



# Fort Garrison PTA Newsletter October 2017

## From the Presidents

We are off to a great start at the Fort this year! It was exciting to have WBAL come out and see what great events are happening here. They broadcast how we are highlighting Kindness this month. They showed our laser light assembly and how we were creating our Kindness Rocks! We can't wait to display these beautifully messaged rocks in our newly landscaped garden out front. We also hope you enjoy finding a special place in the community to hide your child's second kindness rock for someone else to find and maybe post on social media. Please continue to support the PTA and it's programming. Without parents support we wouldn't be able to have such exciting assemblies and other programs.

We are pleased to say we have 112 families who have joined the PTA! Thank you so much to Lorren Rapkin for her tireless work collecting all of our membership forms and keeping us updated.

We want to thank all the parents who joined us for our first PTA meeting of the year. We understand weeknights are tough to get out and be there, we are excited to announce our next meeting will be broadcasted on Facebook Live. Make sure to be friends with Fort Garrison PTA on Facebook to watch from home. We do hope parents continue to join us monthly to learn what the school is up to and how the PTA is helping Fort Garrison and its students. Our next meeting will be October 23rd, mark your calendars.

We want to thank Laura Lamb and Alissa Abramson-Densky for creating our awesome Fort Garrison spirit wear this year! If you haven't put your order in yet now is the time! See the order form attached at end of the newsletter! We are excited to announce we will be switching our spirit days to every Monday instead of the 3rd Thursday of each month. The students can now start their week out with school spirit! This will start on November 6th and we will send home reminders before it begins.

Always feel free to reach out to us with any questions or ways to get involved! See you at the Fort!

Amanda and Ashley (fortgarrisonpta@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ PTA Meeting Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 in Room 24
- ❖ Restaurant Night Tuesday, October 17th from 4-8 at Chipotle
- ❖ Yankee Candle Fundraiser Monday, October 23rd – November 10th
- ❖ Baltimore Sports & Novelty Discount and Fundraiser Monday, October 23rd – November 5th
- ❖ Annual Monster Bash October 27th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- ❖ Box Tops Contest #1 Runs until Oct. 27th

## PTA Membership

PLEASE join the PTA. Volunteer, get involved, connect with other parents, and stay informed. Help make our school the very best for our children.

We have 112 current members. Please help us reach 100% participation. The PTA provides many educational and social opportunities for our kids: Halloween Bash, Restaurant Nights, School assemblies/speakers, yearbook, and much more. With your membership and support, we can continue to create the most positive and powerful learning experience for our children. PTA membership forms are available on our website or in the PTA bin outside of the office.

**Membership Contact: Lorren Rapkin**

## Directory Update

The directory has been updated and is now live at [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com). If you are a PTA member, you can search the directory to find contact information for the friends of your child. Written directions to search the directory are attached below and will be sent home also on Thursday, October 12th. If you are not a PTA member and want access to the online directory, it can be purchased for \$5.00.

Families who did not confirm their family information will not be displayed. There are still some new families that we are hoping to reach and add to the directory by mid-October. We hope to distribute printed directories to members at the end of October to those who have joined the PTA at the Artic Fox level or higher.

**Directory Contact: Debby Katzen**

## Restaurant Night



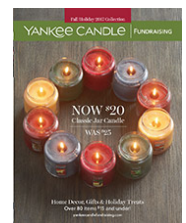
Our first Restaurant Night will be on 10/17 from 4:00 – 8:00 at Chipotle at 1809 Reisterstown Road Suite. Hope to see you there with your family to support the school!

**Contacts: Jill Glick and Melisa Gofstein**

## Yankee Candle Fundraiser

We will host our first-ever Yankee Candle Fundraiser. Order forms will come home the week of October 23rd. We have a 3-week window to take orders. All order forms are due by Friday, November 10. All items ordered will be delivered before Winter Break.

**Contact: Mindi and Brad Levin**



## Baltimore Sports & Novelty Discount and Fundraiser

Looking for Ravens merchandise and want to help our school? From October 23<sup>rd</sup> - November 5<sup>th</sup>, Baltimore Sports and Novelty, a local small business, is partnering with us to offer Fort Garrison Families a 10% discount and additionally will donate 10% of sales from these weeks to our PTA! Flyers will be coming home soon with details!

**Contact: Melanie Wright**

## School Spirit



Show your Fort Garrison School Spirit EVERY MONDAY in your new spirit wear on sale now! We are changing things up this year and celebrating school spirit every Monday...and closing every week with purple Friday. Spirit wear samples are hanging in the office and you can always reach out to Alissa [alissa.abramson@gmail.com](mailto:alissa.abramson@gmail.com) or Laura [lauratlamb@gmail.com](mailto:lauratlamb@gmail.com) with any questions! GO FOXES!!!!

**Contacts: Alissa Abramson-Densky & Laura Lamb**

## Box Tops Contest Information

Collecting Box Tops is an easy way to earn money for your school. So far this year we have raised approximately \$124.00. Our goal this year is to raise over \$1000.00 like we did last year! FGES earns 10 cents for every Box Top! It adds up so please collect! You can see a list of participating products at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>.

The class with the most Box Tops at the end of October will earn an ice cream themed prize! Due to a request from the administration, we will **not** be having an ice cream party. Our next contest will continue with prizes for the top 10 collecting families!

**Contact: Debby Katzen**

## A Note from Innovation Station

Mrs. Zeigler is always accepting donations for the wonderful Innovation Station. I know all the kids love their time there. Let's show her some support by sending in some things that she is always in need of!

- o small electronics (they do not have to work since they are for deconstruction)
- o boxes of Tissues
- o paper plates (small and large)

Thanks in advance!

## Annual Monster Bash Information

On October 27th, please join the FGES community for the annual Monster Bash & Trunk or Treating. Please note that this fun event is for Fort Garrison families only. Kids must have a parent or guardian with them (no drop offs).

A sign up genius was sent out for volunteers to make this event a success. We need help with decorating the school, participating in the Trunk or treat (decorate your car and bring tons of candy), and removing the decorations after the event. The link is <http://bit.ly/2017FGESMonsterBash>.



We are also hoping for candy and Halloween decoration donations. Please send these in to school with your child (we are accepting these items now). Candy must be nut-free and in unopened bags. If you buy decorations, please consider buying scene setters, black tablecloths, and other fun decorations (cobwebs are not needed).

More information is at the end of the newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this event. Thank you!

**Contacts: Heather Crawford and Robin Holt**

## Holiday Shop



The holidays are just around the corner and our students look forward each year to the holiday shop. It's an opportunity for each child to pick out a gift for their sister, brother, family member, or pet. Holiday shop will be open December 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>. Look for a flyer to come home Thursday. It is also attached to the end of this newsletter.

**Contacts: Candy Diamond-Krupitsky and Jamie Freiman**

## 5th Grade Families Announcement



We wanted to take a moment to introduce ourselves as the chairs of this year's 5th Grade class. It is our job to fundraise and plan for our class' end of the year ceremony and celebration. Please be on the lookout for information on a major fundraising **read-a-thon initiative to be launched in November**. It is our goal that with **participation by all of our 5th grade families** that this fundraiser will then likely need to be our only one as we have the potential to raise a significant amount of money from this program. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. We look forward to an amazing year in 5th grade!

**Elizabeth Carr, Lara Nicolson, and Sara Greenberg**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chairs**

## Yearbook Update

Be on the lookout for information coming soon regarding; how to upload your pictures to the 2017-2018 Yearbook website for consideration in the book and this years Cover Contest!

**Contacts: Stephanie London & Carly Maass**

**Fort Garrison Elementary School  
Monster Bash & Trunk or Treat**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017  
6:30PM TO 8:30PM



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The Fort Garrison Elementary School (FGES) Annual Halloween Monster Bash will be taking place on Friday, October 27th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This is a family-fun event where you and your family can trick-or-treat in our Spooky Parking Lot and dance the night away in the cafeteria! Please keep in mind this event is **ONLY** for FGES families.

To help out with this event, we are hoping for the following by Wednesday, October 18th:

- Each child bring in an **UNOPENED BAG** of **NUT FREE** candy so that the teachers and staff can hand out during the event (list of candy on back of page)
- Spooky halloween scene setters, wall decorations, plastic black table cloths, and other hangable spooky decorations. Spider webbing is **NOT** needed.

In addition, we still need volunteers for the following:

1. Decorate your car and dress in costume to hand out candy for our Trunk-or-Treat
2. Decorate the school the morning of the event (9:30 am – 11:30 am)
3. Decorate the school the afternoon of the event (1:30 pm – 3:00 pm)
4. Decorate the school & final items (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)
5. Clean up the school after the event (8:15 pm – 9:00 pm)



Please go to Sign Up Genius at <http://bit.ly/2017FGESMonsterBash> or feel free to contact Heather Crawford and Robin Holt directly at [fortgarrisonpta@gmail.com](mailto:fortgarrisonpta@gmail.com) to sign up. Any help is appreciated. Thank you in advance for making this event special for our kids!

Due to many Fort Garrison Elementary School students having peanut and tree nut allergies, we are asking families to donate candy that is safe for these children. Below is a list of peanut / tree nut safe candies we would like to have donated. Remember that the **bags of candy need to be unopened** (ziplock bags of candy will not be accepted).

Bottle Caps

Dubble Bubble Gum

Dum Dum Lollipops

Hershey (plain) chocolate kisses (not King Size, not Holiday / Seasonal Bags)

Hot Tamales

Jolly Rancher Hard Candy, Lollipops, & Gummi Candy

Junior Mints

Kraft Marshmallows

Laffy Taffy

Lifesaver Gummies

Mike and Ikes

Peeps

Pop Rocks

Rolos

Runts

Skittles

Smarties

Sour Patch Kids – All Varieties

Starburst Fruit Chews, Lollipops, and Jelly Beans

Swedish Fish

Sweet Tarts

Tootsie Pops & Tootsie Rolls (anything made by Tootsie)

Twizzlers

Whoppers

Wonka's Nerds & Nerds Rope

York Peppermint Patties





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!!**



See samples hanging in the office




# Ft. Garrison 2017-2018 Spirit Wear Order Form



	Youth Small	Youth Medium	Youth Large	Youth XL	Adult Small	Adult Medium	Adult Large	Adult XL
<b>BOYS &amp; MENS</b>  <b>UA Short Sleeve Tee</b> Youth Sizes - \$25.00 Adult Sizes - \$28.00  <b>UA Hooded Sweatshirt</b> Youth Sizes - \$38.00 Adult Sizes - \$40.00								
								

	Youth Small	Youth Medium	Youth Large	Youth XL	Adult Small	Adult Medium	Adult Large	Adult XL
<b>GIRLS &amp; WOMENS</b>  <b>Cotton Baseball 3/4 Length Tee</b> Youth Sizes - \$22.00 Adult Sizes - \$25.00  <b>Zipper Sweatshirt</b> Youth Sizes - \$28.00 Adult Sizes - \$32.00								
								

<b>SCHOOL GEAR</b>  Ft. Garrison Water Bottle  \$15.00								
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If you have any questions, please be in touch with Alissa Densky (alissa.abramson@gmail.com) or Laura Lamb (lauralamb@gmail.com)

\*\*\*Orders are due by Friday, October 20th\*\*\*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade / Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **FGES PTA**

**TOTAL DUE \$** \_\_\_\_\_

# ITS TIME FOR... HOLIDAY SHOP!



## Shop Monday-Wednesday 12/4/17 - 12/6/17

Each student will have an opportunity to purchase gifts at their assigned time at FGES holiday shop. Volunteers will help your child shop for gifts for the people listed on your form.

**DON'T MISS OUT!!** This is a FAVORITE event at The Fort. The kids LOVE to shop independently for gifts. Each gift \$3. (Parents, grandparents, pets, cousins, siblings, babysitters...don't forget teachers AND a gift for your child!

**Money & Forms MUST be sent in by NOV 10th** for your child to participate. (*This week only....A special treat if you send in your money and form before Oct 20th*). Make your check payable to **FGES PTA** (please put your check number on form below). Please do not combine siblings' forms. Each child needs their own form.

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

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out boxes below to indicate person that will be receiving the gift and we will take care of writing the gift tag. Feel free to use the back of the paper if you'd like to add additional names.

**TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$3=** \_\_\_\_\_ **CASH/CHECK#** \_\_\_\_\_

Person	# of Gifts	Name(s) on Card	Person	# of Gifts	Name (s) on Card
Mom			Dad		
Grandmother			Grandfather		
Aunt			Uncle		
Aunt			Uncle		
Girl 1 age____			Boy 1 age____		
Girl 2 age____			Boy 2 age____		
Baby girl			Baby boy		
<b>Gift for self</b>			dog		
Teacher			cat		
Babysitter			Other (age___/Gender M/F)		
Other (age___/gender M/F)			Other (age___/Gender M/F)		



## Holiday Shop Schedule (Subject to Change)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Class</b>
9:30-10:00	Sanders (20) (4th)	9:30-10:00	Montanye(20) Kinder	9:30-10:30	absentees/Cash shoppers/Open shop
10:00-10:30	Nolan (18) (4th)	10:00-10:30	Kovatch (17) (2nd)		
10:30-11:15	Gill (19) (5th) Levine (19) (5th)	10:30-11:00	Bynum (17) (2nd)		
11:30-12:00	Thompson (16) (2nd)	11:00-11:20	absentees from Day 1		
12:20-12:50	Varelli (22) (1st)	11:20-11:50	Spaulding (27) (3rd)		
12:50-1:20	Hoffman (21) (1st)	11:50-12:10	Kilmer (26) (3rd)		
1:20-1:50	Parry (20) Kinder				
1:50-2:20	Cohen(20) Kinder				



## FORT GARRISON DIRECTORY INFORMATION

**The Fort Garrison PTA online directory is now live!**  
**Below are directions to access, use, and search it!**  
**PTA members have access included in their membership.**  
**Non-PTA members can purchase online access for \$5. (See back.)**

PTA members can login to the directory from the web or download the myschoolanywhere app.

To search the directory from the web, first you will need to login at [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com). Then locate the myschoolanywhere blue bar at the top of the screen.

With a Directory Search, you can search by 1) **Family Last Name** or click the 2) **Students and Grades** tab to search by grade level or teacher. When the names appear, you can click on the last name to show the details the family has chosen to allow. You may also choose to 3) **Add** some people to your 4) **Favorites** tab for faster viewing the next time.

The screenshot shows the MySchoolAnywhere website interface. At the top left is a login form with fields for 'Email Address' and 'Password', a 'Login' button, a 'Remember Me' checkbox, and a 'Forgot your Password?' link. A blue navigation bar at the top contains the MySchoolAnywhere logo, a search icon, 'Directory Search', a star icon, 'Favorites', a printer icon, 'Print', and a checkmark icon, 'SignUp'. Below the navigation bar, three numbered callouts point to specific features: 1) points to the 'Families' tab in the 'Directory Search' section; 2) points to the 'Students and Classes' tab in the 'Directory Search' section; 3) points to the 'Add' button with a star icon in a search results dropdown; 4) points to the 'Favorites' link in the blue navigation bar.

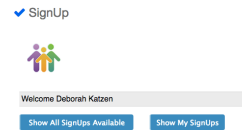
You can also choose to print a report/class list. You can sort by grade or teacher and preview your report for printing. Then you can print it and have an easy reference. **Families who have chosen not to show information online will not appear.**

The screenshot shows the 'Print' report interface. At the top is the MySchoolAnywhere navigation bar. Below it is a 'Print' section with instructions: 'Instructions: Select the report you want and click Preview. The reports are created in a PDF format that can be saved and printed.' There are two sections for selecting reports: 'Report by Teacher' with a dropdown menu and a 'Preview Report' button, and 'Report by Grade' with a dropdown menu and a 'Preview Report' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Report Your Favorites:' section with a 'Preview Favorites' button.

**If you want to change your display information, you will have go into Your Account and select My Family.** You can decide what you want to show or hide from others. Please note that to change your primary email, you will have to use the **Change Login** from the menu and click on the **Change Email** tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Your Family' page. At the top left, there is a blue navigation bar with 'Your Account' and 'Logout'. Below it, a dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Your Family', 'Your Purchases', 'Room Parent Email', 'Change Login', 'Contact Us', and 'Help Center'. On the right, the 'Your Family' page is displayed. It has a 'Last' field with a red error message 'Please enter a family last name.' and a 'Save' button. Below that are tabs for 'Instructions', 'Students', 'Household 1', 'Household 2', and 'Display Settings'. The 'Instructions' tab is active, showing a list of instructions. Below the instructions is a section for 'Change Login Password or Email' with sub-tabs for 'Change Password' and 'Change Email'. The 'Change Email' sub-tab is active, showing a form with 'Current Email' and 'New Email' fields, and 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons.

We will be looking at ways to integrate some of the other features like the SignUp feature to make it even more useful for our school community.



A Red Fox PTA membership is \$35 and includes online directory access. The Artic Fox PTA membership is \$50 and includes online access and a printed copy of the directory. Membership forms are available at [www.fortgarrisonpta.com](http://www.fortgarrisonpta.com). We encourage you to join the PTA if you have not already done so.

**If you are new to the school and are unsure if you have added or confirmed your information for the directory, please contact [djkatzen@comcast.net](mailto:djkatzen@comcast.net).**

If you are not a PTA member but are interested in online access to the directory, return the information below in a sealed envelope with your child's name to: PTA Attn: Debby Katzen

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 I am not a PTA member but would like online access to the PTA Directory.  
 Enclosed is my \$5.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_