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Special Thank You To...

Dates to remember:

January 12th Professional Development, no school

January 19th Martin Luther King Day, no school

January 23rd Family Activity night

January 30th Box Top deadline

February 16th-17th Parent teacher conferences

Many thanks to Leo Lopez for clearing the snowdrifts after the big wind storm so that we could get in the school.

Thanks to Chris Cook for coming in to fix Mrs. Torrez's whiteboard. It was much needed.

We would also like to thank Veronica Wolfe, the French family, the King/Sullivan family and the Butrlakorn family for coming to help out last Saturday for our school work day. What troopers! Brrrrrr. It was 30

below. Please remember that we do not have a custodian who would normally do the maintenance like this. So it is crucial that we have parents help with these tasks.



Raffle Winners

We raised approximately \$9,500 after prizes and expenses with our raffle. The winners were as follows: 1st prize Ryan Davidson, 2nd prize Stuart Aiken, 3rd prize Toni Shaw, 4th prize Leroy Ochap.

Who sold the most tickets? 1st place Sandra McMillian, 2nd place Demetria McGraw and tied for 3rd place Solveig Eidsness and Nicole Whittington-Evans.

A Christmas Story

Fronteras hosting of "A Christmas Story" was a successful fundraiser! We had a sold out performance with 174 tickets sold. Most of the families participated in providing



and/or buying from our concession stand. Sra. Torres and Srta. Pesman helped Veronica

with the concession stand. Our earnings for that evening performance amounted to \$1100. This money will be used to subsidize the cost of future field trips and janitorial expenses for our school.

Want To Learn Spanish?

The Adult Spanish Class will begin on Thursday, January 15th, from 5 - 6 p.m. in Building A of Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School. The class will be held each Thursday until March 5th. The fee will be \$25

per person. There is still room for more interested adults, so please spread the word. The class will be taught by Elise King, a first language Spanish Wasilla resident, originally from Mexico. This is a wonderful

opportunity to not be left completely in the dust by your amazing children. If you have additional questions or thoughts, please feel free to contact Wendy Bowen. wendy.bowen@matsuk12.us

Go For The Gravy Race

The First Annual Go for the Gravy 5K Family Fun Run was held on November 22, 2008. The event raised almost \$2,500 for the Fronteras Physical Education Program. There were over 100 people that attended. 54 adults and kids ran the 5K race and over 50 children participated in the kids races.

A special thanks goes out to the volunteers that made it all happen and the local businesses

that contributed money and in-kind donations. The top donors were Valley Dermatology Center, Excel Gymnastics, and Mat-Su Health Foundation. Other donors included Conoco Phillips/Health Futures, Kaladi Brothers Coffee, Mat-Su Water, Musk Ox Farm, Ultimate Woodwork, Valley Eye Associates, Valley Radio Q99.7. Turkey Red Restaurant, Denali Gymnastics, Valley

Tang Soo Do Academy, and Kristin Cole Real Estate. Also, thanks to the Colony Steel Drum Band who serenaded us with beautiful music and the Colony Junior ROTC volunteers who were crossing guards on the course (brrrrrrr). We look forward to the second annual race next year....gobble, gobble.



Recycling

Fronteras has established a recycling committee. The goals of the group are to give students an opportunity to recycle at school, become educated about materials they can recycle and to also learn about recycling in our community. If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, we could use people to help pick up recycling materials in both buildings and take it to the recycling center each week. We have had discussions with all the K-1 classes and the fourth grade



class during their lunchtime about recycling at school. The kids are motivated and this is a wonderful age to teach them. We

emphasize "putting things where they belong", just like you would put your things away at home. The members of the committee are Jody Soeder, Michelle Buehner, Carol Marsh, Wendy Taylor, and Melissa Mallett. If you are interested in joining or just have some ideas, please contact Jody Soeder at 376-7049.



School Mural

If you get a chance, stop by Building A to see the wonderful mural being painted by Leo Lopez.

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He is a parent at our school. We are lucky to have him do this with his extremely busy

schedule. Also thanks to his wife, Rebecca, for being supportive.

Family Activity Night

Mark your calendars! The January Family Activity will take place in the evening on Friday, January 23. If you are willing to



help with this event, contact Melissa O'Rourke at 746-7462 or at

orourke@mtaonline.net.

More details about the event will be available in the next newsletter.

Box Top Contest



Remember to save your box tops, soup

labels and Tyson chicken labels and turn them into your teachers. Also, anyone can go to the boxtops4education.com web-site

and enter any of the sweepstakes to earn extra box tops for our school by clicking on the "Bonus Box Tops" link.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Man Front desk at either building (2hr shifts).
- Cleaning - if you don't have time to do it all then just do part. Clean one bathroom, Vacuum the hall or multipurpose room while you are waiting to pick up your child from an after school activity, check the paper dispensers. Anything is great!
- IF you can't find something to do, ask a teacher or Mrs. Nunley. Some of the teachers have work baskets set up outside their classrooms.
- Log in library books. This can be done at home or at school. See Mrs. Koutsky.
- Contact any of the Volunteer Chairs, if you are interested in what they do. I'm sure they would love the help.
- Move orange chairs from in front of portable to conex.
- Move lumber from behind Building A to conex.
- Get rid of pallets and boards from in front of building B. Do what you want to with them. Garbage, take home or give away.
- Sand & Varnish railing in stairway of Building B
- Install baseboard moldings in the portable.

Got Tennis Shoes?

Please, if you who have any small tennis shoes in your house that your children have outgrown or do not use anymore consider offering them to Mrs.

Hayes. She will distribute them to those children whose parents can not afford to purchase them at the moment. It's also an excellent

way to Reuse and Recycle.



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Fronteras Mission Statement

Fronteras Charter School is a Spanish Immersion K-8 academic center that promotes high academic success in a nurturing, creative, multiage environment; and fosters increased cultural understanding, communication and citizenship in our community, nation and world.

Purpose

Expanding the spectrum of thought and the ability to communicate in today's evolving world makes the goal of acquiring a second language profoundly important. Being immersed part of each day in Spanish; each child will be nurtured, gaining well-rounded personal development through meaningful and creative academic and social explorations. Fronteras Charter School utilizes the partnership of parents, community resources, technology, skilled instructors, service, and stimulating curriculum to realize high academic success, language acquisition, critical thinking, good citizenship, and the development of healthy, global minded individuals.

Committees And Contacts

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