



FCMA Parent Guild Newsletter

January 2018



Happy New Year!

Welcome Back! We hope you found time to relax, enjoy family and friends and find peace and gratitude during the Holiday Break.

As you get back into school routines, the Parent Guild wishes to update you on this school year.

A Glance Back:

September hosted our annual Fun Run. New this year was a bold t-shirt design and 10 sponsors! Shout-outs to Lisa Preus, Anjela Freeman, Janell Fasbender for a well-coordinated effort!

Thank you to our generous sponsors!

Be Well Holistic

Choice Schools Associates

Eastern Michigan Kenworth

Gaston & Vogt, P.C.

Gazelle Sports

Honey: Space for Moms + Moms-to-Be

Jenny's Salon, Inc.

Montessori Rocks

Stone Haven Free Methodist Church

VEST, Inc.

Check out our website in August for Fun Run 2018 sponsorship opportunities.

Through family donations we were able to raise over \$6,000 for the Parent Guild!

While the Fun Run is our biggest fundraiser, it is not our only one. What does the PG do with the money?

Our main focus is supporting the school community, whether it's hosting a potluck, Candy Cane Shoppe, Skate Night, Green School activities, or giving back to families in need, the Parent Guild strives to foster a nurturing community.

We also aim to identify a school need which will benefit everyone. In past years, the Parent Guild has gifted Snug Play playground equipment, resource books for the classrooms, and water bottle filling stations.

The Parent Guild was excited to host mini photo sessions with Poppy + Posie Photography. Annmarie McCallum has shared her photographic expertise at previous years' Masquerade Balls. We are hoping these sessions become an annual fall happening.

To promote small local businesses, especially those within our FCMA family, the Parent Guild partnered with some of them during Small Business Saturday. This took place the weekend after Thanksgiving and some businesses continued their promotions and givebacks through the end of the Year. Shout-out to Nicole Scherbarth for navigating Facebook and Google Sheets to bring it into fruition! This will be an annual event to highlight our FCMA businesses. Please consider supporting them throughout the year:

Airbnb Houses in Royal Oak

Laurel House: www.airbnb.com/rooms/20148803

Woodslee House: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/20392203>

Be Well Holistics- Reiki, Reflexology and Aromatherapy Services

<https://bewellholistic.net>

Cass Naturals- Handmade Body Butters, Soap and Body Oil

<https://m.facebook.com/CassNaturals>

Devon's Designs- Student hand-drawn artwork made into T-shirts and car decals

<https://www.facebook.com/devonsdesigns06>

Elderberry Patch- Elderberry syrup is a tonic for wellness, with known antiviral properties.

geenat@gmail.com

Honey: Space for Moms + Moms to Be- offers a comprehensive menu of supportive and wellness services for moms + moms-to-be

www.honeyformoms.com

LoopyMom- Crocheted and Handmade Gifts

www.etsy.com/shop/LoopyMom

Lularoe Natasha Lee- a clothing company that has awesome, comfortable clothing

<http://www.facebook.com/LularoeNatashaLee/>

Macaroni Kid Ferndale + Royal Oak- offers targeted advertising options to help local businesses reach thousands of local, engaged families

ferndale.macaronikid.com

Midwest Cowboy LLC- Artisan Rain Barrels

<https://www.facebook.com/midwestcowboy/>

Poppy + Posie Photography- Photography services

www.poppyandposiephotography.com

RAW Therapy LLC- Aquatic Therapy and Bodywork sessions

www.rawtherapyllc.com

The Sun Will Come Out LLC- Resumes, cover letters & interview prep.

thesunwillcomeoutresumes@gmail.com

We ended 2017 with a successful Candy Cane Shoppe. It is so rewarding to see the children excited about sharing gifts with family and friends from our small Shoppe. Thank you again to all involved with shopping inventory, storing inventory, setting up shop, shopping with the children, and wrapping gifts! Shout-outs to Lisa Harden and Christina Hilgen for coordinating this event.

We were also able to help some families through the Apple Project have a warm Christmas.

As you walk the hallways at FCMA, you may notice a new addition to our second floor. Over break, we were able to install a new water bottle filling station/ drinking fountain, courtesy of your continued support through your generous donations! As of the New Year, Four Corners has saved 65,450 single-use water bottles.

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Open positions:

Green School Coordinator helps FCMA maintain their Green School Certification, which may include organizing endangered animal sponsorship, facilitating Green School activities for Earth Day, and finding new Green School initiatives.

Recycling Coordinator maintains our sign-up genius and helps to keep our recycling efforts going.

If you are interested in these positions, please email us at fcmaparentguild@gmail.com

Looking into the New Year!

Please keep an eye out for specific dates for the following events and fundraisers. You can also find them on our website: FCMAparentguild.com

In the meantime, this is when we hope to host these events and fundraisers.

Endangered Species Sponsorship: During school hours February

Skate Nights: February 1st and March 29th

FCMA Pride lawn sign sale: February

Spring Festival: April or May

Spring Sheet, Seed, & Flower Sale: April/May

Earth Day/ Electronics Recycling events: April

Teacher Appreciation Week: May

Field Day: June

Easy Ways you can help FCMA:

Cut out and turn in your Box Tops! This is a continuing fundraiser for the school. Please deposit them into the basket inside the front entrance, or turn them into the office.

Recycle your paper into the Paper Retriever dumpster at the Gardenia entrance.

Planet Green Recycle- return small electronics and/or order eco-friendly inkjet cartridges!

<http://www.planetgreenrecycle.com/4cornermontessori>

Toyology gives back to FCMA! Online or at the closest location in Royal Oak. Use FCMA at checkout.

Small Hands- A Montessori Resource for families. Use code **244544** at

<https://www.forsmallhands.com/>

Mabel's Labels- Labels for all your needs.

https://mabelslabels.com/us/index.php/?__store=us_english_storeview

Shop and Kroger and link your Kroger card to Four Corners Montessori Academy through the Community Rewards button on the Kroger website:

[website.https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow](https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow)

Partners of the Parent Guild

My Son Pops: Handcrafted Artisan Ice Pops

mysonpops.com

Angela Dagle Soups

Royal Oak Plumbing: Jim 248-588-7712

Logo-it: Lauri Skowronek 248-840-0586

logoitshop@gmail.com

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By popular demand, below is one of Angela's soup recipe, which was offered at the Harvest Dance. Please check the Parent Guild website for the Tomato Soup and Chicken Chili recipes.

Lemony Lentil Soup

YIELD 6 quarts

Ingredients:

3 yellow onions, chopped
10 cloves of garlic, minced
3 tablespoons olive oil
1.5 tablespoons cumin
1.5 tablespoons curry
2 teaspoons chili powder
5 cups lentils
4 quarts vegetable stock
3 lemons zested
1 3/4 cup lemon juice
1.5 tablespoons sea salt
2 bunches cilantro, leaves removed and roughly chopped

INSTRUCTIONS:

In a medium pot, heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil on medium-high heat.

Saute onion and garlic in oil until soft. Add cumin, curry, chili powder and saute another minute. Add lentils, stock, cilantro and lemon zest.

Bring to a boil, cover, lower heat, and simmer 30 minutes or until lentils are tender.

Cool slightly. Puree. Add lemon juice and salt. Enjoy! Can make with chicken stock and add chopped chicken.