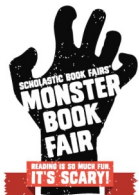


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Join us Tonight: Carnival and Book

Costume Carnival is TONIGHT! Don't forget to dress up and bring your treat bags. Cost of games for children is \$7 for children 3 & over. Raffle tickets for the Pie Toss will be \$1. We can't wait to see you. Limited 'Pizza by the Slice' will be available.



The book fair is TODAY from 3-8pm on the cafeteria stage. Come join us afterschool or during the Costume Carnival!

We hope to see you at both events!



Your Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Helen Ludvigson and Christine Wilson

Vice President: Heather Bennett

Secretary: Kristen Sjogren

Co-Treasurers: Brooke Owen and Kalyn Parmenter

Fun Library Opportunities for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders!

Million Word Challenge: 3rd

3rd Graders – Can you read ONE MILLION words this year?

The new Million Word Challenge kicks off this week! In the library, we'll have a class competition chart, to see which class is reading the most. We'll highlight the top readers in a monthly Top Ten. In the classroom, teachers will document individual achievements.

1,000,000 WORDS!!

We'll be using Reading Counts to track your reading. Each passed quiz will add to your word count (based on... get this... the number of words in the book)! Reading Counts can be used on your iPad and at home - <http://tinyurl.com/FelidaRC> - using your ID#vps as both username and password.

If you read 14 minutes a day for a year, you will read 1,000,000 words. Are you up to the challenge?

Battle of the Books: 4th & 5th

4th and 5th grade students can compete in Battle of the Books. From January through March, grade-level teams compete by answering questions about books from the Battle of the Books list in a Jeopardy-style setting during lunch recess. If your child would like to participate, they must pass at least 3 Reading Counts tests on books they have **read or listened to** from this year's Battle of the Books list. The last day to qualify is **Tuesday, November 21, 2017**.

After qualifying, students can keep reading and taking quizzes to become an All Star (15 books). They can check their progress by logging in to Reading Counts. The 2017-2018 Battle of the Books list is available in the school library, on the Felida library website at <http://felida.vansd.org/library/>, or on the Felida PTA website under Reading Programs at <http://www.felidapta.com/school-reading-docs.html>. Please contact Mr. Wagner at ron.wagner@vansd.org with any questions.

Box Tops!

Forgot to Turn in Your Box Tops? Send them in MONDAY!

Our Box Top Contest ends today, but if you still have Box Tops, get them in Monday so we can mail them out.

We will announce winners in an upcoming Newsletter.

Every year we use the points to "buy" supplies for our classrooms. Thank you for your support!

Important PTA Dates:

- Oct 27:** Costume Carnival
- Nov 14:** Math Night
- Nov 21:** Board of Directors' Meeting, 12-1, Staff Room
- Dec 6:** Cocoa and Caring, 6:30 -8:30 pm
- Jan 16:** Board of Directors' Meeting, 12-1, Staff Room
- Jan 30:** STEM Night, 6:30-8 pm, Cafeteria

Pro Tip!

If you use Google Calendar, go to our website to download all of the dates for our PTA events, as well as Early Releases.

Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly

Last weekend WSPTA members gathered to discuss important topics that WSPTA will be working to address in the coming year. Resolutions were passed regarding Mental Health Needs for Children, Trauma Informed Care, Increasing Access and Affordability of Post-secondary/Higher Education Degrees and Certificates, and LGBTQ+ Inclusion.

Seven issues were added to the “Also Supported” list of the 2018 Legislative Platform (alphabetically): Addressing the Teacher Shortage, Best Practices for School Meal Policies, Career Connected Learning, CTE, &STEM, Dual Credit Equality & Support, Equity for Highly Capable, Preventing and Mitigating the Impacts of Gender-based Violence, and School Construction and Class Size Reduction.

It was an exciting weekend and a lot of work was done. Along with official votes, members attended classes on a variety of advocacy topics, heard from speakers about the work being done, and networked with advocates throughout the state. Felida PTA had one member in attendance, Heather Lindberg; she wasn’t representing Felida, but will answer questions. Her email is: hrblindberg@gmail.com

New to PTA, Want to Know What We’ve Done Recently?

If you are curious about business we have conducted in the recent past, please visit our website. We have our last couple of budgets (including our current one) and meeting minutes from our latest meetings.

Visit: <http://www.felidapta.com/documents.html> There is information for you to look through to get an idea of what we do and where we spend our money.

Vote by November 7th!

Please remember to vote this election!

You should have already received your ballot. There are many important issues to vote on including two seats on the Vancouver School District Board.

To see where candidates stand on issue that matter to you, you can email them at:

- Mark Stoker: mfs@hpl-law.com
- Anthony Licerio:
anthonylicerio@gmail.com
- Heather Christiansen:
hchristiansen71@gmail.com
- Wendy Smith:
ElectWendySmith@gmail.com

Special Education PTSA

Did you know that there is a PTA for parents in the area that have students with special needs? The Special Education PTSA of Southwest Washington is a group of parent advocates that meet monthly for fun-filled family activities. They are part of Vancouver PTA Council 3.7 servicing all of Southwest Washington. You can find them on Facebook for more information.



- Halloween Safety Checklist**
1. Stay on the sidewalk.
 2. Stay with your group.
 3. Wear reflective items on your clothing so cars can see you.
 4. Make sure you can walk and run in your costume (practice).
 5. Have a great time!!



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