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It has been an amazing year full of new experiences. We cannot wait to see what the new year brings us!

Please note: this is meant to be an electronic resource as there are several links included. We do not have a print out format available at this time.

Important Upcoming Dates:

For more information on all events, including sign ups go to the PIE website (frcspie.weebly.com) under the Upcoming Events Tab



**Have a great Summer!!!!
Enjoy, see you in
September☺**

PIE Board Elections for the 2013-2014 School Year

During the final meeting of the school year the PIE board for the upcoming school year was elected as follows:

President – Jennifer Smith

1st Vice President – Cathy Wilkerson

2nd Vice President – Krys Pezza

Treasurer – Deb Rogers

Recording Secretary – Karen Elsner

Coorsponding Secretary – Regina Hill (Welcome to the Board Regina!!!!)

Please visit our website to “Meet the Board”, find out a little bit about each of us and discover why we dedicate ourselves to this great organization!

We are looking for help with several events in the upcoming school year. Check out website often to see new Volunteer Opportunities.

PIE END OF THE YEAR PARTY

More than 100 families showed up to help us usher out the 2012-2013 school year. We had such an amazing time. Thank you to Tanya Keating for planning the whole event!!! Families came and enjoyed pizza, swimming, use of the gym, bouncy houses and crafts. It was such a great way to end the school year. Thank you to all of the families who came out and had a great time with us! See you in September☺



FUN/FIELD DAY 2013

What's better than a day of fun in the sun? A day of fun in the sun with games, friends, fun and a Dunk Tank!

PIE is so happy to have been able to bring Field Day back this year. The students had an amazing time. It was a large project but the smiles made it all worth it! To see more pictures from the day visit our website and/or like us on Facebook!



Help with Meals over the Summer

PIE is looking for someone to help coordinate some meals over the summer. If you are going to be staying in the area this summer and can help please contact Jennifer Smith at 401-699-1456 or frcpspie@comcast.net right away. Thank you!

Cub Scout Pack 314 Comes to FRCS!



If you have a son who will be entering 1-4 grade in September, consider having him join the brand new Cub Scout pack forming at FRCS!

We are also looking for some adults to step in and take on leadership roles within our new pack. To get more information contact Jim Green at jrgreenmd@yahoo.com or 508-543-9283.

Scholastic Read for the World Record

- FRCS Students have logged a total of **62,313** minutes
- The school that is still currently in the lead is **SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY** from **MONROE, NC** and they have logged **2,680,956** minutes! **AMAZING!!!**
- The 2013-2014 5th grade class is in the lead of our contest with a total of **13500** minutes logged
- Remember to log minutes daily or weekly (keep track of how much you read every day). The time has passed to go back and log from the beginning of the contest. Currently, the kids will only be able to log minutes from the current week and the week before.

Don't forget that we will be awarding a total of (4) \$50 Barnes and Noble gift cards, one to each to the top reader in each the following groups: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. PIE will also award every reader in grades K-5 with a small prize for all of their hard work. Only those students who log their minutes through the Scholastic site will be eligible.

FRCS Summer Reading lists can be found [here](#).

If you are having trouble logging in please send an email to frcpspie@comcast.net with your child's name and grade. Please note that the app was having some difficulties but can be downloaded again to fix this problem. Also, it is my understanding that, in order to log minutes through the app, you have to log in online first.

Display My Art

This year we are looking for several people to help with the Display My Art program. For those of you who do not know, at the beginning of each year the children are assigned a project with a “theme”. The projects are then sent into the company and they can be made into anything you want from coffee mugs to aprons. This is all done in time for the items to be holiday gifts (you are able to purchase throughout the entire school year though). In order for this to happen so quickly we are in need of people to help make it happen. If you would like to help out please sign up [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities for 2013-2014 School Year



We've slightly reformatted our volunteer form for the new school year. On the first page you will see a description of the event (full event descriptions can be found on our website). On the second page you will have the opportunity to check off any and all events you are interested in. Checking something off on the form does not require you to participate. It just gives us an idea of who to reach out to when each event comes around. We utilize the Sign Up Genius website for many of our events and we will use your interest to send you an email via the site with available volunteer positions. The form can be found [here](#). We also encourage you to let us know if you have any special skills you would be willing to share with the school as they may come in handy. Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to working closely with you in the upcoming year!

Room Parents and Grade Communicators for the 2013-2014 School Year

One of the easiest ways to volunteer at the school is to become a room parent or a grade communicator. There are usually two room parents per grade (K-5). Our intention is to assign a new parent and a “veteran” parent to each room. Being a room parent does not mean that you must volunteer in the classroom but the teacher may ask you to reach out to the families in the classroom to see if anyone is interested in helping out. We assign one person as a grade communicator (6-12) per grade. Because the teachers don't need help in the classroom as much this position is more focused on keeping the lines of communication open between PIE, teachers and families. The form to sign up can be found [here](#).



Barrett's Haunted Mansion

To view the expectations for volunteers visit the Barrett's Haunted Mansion page: [here](#). FRCS has already entered the lottery for a spot in the 2013 Haunt and will let everyone interested know when we have an exact date. We do know that we will either be volunteering on a Saturday evening in October or possibly the Sunday evening of Columbus Day weekend. Everyone who has volunteered in the past has had an amazing time! You can view the pictures from last year's event [here](#). (you'll have the scroll to the bottom). We will need about 40 volunteers made up of parents and staff to make it happen. Anyone 18 or older can volunteer. We will have a sign up available once we have an official date. If you would like to receive an email once we have the date to sign up please let us know.

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Summer Resources.....

Have you check out the all new Summer Resources page on the PIE website? It is packed with all sorts of free or inexpensive kid and family friendly summer activities. Once you've seen it, let us know if we missed any because we want to share everyone's ideas with the entire FRCS community! New items are added all the time. Visit our summer resource page [here](#) and let us know what you think!

We are also looking for some fresh summer recipes. If you have any please share!

PawSox Flex Tickets for Sale

PIE has several Flex tickets available for sale. They are \$10 each and are good for both red and green seats at McCoy Stadium (the sooner they are turned in the better the seats you will get. If you would like to purchase tickets please send an email to frcspie@comcast.net letting us know how many tickets you would like to purchase, one of us can arrange to meet you to get you the tickets. These will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

What is PIE?

We get this question all of the time. Put quite simply, PIE is a group of parents within the FRCS community working together to bring events, experiences, books and so much more to the children of the school. We are an open group and all parents are encouraged to take part in any way they can. We hold monthly meetings where we discuss new opportunities within the school and make decisions on how to best implement new things. The great thing about it is everyone's vote and opinions count. If you've never attended a PIE meeting, now might be the time to start, they are open meetings available to parents, teachers and staff. Please explore the website for information about meeting dates, upcoming events, etc.

If you'd like to make a contribution to our next newsletter or if you would like us to include something in it for you please email us. We are also looking for contributions to post on our website for "My PIE Experience". We would like to hear how PIE has touched your family. It can be anything from having a great time at one of our events to PIE having helped you out in some way. We can keep your contribution anonymous or we can include your name and a photo if you wish. Send us your story via email as well. We look forward to sharing more news with you soon!