



# FCES PTSA Headline News

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## Parent To Do Checklist



- Now! Collect Walk-A-Thon pledges.

## Walk-A-Thon 2009



Keep on collecting those pledges to so we can make our goal of \$60,000 and enrich the education at Fall City Elementary.

Invite friends and family to donate - please forward this email!

Their donations will directly fund the learning programs at Fall City Elementary this year. From teacher grants and assemblies to reading tutors and field trips, your Walk-A-Thon donations make a difference for all the students. Double your donations with Corporate Matching!

Your company may offer corporate matching, a smart and easy way to double the education enrichment opportunities for our kids. To find out, go to

[www.fcesptsa.org/corpmatch.asp](http://www.fcesptsa.org/corpmatch.asp) and view a list of corporations that offer matching. If you are an employee of Boeing or Microsoft, we also have direct links to corporate matching information.

## [Pledge Online](#)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Pledge envelopes are due Thursday, September 24th. The class with the most envelopes returned will get a popcorn party! Don't forget that you can [pledge online](#) through our secure donation page.
- Be a Walk-A-Thon volunteer. Each year 125 parents make this successful event happen. [Sign up](#) by September 24th.

The Walk-A-Thon is October 1st. All pledges need to be

Envelopes due back Thur. Sept. 24th.

- New Volunteer Orientation: Sept. 16th at 10:50am
- Curriculum Nights - Sept. 16th: 4th grade @ 6:30pm, 5th grade @ 6:00pm, 5th grade Seabeck @ 6:30pm, HI-C @ 7:00pm)
- Deadline to be listed in the student directory: Oct. 2nd
- Walk-A-Thon and All School BBQ: Oct. 1st
- 5th Graders - Mt. St. Helens overnight: Oct. 7th-8th
- First Parent Playday: Friday, Oct. 23rd

### Do you like to Take Pictures?

The Yearbook Committee needs 5 or 6 volunteers willing to share the responsibility to attend school related events, take pictures, and forward them onto the committee chairs. Contact [Lori Cobb](#) to see how you can help.

collected by October 14th.

Visit [www.fcetspta.org](http://www.fcetspta.org) for complete Walk-A-Thon details.

Thank you!

[Michelle Choat Sellars](#) and [Marsheila Kenow](#)  
WAT 2009 Co-Chairs

### Reading Buddy Training

#### 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-

## Join our list



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.

## 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, Oct. 2nd.

## 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 [Stepanie Ploof](#) or [Lori Hollasch](#).

Deadline for advertising adds is October 2nd.

## Snoqualmie Valley Voter's Forum:

### Meet the School Board Candidates

Which school Board candidates will you vote for? Help direct the future of our school District as you choose which school Board candidates to vote for. Four out of five positions will be on the ballot November 3rd. Will you choose the incumbents or the newcomers?

The Snoqualmie Valley PTSA Council has organized a Voters' Form just for you, the voter. At the Forum, the candidates will answer our questions and give us an opportunity to learn about them, their experience, and philosophies.

This is a key decision for Snoqualmie Valley parents. Come, get informed, and choose our leaders to guide us through the challenges ahead for our school district!

Please submit questions in advance by September 23rd to [Rebecca Forbes](#).

Come and Meet the Candidates on **Wednesday night, September 30th**, at the Mount Si High School Auditorium at **6:30 p.m.** Be an informed voter!

### After School Gymnastics

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.

### Did You Know?

Did you know there are numerous ways that funds can be raised for FCES PTSA while you shop with little or no effort? Stay tuned next week for details on the "No Effort Fundraising" programs and how to use them.

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#### PTSA Executive Board Members

Co-Presidents: [Amy Click](#) and [Sophie Harris](#)

Co-Vice Presidents: [Lori Cobb](#) and [Fran Ellul](#)

Secretary: [Connie Rosenberger](#)

Treasurer: [Bess Carter](#)