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We sincerely hope that everyone is having an amazing summer! It's hard to believe it's more than half over!

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 2013/2014 Dates

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

September 2013

12- PIE Meeting 7PM
20–Welcome Back Party

October 2013

TBA – Barrett's Haunted Mansion
8th-10th – Book Fair
10- PIE Meeting 7PM
28-Robert Buyea (Author Visit)

November 2013

8-K-5 Family Night
14– PIE Meeting 7PM

December 2013

3rd&4th-Holiday Fair
12-PIE Meeting 7PM

January 2014

9-PIE Meeting 7PM
17-Harlem Wizards Game

February 2014

7-K-5 Family Night
13-PIE Meeting 7PM

March 2014

6-6-12 Family Night
13-PIE Meeting 7PM
21-Father Daughter Dance

April 2014

1st-3rd-Book Fair
10-PIE Meeting 7PM

May 2014

8-Staff Appreciation Day
8-PIE Meeting 7PM
9-TBD Family Night

June 2014

12-PIE Meeting 7PM
TBD-End of Year Party
TBD-Field Day (Last Day of School)

The Art Room Needs Help

In a few short weeks school will be beginning. Mrs. Gammerman (the K-4 Art Teacher) has requested some help in the week before school. She needs someone with neat handwriting who is willing to go to school and hand write all students names on everything from her assignment book to their projects. It is a big project but it can be done over the course of a few days. Having more than one volunteer may make the work go faster as well. If you are available and willing to help out please let me know and I will reach out to her as soon as possible.

Men's Survey

We want to hear from the men of FRCS! We are looking to find out how men want to be involved. Please take a few minutes to fill out our survey to let us know your thoughts. The survey can be found [here](#) and is completely anonymous so feel free to be as honest as you would like! We look forward to hearing from you 😊

FRCS Family and Staff Survey

PIE would like to know how we are doing. When you have a few moments please take the time to fill out our survey here. If you are a new family to the school we want to hear from you as well! Some questions will give you the opportunity to let us know if you are a “veteran” family or a new family. We appreciate your willingness to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to make PIE a better place for everyone. You can find the survey [here](#).

Family Nights

PIE is looking to bring some fun family nights to FRCS this year. If you have any ideas and/or suggestions that you think would make a great family night send them our way! We are also looking for people who would like to chair and plan our family nights. If you are interested please let us know right away. We cannot wait to see what you all come up with.

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](#).

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! Look for our table at the Open House in the cafetorium! See you there 😊

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 111976 minutes. We currently only have 105 students participating in the contest so this is a really impressive number. Imagine how many minutes we would have logged if more than the 8.75% were participating 😊

- The school that is still currently in the lead is **SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY** from MONROE, NC and they have logged **2,789,344** minutes! AMAZING!!!
- The 2013-2014 7th grade class is in the lead of our contest with a total of **23,613** 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 or Amazon Gift Card (students' choice), one to each to the top reader in each of 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 frcspie@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.

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 to 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. frcspie@comcast.net

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Give with Target

It's that time of year again! Target gives money to school that get votes from their families. Once they get 25 votes they will get \$25 then they will get an additional dollar for each new vote. Each family can vote once a week. The money can be used for many things in the school so go [here](#) to vote.

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!

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!