



## SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- September 13th is the first PTSA meeting at 7pm
- Current Volunteer Opportunities – If you can help please contact Sandi Hill [clubhill3@comcast.net](mailto:clubhill3@comcast.net)
- Curriculum Night is coming up on September 20th.
- Submissions to the Falcon Flyer can be sent to [sarahmturner@comcast.net](mailto:sarahmturner@comcast.net)
- Finn Hill Jr. High Office: (425) 936-2340

Finn Hill Website:  
[www.lwsd.org/school/fjih](http://www.lwsd.org/school/fjih)

## From the Principals Office:



**Victor Scarpelli**  
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Our school year is off to a great beginning! All the planning, construction, ordering, cleaning, and scheduling paid off as we started the new school year with great success. Our current enrollment is 438 at Finn Hill Junior High and 142 at Environmental Adventure School which is what was more than projected for the 2011-2012 school year. The seventh graders are settling into the routine of six different teachers, and bell schedules. We are still awaiting our lockers to be completed and given out. Many staff members have commented about the wonderful group of students we have again this year. We are looking forward to a year filled with learning (academic) and growing (social, physical, and emotional). We as a staff are committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment for all students. Our school goals for this year are Rigor, Relevance, Relationships and Reinvention. This year we are placing additional emphasis in the area of chal-

lenge, ensuring that our students are given the knowledge and skills to meet the high standards we will set for them and preparing for next year's Middle School Configuration change. Last month our teachers worked diligently analyzing our schools data and have planned many units and lessons to help achieve our goals with your children. We are very pleased with our school state testing results and are hoping to receive individual student information later this week to send out to all parents.

During the next few weeks and months we will communicate with you in various ways including progress reports, Standards Score Online Grade book (starting September 26th), report cards, emails, conferences, phone calls, newsletters and web pages. I want to emphasize again how very important it is to have a clear understanding of how YOU can communicate your concerns about your child or school issues to us. If you have a problem/issue with something in a class related to curriculum, grades, homework, procedures and expectations, please talk to the teacher. If you need help with social, friendship, self-

esteem, lack of motivation, underachieving academically kinds of questions, then contact our counselor Mrs. Beresford. Concerns about behavior, safety, transportation, and discipline should be directed to the Assistant Principal, Ms. Greenberg. I am always available to talk to any parent about any situation. I ask that you first talk to those most closely involved, and then when we meet we will do so with all the information necessary for a quick and satisfactory resolution. Of course, anything you consider to be an emergency or very serious needs to be brought to my attention immediately.

I would like to thank all of you for supporting all of us at Finn Hill Junior High. I am very excited to be able to continue to work with such dedicated students, teachers, staff, parents, administrators and school community. I hope to see many of you at our Curriculum Night on September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for trusting us with your most valuable resource, your children.



Have you joined the FHJH PTSA??

Forms will be available at curriculum night.



Volunteering is way to make a difference for the students, staff and support of FHJH. Even if your “free” time is limited, there are many ways to help and show you care. The first step is by looking over the Volunteer sheet, checking items of interest (brief descriptions on page 2), completing your contact information, and returning form to school. We note items checked and contact you when the time arises. Unfortunately, the exact dates

listed on the original form may be altered slightly from the original PTSA packet provided during Prep-day. If you have questions or comments, just write it on the sheet

“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.” ~Author Unknown

Thank you – Sandi Hill



**Volunteer opportunities come up all year long. If you would like to be on a master email list for notification of volunteer opportunities –Please email our PTSA Volunteer Coordinator: Sandi Hill club-hill3@comcast.net**

## Box Tops for Education

Please collect BoxTops for FHJH and have your student turn them in to their Falcon Time Teacher or the student office.

**Each BoxTop is worth 10 cents for our school.** If

you purchase Betty Crocker, Bisquick, Nestle, Total, Cheerios, Pillsbury, Avery, Ziploc or Hefty for example – by cutting the BoxTop off the product and bringing it into school, we can turn these BoxTops in for cash.

For a complete list of products with Box-Tops please click this link: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878>

## First PTSA Meeting Sept 13th

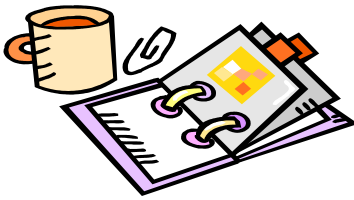
Please join us for our first PTSA meeting on **Sept 13<sup>th</sup> in the library at 7:00 PM.**

Everyone is welcome! School princi-

pal Victor Scarpelli attends all PTSA meetings and this is a great way to find out more about what is happening at FHJH.

Hope to see you there!

# Calendar of Events



## September

13<sup>th</sup> Season I sports meeting  
6:30  
13<sup>th</sup> PTSA General Meeting 7-  
8:30  
20<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Night FHJH 7-  
8:30  
21<sup>st</sup> JHS Curriculum Night

## October

6<sup>th</sup> Magazine drive kick off  
6<sup>th</sup> School Dance  
7<sup>th</sup> no School Leap  
14<sup>th</sup> Turn in day( Magazine  
drive)  
18<sup>th</sup> Community Grand open-  
ing FHJH  
19<sup>th</sup> Prize day (Magazine  
Drive)  
26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Grams go on  
sale  
28<sup>th</sup> incentive day  
31<sup>st</sup> gram delivery  
31<sup>st</sup> Spirit week

## November

4<sup>th</sup> Spirit assembly  
9<sup>th</sup> Dads Breakfast  
10<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day assembly  
11<sup>th</sup> No school Veterans Day  
15<sup>th</sup> PTSA General Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> No School

25<sup>th</sup> No School

## December

8<sup>th</sup> Vision and Hearing  
9<sup>th</sup> Talent Show FHJH  
13<sup>th</sup> FHJH Holiday Grams go on  
sale  
16<sup>th</sup> Gram delivery  
16<sup>th</sup> locker clean out  
19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> no school

## January

2<sup>nd</sup> No school  
10<sup>th</sup> PTSA General Meeting 7-  
8:30  
12<sup>th</sup> Citizens activity  
13<sup>th</sup> MLK Assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> No School  
19<sup>th</sup> FHJH Open House 6:30 -  
9pm  
20<sup>th</sup> incentive day  
23<sup>rd</sup> spirit week  
26<sup>th</sup> McTeacher night  
27<sup>th</sup> Spirit assembly

## February

7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> tour of Finn Hill 9-11  
am  
10<sup>th</sup> Dance  
14<sup>th</sup> Panacakes for Scholars  
16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> No school

## March

8<sup>th</sup> Pasta Dinner  
16<sup>th</sup> No School

23<sup>rd</sup> Incentive day  
26<sup>th</sup> Spirit week  
30<sup>th</sup> Spirit Assembly

## April

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> No school  
10<sup>th</sup> PTSA General Meeting

## May

4<sup>th</sup> no School  
9<sup>th</sup> Mothers day lunch  
22<sup>nd</sup> PTSA awards Banquet  
22<sup>nd</sup> Volunteer day  
24<sup>th</sup> incentive day  
28<sup>th</sup> No school  
29<sup>th</sup> Spirit week

## June

14<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> Cruise  
15<sup>th</sup> Awards assembly  
18<sup>th</sup> Annual Day  
19<sup>th</sup> field day  
20<sup>th</sup> Locker clean out  
21<sup>st</sup> touch of class  
22<sup>nd</sup> Last day ½ day

PTSA would like to thank all of the families that gave a Pass the Hat donation at Prep Day.

Our PTSA budget needs **\$6,500.00** to do the extras that PTSA does for our school, staff, and students.

**We will be collecting Pass the Hat donations all month, including Curriculum Night on Sept 20<sup>st</sup>. If every family donates a minimum of \$20 we can make our goal.**



# Fundraising: ASB and PTSA

## **What is PTSA and ASB and why are they both fundraising?**

**PTSA** = Parent Teacher Student Association is a child advocacy organization of parents, teachers and community members, which provides support to the school with volunteers and fundraisers, and informs members of local and national education issues.

**ASB** = Associated Student Body is a student government organization.

These two organizations are separate, but the money raised by both benefit our students and school community.

PTSA Fundraisers are "Pass the Hat" in the Fall with a goal of \$6,500 and "Auction/Raffle" in the Spring at the FHJH Pasta Dinner March 8, 2011 with a goal of \$7,500

PTSA money is used for Emergency Prep, Student Planners, Falcon Family Care, Library Supplies, Student Directory, Field Day, Staff Appreciation, PTSA Administrative costs, Falcon Spirit Awards, PTSA Awards, College Scholarships, Levy Support, Student Social Events, Hospitality, Testing Treats, Reader Board Fund, Reflections and any extra needs for the students and school.

PTSA will also fundraise separately for 9<sup>th</sup> grade cruise.

ASB Fundraiser:

"Magazine Drive" with a goal of **\$20,000** (Starting Oct 6<sup>th</sup>)

"Pasta Dinner" on **March 8, 2011**

ASB money is used for athletic and music expenses/transportation, and school social programs. Did you know that sports fees don't cover bus transportation costs? ASB uses their budget to cover the cost of bus transportation for our students.

## **ASB Magazine Drive Fundraiser**

Our annual ASB Magazine Drive kicks off on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Please support this important fundraising effort by purchasing magazines, and ask friends, family, business owners and neighbors to buy magazines!

**Detailed information will be coming home with your student**

## **2011-2012 FHJH PTSA Board**

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