

# Pawsitive News



September 8, 2011

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Friday

September 9th

12:30 - 2 p.m.

North Campus Chapel

## A note of thanks from the PTO President...

The logo for the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) features the letters "PTO" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a bright yellow sunburst background that radiates outwards, creating a warm and energetic feel.

Hello FA Families,

I hope the first couple of weeks of school have gotten off to a great start for your family. If yours is anything like mine it takes that long for all of us to get back in the swing of things and used to a routine again. The PTO has been very busy so far, having provided a lunch for all new teachers and staff members prior to school starting, hosted tables at Sneak Peek, fed both campuses lunch on Sneak Peek, had a reception for our pre-school and kindergarten parents and we just wrapped up our New Parent Dinner. All of this in the first month! We need to take time to appreciate the accomplishments but we also want you to know that we are busy planning ahead to the next couple of events.

The New Parent Dinner on August 29<sup>th</sup> was a terrific evening as we were able to truly welcome our new parents and staff. It was an evening filled with lots of information aimed at aiding our new families in their transition to FA. We hope everyone in attendance walked away with a new understanding of Foundation Academy and how pleased we are to have them join our school family. The New Parent Dinner's success is dependent on two things, the implementation and the attendee's. So it is with great appreciation that I thank the guests in attendance, our table hosts and other supporting attendees, such as the Pastoral staff at FBCWG, the FA School Board, our Administration, the Facilities team, the PTO Executive Board, the many volunteers helping at the event and in the preparations, our decorator Jane Glance and certainly our Chairs Nicole Toadvine and Roxanne Schledwitz. Thank you all for a great evening.

Looking forward, we've got a busy Fall and encourage all of you to join us and participate in any way you feel led. Watch for announcements of upcoming events!

Blessings and thanks,

Beth Butcher  
FA PTO President



# PTO NEWS

As VP of Teacher/Staff Appreciation for PTO I have the awesome privilege of spoiling our deserving teachers and staff throughout the year. Thank you to all Foundation parents who have and will continue to support me in making sure our teachers and staff know how much we appreciate them. This year has already gotten off to a great start! On August 3<sup>rd</sup> we welcomed and celebrated our new teachers and staff by serving them lunch at the New Teacher Orientation. Yummy! All of them received a fabulous Foundation Academy tote bag. A special thank you goes out to Penny Baum for providing those tote bags. They were perfect!

On Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> we treated our teachers and staff to a tasty boxed lunch (thank you Lunch Box Ladies) that we delivered directly to their classroom or work area. Thank you to Cheri Falconer for heading up delivery at the South campus, and to Pamela Trudeau and LeAnn Hitchcock for all of your help. Thank you also to those parents that donated drinks for the lunches.

Our “Sweet and Simple” program is a way that we appreciate the teachers and staff with breakfast, lunch and/or goodies throughout the year. Find out how you can be part of this sweet, yet simple way to show our appreciation. Contact Cheri Falconer at the MS/HS campus at [Cheri727@msn.com](mailto:Cheri727@msn.com) or Cherryann Rooplal at the Pre-K/Elementary campus at [c.rooplal@yahoo.com](mailto:c.rooplal@yahoo.com).

Thank you for all you do for Foundation! Our combined efforts can have a tremendous impact on the success of our wonderful school. I’m thrilled to be a part of the “family”.

Joanne Hamrick  
PTO VP Teacher/Staff Enrichment



Jon Territo, Linda Currie, Tom Martin



Dale Wood, Jean Wood and Angel Whitehead

# PTO FALL and SPRING EVENTS UPDATE!

## Wild, Wild West & Boosterthon



As Foundation Academy grows to be the busy, thriving school we have prayed about, we have to become more flexible with our plans and scheduling. This is exactly what the PTO

was just faced with trying to schedule two of our big events and fundraisers, the Wild, Wild West with Silent Auction and our Boosterthon Fun Run. For the past few years, the Wild, Wild, West, or similar event, has been in the Fall and the Fun Run in the Spring partnered with Elementary Field Day. This year due to a wonderfully busy school calendar and events lined up for everyone this Fall, we were unable to find a date suitable for the Wild, Wild, West Event. Our solution? Flip the events! So...

**Boosterthon** will be this Fall from Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Because of logistics, only the Preschool and Elementary students will participate in the actual Fun Run. Middle and High School families will be asked and highly encouraged to participate by sponsoring a Lower Campus student. The Fun Run will be a stand alone event at the Elementary Campus on the Early Dismissal Day, Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to end Spirit Week! More info to come!

The **Wild, Wild West and Silent Auction** are scheduled for March 10, 2012 and will be held at the South Campus on Tilden Road. An advantage of moving the event to Spring is more time to plan and implement a great day of activities, dinner and Silent Auction!

Actually, now that the dates are established, it is easy to see God's hand in our 'scheduling challenges'. We often want to rely on our own knowledge and what we feel is the best plan based on our own experience. However, most challenges are provided for a reason and now that the dates are set, it truly feels like the "BEST" plan is now in place!

Thank you for your understanding, support and participation as we get these great events planned and carried out.

Your FA PTO

**Commit to the LORD whatever you do,  
and your plans will succeed.  
Proverbs 16:3**

# The **Boosterthon** Fun Run is coming back in **October!**

Just like last year, this program combines a fun fitness event, an interactive character program, and a highly profitable school fundraiser. The mission of the Boosterthon Fun Run is to Change the World by strengthening schools and impacting the next generation through Fitness, Leadership, and Character. By using world class innovation, Boosterthon's cutting edge character program has been taken to a whole new level!

The character theme this year is "EPIC Adventure" and the students will be learning all about teamwork as we help raise funds for our school. To learn more about this amazing program, simply check out the following link:

[www.epicadventurepreview.com](http://www.epicadventurepreview.com) (password: goepic) Thanks in advance for supporting our major fundraiser of the year!

More info to follow soon!

Your FA PTO





Florida Department of Environmental Protection



## CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER AS FLORIDA LITERACY MONTH IN A STATE PARK

~Enjoy state park events throughout September and free entry on Sunday, Sept. 11, with a library card, library book or book donation~



Children read in the shade at Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park in Tallahassee

TALLAHASSEE – In honor of Florida Governor Rick Scott designating September as Florida Literacy Month, the Florida Park Service will celebrate with special events at state parks and libraries statewide. The fifth annual Florida Literacy Month will be celebrated in conjunction with International Literacy Day on Sept. 8 and National Library Card Signup Month. Florida's state parks will offer **free\* entrance on Sunday, Sept. 11 to visitors who bring a library card, library book or who donate a new or gently-used, family-friendly book.**

“Florida Literacy Month serves as an excellent reminder to share our passion for reading with family and friends,” said Florida Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson. “Venues as beautiful as our state parks can serve as imaginative backdrops for our students to further their literacy skills, and I applaud the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for their continued partnership in the education of our students.”

Many state parks will host literacy-related events from book giveaways to reading with a park ranger and even reciting poetry. To find a literacy event near you, visit the [www.FloridaStateParks.org](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org) or [www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/). During last year's Florida Literacy Month, more than 17,000 visitors showed their library book or library card, or donated one of nearly 2,500 books to receive free entrance into a state park.

\*Free admission to all Florida State Parks except Skyway Fishing Pier State Park in St. Petersburg.

The Good Stuff...

First Baptist Church  
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Come Grow  
With Us!

# FALL CLASSES

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

*And Join Us*

**SUNDAY MORNINGS 9-11  
SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9:30 AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 11:00 AM**

## Something For Everyone

**MF**  
MISSION FRIENDS

### Preschoolers

Little ones discovering early on how much God loves them and serving others through stories, crafts, and play!



### Elementary Boys

Boys discovering what it means to serve others - Across the Street & Around the World...missionary visits, Scripture memorization, camping trips and life skills.



### Elementary Girls

Girls discovering what it means to serve others - Across the Street & Around the World...food drives, Scripture memorization, and community outreach events.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### REALtime

A unique MS experience designed to change lives.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Reality Check

Getting the right perspective on life.

### Men @ Midweek

A community men's group that meets to stimulate the development of spiritual maturity through edification, discipleship, support, encouragement and fellowship...in the Basement Living Room.

### Lift (Ladies in Fellowship Together)

Come and join us as we share what the Lord has taught us this week! We meet in the Hosanna House.

### Midweek Bible Study

Join this diverse group for an interactive study of scripture. The group is led by Randy Bennett and meets in the Sanctuary. They are currently in the book of Romans.



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# FALL CLASSES

**SEPT. 13**  
**TUESDAY**  
**MORNINGS**  
**8:30 - 10:30**

**BASEMENT**  
**LIVING ROOM**  
**NORTH CAMPUS**  
**PCFWS**



## Wising Up Wherever Life Happens Led by Holly Smith & Christine McClarnon

Don't miss this popular Beth Moore Bible series. Each week our DVD topical study will explore the Wisdom of the book of Proverbs. Topics will include: Wisdom in the areas of friendship, work, sexuality, motherhood, marriage and other core areas of practical wisdom in everyday life.

**Course Length: 18 Weeks Materials Cost: No Book No Homework**

**SEPT. 29**  
**THURSDAY**  
**MORNINGS**  
**8:30 - 10:00**

**BASEMENT**  
**LIVING ROOM**  
**NORTH CAMPUS**  
**PCFWS**



## Instructing a Child's Heart Led by Christina McClarnon & Pam Grimm

Instructing a Child's Heart is essential to Shepherding a Child's Heart. The instruction that you provide for them not only informs their mind; it is directed to persuading their hearts of the wisdom and truthfulness of God's ways. Impress truth on the hearts of your children, not to control or manage them, but to point them to the greatest joy and happiness that they can experience—delighting in God and the goodness of his ways.

**Course Length: 8 Weeks Materials Cost: \$14**

**REGISTER ONLINE [FBCWG.ORG](http://FBCWG.ORG) for classes and childcare**

**SEPT. 21**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**NIGHTS**  
**8:30 - 8:00**



## The 10 Habits of Happy Mothers Led by Carol Grosshans

This book study will discuss the ten keys to a mother's happiness: faith, solitude, simplicity, understanding her true value as a mother, improving friendships, loving better, getting a healthy perspective on money, confronting fear, living with hope and grace, competing with other mothers. This is not a book about how to be a better mother, but it is the first of its kind to free mothers to be the women they were created to be.

**Course Length: 6 Weeks Materials Cost: \$14**



## Active Parenting of Teens Led by Gail Hatmaker

This program combines video and discussion to help parents learn how to raise children who are cooperative, responsible and able to resist peer pressure. It also guides parents in dealing with sensitive issues such as drugs, sexuality and violence. It is designed to give parents confidence and courage to meet the challenges (and savor the joys) of their children's teen years.

**Course Length: 6 Weeks Materials Cost: \$15 per book**

**ALL CLASSES**  
**BUILDING C**  
**NORTH CAMPUS**  
**PCFWS**



## Financial Peace Led by Tim Bonnes

This class begins with a free information session. During the information session you will be able to meet the instructor and purchase the material needed to complete the course. Financial Peace will help you to gain personal control of your finances and find financial security that will create a revitalized family dynamic for life-long peace.

**Course Length: 13 Weeks Materials Cost: \$93**

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## HOW TO FIND HOMEWORK

Go to **www.renweb.com**

Login to ParentsWeb

Click on blue **Student Information** bar (lower left side)

Click **Homework** bar (left side)

Select Student Name

Check the box - **Include My Calendar Events**

Click **Print Week** (on far right)

Options listed at top right:

Printer icon - prints a hard copy 

List view - displays homework by subject each day

Grid view - displays homework by the week per subject





## October 2<sup>nd</sup> . Let's go to the movies!

The folks that brought you “Facing the Giants” and “Fireproof” newest offering is “Courageous”. I was able to see this movie in its early rough cut last November and let me tell you... it is an exciting film to see! In fact we are so excited about the movie we have bought out two show times at the nearest theatre showing the film. On Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday afternoon at 4:30 and 7:30 we have tickets for you and hopefully a friend you have “been looking out for”. The tickets are \$10 each. The normal tickets are \$9.50 but we are using the extra \$0.50 to cover the cost of giving free tickets to every WG Police officer and his immediate family. (The film features 4 law enforcement officers) So help us appreciate our Police officers and see a great show as well!

The story is especially targeting fathers. So don't let your dad, husband, grandfather or boyfriend miss this one. Great action, great story and it is Christ centered as well. Check out the trailer at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9VT\\_NBIVfs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9VT_NBIVfs)

**Tickets can be purchased at the church office  
with check, cash or credit card.**