

Fourth Grade Classroom Letter

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 4th grade at Wolftrap Elementary! Your room parents are working hard with your child's teacher to make this a wonderful year for everyone. There are a number of different events planned for our fourth grade students. Our goal is to present a variety of ways for parents to contribute and participate. We understand that everyone has unique schedules and gifts. If you do not see places where your family can get involved, please contact us and we will work with your child's teacher to find the best way to include you! We know this packet is long but please **read it, keep it** for your records and **respond to it**. Thank you in advance for your partnership with us to make this a terrific year.

Class Fee -- The class fee is used to pay for items (in addition to donations made by parents) that are purchased for events held throughout the year, including the winter party, Colonial Day and the end of year party. The fee is collected in advance to avoid asking for several smaller donations throughout the year. We are asking each family to **donate \$20.00 per student**. This fee will also fund class T-shirts which will be worn throughout the year to events such as spirit day, field trips, parties, etc. **Please return the fee (please pay by check if possible, made payable to Suzy Jacobs, our 4th grade treasurer) by November 1st.**

Please note that there will also be additional expenses for class field trips. The cost for the Oct. 30th Jamestown Field Trip is \$42 per student (same price for chaperones). We also have a \$5 fee for the National Symphony Orchestra concert at the Kennedy Center (date TBD). In Feb or March, a trip to Wolftrap National Park will occur for students to participate in a Junior Ranger Program (no cost).

Optional Contributions -- We are trying something new this year, which is to clarify expectations for major recurring teacher recognition events in advance, and to collect any optional contributions for group gifts up front, as opposed to trying to coordinate additional collections at often the busiest times of the year. It will be left to the room parent team (with your input!) in each classroom to determine the specific gift purchased for the teacher. Typical contributions in the past averages \$5 for each event. However, the amount of any contribution is left up to your complete discretion. You can give more, you can give less. You can also opt not to participate in a group gift and handle the event in your own, more personal way. It is totally up to you! We are simply attempting to streamline the process this year for those of you who prefer to go with the group gift route. Teachers won't see these forms and we respect your privacy.

Colonial Day

A highlight of 4th grade is **Colonial Day – December 4th, 8:30 am- 3 pm**. Ann Ostapovicz and Kate Feenick, are the Chairs for this event and they will inform us of all costume, volunteer and donation needs. Stay tuned for more information concerning this fabulous learning event.

Thank you in advance for all you do! Your 4th Grade Room Parents,

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Mrs. Simon = Dana Jackins jackins@cox.net & Jennifer Louis jflouis@cox.net

Ms. Smith = Anna Plawin aplawin@cox.net

Attachment 1: 4th Grade Class Dues and Other Optional Contributions

Attachment 2: 4th Grade Special Events Schedule.

Important Note: Per PTA regulations, we are required to notify you that it is possible that there may be a small quantity of "extra" funds at the end of the year. Only a very minimal amount of funds (the amount required to keep a bank account open) are permitted to be held over to the next school year. In the case that there are residual funds, no money will be returned and any excess funds will be used at the discretion of the teachers and room parents to enhance the classroom and the school or fulfill the teacher's educational "wish lists" for supplies and books. By contributing to the class fund, you acknowledge that no portion of your contribution will be returned to you. Thank you for your understanding.

4th Grade Class Dues and Other Optional Contributions

Teacher Name: _____

Student Name: _____

T-shirt order:

Please circle size and color choice--

Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large Youth X-Large Adult Small

Red Blue Green Gray Pink

****Note: Lettering font color will be black. This shirt will not state “4th grade” on it to enable students to wear it for more than 1 year.**

Class Dues: \$ 20

Holiday Gift: Optional

Additional Contribution \$_____ Note: This amount will be earmarked for specific use.

End of Year Gift: Optional

Additional Contribution \$_____ Note: This amount will be earmarked for specific use.

Pizza Bingo Basket:

**\$_____ Note: \$1 requested for those that want to participate. Optional
Thank you to those that have already donated.**

Total Amount Paid:

\$_____

Any additional comments or ideas for the Room Parent Team:

Please return the appropriate fee with this completed form by November 1st. In order to enable better recordkeeping please pay by check, if possible, made payable to Suzy Jacobs, 4th Grade Class Treasurer.