**Results of PIE Survey: Family Nights at FRCS**

PIE is considering bringing family nights to FRCS. We know that it will take a lot of work but we want to bring our community closer together. We would like to know from you what you would like to see in the way of family nights at the school.

**Total number of responders: 76**

**\*\*\*Please note: on questions where “other” is an option, I’ve summarized some that have been taken into account but may have revealed the identity of the person who responded.**

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| **1** | **How often do you feel family nights should be held?****Answered Question: 76**  | Number of Responders |
| Semi monthly | 1.4 % | 1 |
| Monthly | 34.2% | 26 |
| Bi-Monthly | 13.2% | 10 |
| A Few Times A Year | 51.3% | 39 |
| I Don’t Know | 0% | 0 |
| Other (see below for responses) | 10.5% | 8 |

**Other:**

1. Quarterly
2. Once or twice a year, too many family nights will have people lose interest
3. twice a year
4. I would start slowly and see the turn out. Teachers should not be included.
5. every other month, wasn't sure if Bi-monthly was the correct term
6. Monthly would be fun, but I am sure that would be a lot of work
7. every 2 months
8. once a term at most

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| **2** | **What do you feel family nights should be at the school? (check all that apply)****Answered Question: 76** | Number of Responders |
| All Families  | 51.3% | 39 |
| Separate by grade level | 47.4% | 36 |
| Include Teachers and Their Families | 57.9% | 44 |
| Include Staff and Their Families | 57.9% | 44 |
| Other | 14.5% | 11 |

**Other:**

1. Maybe a combination of grade specific and whole school - depending on event. Definitely teachers and staff!
2. Separate by elementary, middle, high. Inviting staff would be a nice gesture, I wonder how many of them would come based on the fact they have families at home too that they want to spend time with and they are at school all day.
3. Separated by elementary and middle schools
4. Allow for kids to congregate according to classes they are taking that year.
5. Teachers should not be included.
6. It would be great to get together with my child's classmates and parents!
7. Include all members of the family, especially younger brothers and sisters not yet attending FRCS
8. I think it should be a mix of the whole school sometimes, and other by groups of grades.
9. I think it should be separated a bit by grades - all elementary, all jr high, all high school
10. Depends on activity
11. consider 2 groups; elementary and MS together with HS

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| **3** | **What type of family night would you like to see? (check all that apply)****Answered Question: 76** | Number of Responders |
| Sports Themed (Volleyball) | 51.3% | 39 |
| Crafts | 46.1% | 35 |
| Get Up and Move (Zumba) | 39.5% | 30 |
| Parents Group and Kids Play Together | 56.6% | 43 |
| Movie Night | 72.4% | 55 |
| Other | 22.4% | 17 |

**Other:**

1. Mixed a little bit of everything
2. My children are middle and high school (not sure how much they would want to participate in a family night!) but I could see some of the other categories being more appealing to families with younger children.
3. Game night
4. Parent vs. kids jeopardy family feud
5. Game night would be great as well
6. A beginning and end of year cookout with field day activities and easy crafts for the kids.
7. Zumba probably isn't appropriate for younger kids.
8. Trivia/Game Night, Game Show Themed
9. bingo,trivia
10. Game night, board games brought to tables, and families group up to play.
11. Different ages call for different activities. I would base the evenings activities based on th age group.The above are good areas to choose from. Teachers should not be included.
12. all of the above, they could be themed
13. Just to have a place to hang out and talk with other parents would be wonderful; an activity to keep the kids busy (maybe something organized and run by older students at FRCS) would be helpful
14. Science based; I have some NSTA ideas.
15. Dances, bingo and spaghetti dinner and pot luck
16. Any of the above depending on age
17. Why not get CSL groups involved-- babysitting certification via the Y. Parent support via Students and Families (Karen Harris does lots of this already)

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| **4** | **Would you be willing to pay a small fee per family for family nights at the school?****Answered Question: 76**  | Number of Responders |
| Yes | 86.8% | 66 |
| No | 13.2% | 10 |

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| **5** | **Would you be willing to help out (even a small bit) in making family nights at the school a reality? (if so, please contact me separately via email (****frcspie@comcast.net****) as this is anonymous and does not provide me with contact information.****Answered Question: 72**  | Number of Responders |
| Yes | 44.7% | 34 |
| No | 3.9% | 3 |
| Maybe | 44.7% | 34 |
| Other | 6.6% | 5 |

**Other:**

1. Hi Jen, love the idea when we had 4th grade holiday food night it was great.
2. If it works with our schedule absolutely!
3. Would be willing to pay \_if\_ not bringing a pot-luck/ snack to family night.
4. I suggest that older students help in the planning for their night!
5. "who is "me"? ;)

**6. We are always open to suggestions, comments, opinions, etc. Please feel free to let us know if you have any here. Remember, this is anonymous so if you need a response to your questions you will need to direct those to our email:** **frcspie@comcast.net** **.**

 **Answered: 16 Skipped: 60**

1. It would have been helpful to parents & staff, if we had proper exit/approach from school for drop-off & pickup.
2. this should start off in a small way...maybe a free movie night in the cafetorium...there needs to be a "hook" to get people to come....
3. I would suggest checking the school calendar to ensure there are not other events that would require families to drive to school with dates so close together
4. FRCS really needs to incorporate family nights to make us feel part of the school community, make more friends and get to know other families in a fun and friendly way. Examples include fun game nights at school, craft nights and movie nights!
5. great idea!
6. See #3
7. Outdoor movie nights (drive-in style) in the warmer weather could be fun. Movies in the gym, with side activities (ex. Candy bingo) would be fun in the winter---pjs, blankets, pillows.
8. thanks for looking into this. sorry i cant be more helpful. my plate is soooo full but i would come
9. Good idea since kids are from all different towns and it is hard to connect. The tough part for our family is all the activities the kids are already in. Often times we can't make it to these events. Not everybody is in the same boat though, so certainly nice to offer to families.
10. Perhaps a parent survey is something to consider?
11. The holiday party/auction offers a nice event for families to come to in the fall/winter---maybe one other major event in the spring would be good and then the turn out would be worth the effort---like a spring carnival? Any more than two major events a year may not be well attended b/c of how busy families are.
12. We love the educational opportunities at FRCS but are not connected to the other families at all. We have a large family and some events (like the Wizards game) are too expensive for us to enjoy together. We would love to see more events open at the school. How about pizza and free play on the playground and fields? 1st grade does a literacy night where we did a different project in each classroom. I would love to see more of these classroom-based activities (read a story and do a craft, bring-your-own-camera scavenger hunt, or PIE events when baby-sitting is available) so we can have the opportunities to meet the teachers and staff as well as other FRCS families.
13. I think for this to work it will need to be talked about in the school! Flyers, and announcements of what the event will be and really sell it to the kids! Then they will sell it to their parents! And I can't wait to help! Thank you
14. We should be careful not to over schedule. There are many grade levels that already do programs at night/after school that are part of academics. I think it's important to understand that teachers are here for those as well as stafff meetings/PD/conferences/committees. I'd be careful not to add too much where people might feel over-committed
15. One idea is to make sure that there are different activities from movies, volleyball, basketball and board games to allow a great variety to please as many parents and students the first time and find out what works the best. It's great to have one room for pizza and popcorn to reduce mess and clean up, too.
16. Maybe bring an entertainer eg magician (dr logan's son could recommend someone).