact [Stephanie Ploof](#) or [Lori Hollasch](#).

Deadline for advertising adds is September 30th.

### After School Gymnastics

#### Gymnastics Express on Wednesdays!

Looking for an activity to do after school that is great exercise and a lot of fun? Beginning Sept. 30th Johnetta from Gymnastics Express and her staff will setup shop in the FCES gym to offer after school gymnastics.

Description: "Our grade school program is a fun, non-competitive class for boys and girls. The program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop gymnastics skills in tumbling, on the balance beam, bar and vault.

In our classes, we emphasize general fitness, self-esteem and a positive attitude towards physical development."  
Johnetta Renkert

Contact Information: Gymnastics Express  
[Johnetta \(Jet\) Renkert](#) or 425-888-0349

Age group: K thru 5.

Session length: 12 weeks

Class frequency: Weekly

Class days: Wednesdays

Class times: **3:45-4:45-K-2nd & 4:45-5:45-3rd-5th**

Location: Fall City Elem. Gymnasium

Fall Session: Sept 30-Jan 6, 2010

To get signed up: Contact Johnetta directly or pick up a form in the school lobby.

### Parent To Do Checklist

- Now! Collect Walk-A-Thon pledges
- Attend the 1st PTSA meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 7:00pm
- Curriculum Nights: Sept. 15th (Kindergarten @ 6:00pm and 1st grade @ 6:00pm) Sept. 16th (4th grade @ 6:30pm and 5th grade Seabeck @ 6:00)
- Walk-A-Thon and All School BBQ: Oct. 1st



PTSA Executive Board Members

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