

FOX MEADOW PTA UPDATE

June 2011

In This Issue

June 2011 Calendar

PTA President's Message

From the Principal's Desk

Put Safety First at Drop-off and Pick-up

2011-12 Teacher Assignments

PTA Meeting and Membership Drive

SMS Book Fair and Tour for 5th Grade Families

Art Fair

Playdate for Incoming Kindergarteners

Learning to Look

Issue #10

June 2011 Calendar

This Week:

Monday, May 30 -- School Closed

Tuesday, May 31 -- "A" Day

Wednesday, June 1 -- "B" Day

Thursday, June 2 -- "C" Day

Friday, June 3 -- "D" Day

May:

5/30 **SCHOOL CLOSED (Memorial Day)**

5/31 5th Grade American Games

June:

6/1 5th Grade American Games

6/2 5th Grade American Games;
PTA Meeting, 9:15 a.m., OMPR

6/3 Middle School Orientation for 5th Graders, SMS

6/4 Art Show, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Front Circle (rain date 6/5);
Bargains on FM Spirit Wear for sale during art show

6/6 5th Grade Pool Party (Butler/Fountain), 5-7 p.m.

6/7 Spring Chorus Concert, 7:30 p.m., Gym

6/8 Middle School Orientation for Parents, 7:30 p.m., SMS

6/13 Classical Cafe for 3rd Grade Audience, 12 p.m., NMPR;
5th Grade Pool Party (Popham/Cooper), 5-7 p.m.

6/16 5th Grade Party, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Scarsdale Teen Center

6/17 3rd Grade Kickball Tournament, 12-3 p.m., FM Field

6/20 5th Grade Pool Party Rain Date

6/21 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, 9:15 a.m., Gym

6/24 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, 10 a.m. DISMISSAL**

School Supplies

Fox Meadow
Community Bus

Nutrition & Food
Safety Committee's
Tip of the Month

Scarsdale
C.H.I.L.D. Walks
Now for Autism
Speaks

Scarsdale Public
Library

Notice of Public
Hearing

Monthly Updates and
Weekly E-Blasts

PTA E-mail System

Need to Know more?

Visit the
Scarsdale School
District website,
the
Fox Meadow
Elementary School
homepage,
and the

Fox Meadow PTA
homepage

Looking ahead:

6/25/11 THROUGH 9/5/11 SUMMER VACATION!

9/6 SCHOOL REOPENS

Lunch Programs: (no lunches on 1/2 days)

Monday - Pizza

Tuesday - Pasta

Wednesday - Obento

Thursday - Chicken Tenders

Thursday & Friday - Superstar Lunches www.superstarlunches.com

PTA President's Message

Dear Fox Meadow Families,

It seems like just yesterday it was September, the kids were starting back to school and we had the whole year ahead of us; I feel like I blinked and now it's June! I hope you all had a terrific Memorial Day weekend and are ready for the last few weeks of the 2010-2011 school year.

I would like to thank our Environmental Field Day chairs Karen Zachem and Loryn Kass for coordinating such an amazing event last Friday. The morning encompassed so much, from read-alouds and an all-school pep rally featuring songs and "Green" PSAs by our 5th graders, to a huge variety of grade level activities: making musical instruments from recycled materials; nature walks, surveys and scavenger hunts; a wolf presentation with a live wolf; sculptures made from natural materials; trail-making and solar experiments; planting; and artistic and scientific explorations of the Nature Park. Of course this couldn't have happened without the hard work of many teachers and volunteers, from those who planned and coordinated a grade's activities to the many who prepared materials and assisted students. Thank you all!

Thanks also to our Nutrition co-chairs, Toby Amidor and Kira Almeida, for their hard work all year long, especially those healthy and delicious tips and recipes every month in the Update!

Thank you to Alisa Kohn and Diane Baylor for doing such a great job running the After School Clubs program this year-- it was awesome! And special thanks to Diane Baylor for getting such

great publicity for so many of our FM events and activities, and for drafting the FM Updates all year long, not to mention being our resident on-line payment expert!

Finally, a huge thank-you to the members of the FM PTA Executive Committee this year, Pam Rubin, Judy Stanley, Alisa Kohn, Kiki Hoffman, Stephanie Glaser and Seema Jaggi. It was a real pleasure working with all of you!

There is lots of exciting stuff still to come in our final month, especially in the 5th Grade with American Games, the Party at the Teen Center, the Pool Parties and Graduation. And please join us on June 2nd at 9:15am for our final (and very brief) PTA meeting of the year in the OMPR so we can vote on next year's budget. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Sincerely,
Deb Morel

From the Principal's Desk

Principal Duncan Wilson's previous messages can be found in the "[Principal's Corner](#)" under "School Information" on the [Fox Meadow Elementary School homepage](#).

Parents & Caregivers: PUT SAFETY FIRST AT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION: Recently we've had some parents and caregivers violating our safety rules for drop-off and pick-up in the front circle. This cannot continue.

Remember: Children must **NEVER** be dropped off or picked up from the outer lane of traffic in the circle; this requires the child to cross the inner lane of traffic and could result in a tragic accident. Nothing justifies putting our children at risk. PLEASE make sure that all members of your household who are responsible for getting your children to and from school understand and follow our safety rules.

2011-12 Fox Meadow Teacher Assignments

Kindergarten:

Barbara Hatcher, Christine Kottoor and Teri Peragallo

1st Grade:

Ann Henry, Susan Luft, Christine Stuetz and Debra Tannor

2nd Grade:

Jennifer Doto, Elie Jacobs, Caitlin Saladino, Monica Vilca and Heather Zuckerman

3rd Grade:

Kimberly Assatly, Daniel Brodsky, Michele Boyum, Alethea Lynch and Beth Kaplan

4th Grade:

Lindsay Cadman, Susan Gray, Radmila Knezevich and Pamela Winders

5th Grade:

Sarah Berger, David Besancon, Sydney Lipez and Crystal Trani

PTA Meeting and Membership Drive

Please come to the brief, final PTA meeting of the school year on **Thursday, June 2, 2011, at 9:15 a.m. in the Old Multi-Purpose Room**, to approve the proposed 2011-12 PTA budget.

Don't forget to register for your 2011-12 PTA Membership:

This coming school year, registration for the FM PTA, directory purchases, and volunteer forms will all be electronic and available exclusively on-line. Please follow the links below:

[2011-12 PTA Membership](#)

[2011-12 PTA Volunteer Form](#)

We strive for 100% membership within Fox Meadow. You must be a PTA member to obtain a Student Directory or for your child to participate in any of the PTA lunch programs, the PTA After School Clubs, or the PTA-sponsored School Play, or to purchase discounted school supplies on-line through EduKit.

SMS Book Fair and Tour for Current Fifth Grade Families

The Middle School PTA welcomes all incoming 6th Grade Families you to the Middle School!

To help incoming 6th graders get a jump on their summer reading list and to familiarize them with the building, we invite you to attend the

**Middle School Book Fair and Middle School Tour on
Wednesday, June 1, 2011 and Thursday, June 2, 2011
after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the SMS Gym.**

Required summer reading books will be available for purchase. Follow the link to the [Summer Reading List](#).

Your children can take a student-led tour of the Middle School and their House. Tours for Butler and Fountain students will occur on Wednesday, June 1st. Tours for Cooper and Popham students will occur on Thursday, June 2nd.

Learn more about the SMS Library at:
<http://web.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us/mslib/index1.html>

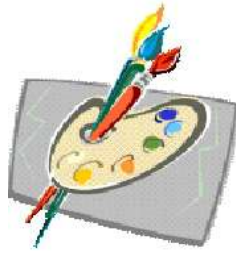
Learn more about the SMS PTA at:
<http://www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us/202120101512745917/site/default.asp>

We look forward to seeing you all at the Book Fair in the gym after school to buy the books (cash or checks). The school tours will leave from the gym at 3:40 p.m.

Questions? E-mail the [SMS PTA](#).

Art Fair

**Please Join Us for the
Annual Fox Meadow Art Fair
Saturday, June 4, 2011
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Front Circle and Lawn**



View priceless works of art collected just for your viewing. You may even be able to take home a one-of-a-kind sculpture or etching.

The PTA is also using this event to empty the PTA closet of past year's FM Spirit Wear. Look for bargain basement prices while you come and see your children's art projects on display!

Volunteers Still Needed:

Help us make this a very special day for Fox Meadow Students and Family. This is the only elementary school art fair in Scarsdale. We need help for set up from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and for clean up from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.. If you can help, please e-mail [Lee Maude](#).

Playdate for Incoming Kindergarteners

Do you have a child entering kindergarten in September? The Kindergarten Services Committee has planned a playdate for **Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 3:10 p.m. in the kindergarten playground** for all incoming Fox Meadow kindergarteners. This will be a great opportunity for parents, caregivers, and children to get to know each other! Two more playdates will be scheduled for September.

Because the PTA does not have contact information yet for incoming students, please e-mail [Tara Greco](#) or [Amy Rompala](#) if you have a child entering kindergarten and would like to be included. Please help us by contacting other families who do not receive this e-blast and inviting them as well. Siblings and caregivers are welcome. Feel free to bring a snack!

Kindergarten Services Co-Chairs
Tara Greco and Amy Rompala

Learning to Look

The Learning to Look Co-Chairs would like to thank all Learning to Look volunteers this year for their efforts in making this program such a success. We have had positive feedback from teachers, students, and parents about the classes and museum trips and we know this is a direct result of the terrific volunteers. If you are done with your teaching manuals, please remember to return them to the box in the main office.

Sign Up for Next Year by August 1, 2011

Anyone interested in being a Learning to Look volunteer for next year should complete the on-line [PTA volunteer form](#) (under "PTA Forms" on the website) by August 1st, as assignments are typically made over the summer. Thanks again!

Learning to Look Co-Chairs

Stephanie Glaser, Jennifer Solodar and Emily Kronenberg

School Supplies Delivered to Your Door



The teachers have posted the supplies list for each grade level on the PTA website. Click on the [Supply Lists link](#) to see the lists by grade level.

This year, the PTA has partnered with EduKit, a premium school supply vendor, to provide a complete supply kit for any grade level. EduKit provides every item on the list, exactly as requested by that grade's teachers, for a discounted price. Take advantage of competitive pricing on your child's school supply kit for the 2011-12 school year. Enjoy the ease and value of this convenient service! Give your child the best start possible by being prepared for class with the exact supplies requested by Fox Meadow Elementary School teachers.

Order by June 15th and receive free shipping (an \$8 value!).

It's easy! Just click on or go to <http://www.edukitinc.com/> enter "Fox Meadow Elementary School" in the School Name box, and then click on the green **Fox Meadow Elementary School**. On the FM page, scroll down and follow the instructions to order on-

line. Your complete supply kits will be delivered right to your door by the middle of August.
Questions? E-mail [Deb Morel](#).

Fox Meadow Community Bus Association



If you are interested in the Private Bus for the 2011-12 school year, please contact Vanessa Mandel at 722-2415 or vmandel@optonline.net.

Nutrition & Food Safety Committee's Tip of the Month: Summer Smoothies

A kid-friendly favorite, smoothies are a delicious way to get in fruits, dairy, and even protein. They are quick and easy to prepare with minimal clean up. Here are some healthy smoothie recipes to try:

[Chocolate Peanut Butter Smoothie](#)
[Raspberry Avocado Smoothie](#)
[Mixed Berries and Banana Smoothie](#)
[Mango Lassie Smoothie](#)
[Pineapple Smoothie](#)
[Tofu Fruit Smoothie](#)

We hope you enjoy them!

Please send comments, suggestions, or recipes to the Nutrition and Food Safety Committee Co-Chairs:

Kira Almeida MS, RD/CDN, CDE (kiraalmeida@gmail.com)

Toby Amidor MS, RD/CDN (toby@namsko.com)

Scarsdale C.H.I.L.D. to Participate in the Tenth Annual Walk Now for Autism Speaks

Scarsdale C.H.I.L.D., the most successful fund-raising team in the nation, invites you to join us for the annual

Walk Now for Autism Speaks

Sunday, June 5, 2010,

New York Presbyterian Hospital, White Plains

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting/Walk Starts at 11:00 a.m.

Walk Now for Autism Speaks is a fun-filled, family friendly event.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that inhibits a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships, and is often accompanied by behavioral challenges. Autism spectrum disorders are now diagnosed in one in 110 children in the United States.

For more information on the walk or to donate to or join our team, please visit our [Scarsdale C.H.I.L.D. Team Page](#) at or e-mail [Liane Carter](#), the team captain. Team Scarsdale C.H.I.L.D. will assemble at 10:45 a.m. at the Volunteers' Tent.

Don't miss out on C.H.I.L.D. updates and meeting announcements! Join our mailing list to receive event notices, website updates, and C.H.I.L.D. newsletters. For more information about C.H.I.L.D., please visit the [Scarsdale C.H.I.L.D. website](#) or e-mail us at scarsdalechild@gmail.com.

Scarsdale Public Library

Big Truck Tuesday

May 31, 2011, 4 p.m., Scarsdale Public Library Parking Lot



The Scarsdale Public Library's annual Big Truck Tuesdays returned last Tuesday, May 24th with a visit from the Highway Department. On May 31st, the Fire and Police Departments visit with their vehicles. People of all ages are invited to see the different trucks they bring. Firemen teach fire safety and participants in each event are able to get a chance to look inside the trucks and receive

hats and stickers. Parents are advised to bring cameras. Registration is not required.

**Summer Reading Program: Down on the Scarsdale Library Farm
Growing Great Readers One Book at a Time!**

Join the Summer Reading Game at the Scarsdale Public Library starting on June 24, 2011. It's simple: you read, you receive stickers and prizes. There are also weekly raffle drawings. We will have "listeners" on hand at special listening times for those who would like to talk about the books you read. Join on-line at www.scarsdalelibrary.org and you will have your own home page where you can keep track of the books you read, get prize notifications, review books, and more!

Our kick-off event will be on **June 24, 2011, at 3:30 p.m., at the Scarsdale Public Library** with Miss Gigi and the Lend Me a Hand Band!

**Notice of Public Hearing for the Annual
Review of the District Safety Plan**

The Scarsdale Union Free School District Board of Education will hold a public hearing on Wednesday evening, **July 6, 2011**. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on any proposed changes to the District Safety Plan and the Code of Conduct received at the Board meeting on June 6, 2011.

The July 6, 2011, hearing will take place at 8:00 p.m. in Room 170-172 in the Board of Education wing of Scarsdale High School, 2 Brewster Road, Scarsdale, immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Board business meeting in the same room.

At the business meeting following, the Board expects to take action to approve the District Safety Plan and the Code of Conduct as revised or to re-affirm the current plans. The public is also invited to communicate comments in writing by addressing them to the Board of Education at 2 Brewster Road.

For further information or copies of the plans, please call the District Clerk at 721-2410 or check the District website (www.scarsdaleschools.org, Board of Education page).

Lois Q. Rehm, District Clerk, Scarsdale BOE

Monthly Updates and Weekly E-Blasts

The Fox Meadow PTA welcomes your input! Please help us publicize upcoming events by sending your news to Diane Baylor at foxmeadowupdate@gmail.com for the monthly Update or to Pam Rubin at pamrubin1@gmail.com for the weekly e-blast (or to both of us if you're not sure). See the [Update and Weekly Deadlines](#) on the PTA homepage for additional information.

Fox Meadow E-Mail System

If you would no longer like to receive e-mail from the Fox Meadow PTA or have received this e-mail in error please click on the unsubscribe me tab at the bottom of this e-mail.

No portion of this email may be distributed or copied without permission by anyone, including PTA members. The information in this email is for the use of Fox Meadow PTA Members only. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, please notify the sender by return email and delete it.

© 2011 Fox Meadow PTA