



# FOX RIVER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

## Nuts & Bolts

Thinking ahead to the week of March 1 - 5, 2010  
CBQ for this Week: Gratitude

- Saturday  
February 27**      **National School of Character Meeting**  
9:00 a.m. in the Commons. Faculty and administration will meet with some Elgin community employers, and families to review our current ethics and character building program. We have invited a small group for this event to ensure that we have an effective meeting. However, if parents are interested in joining this meeting, we would be delighted to add a few more adults and middle school students to the group.
- Saturday  
February 27**      **Chimes Competition**  
The FRCDS hand chimes choir will be attending the Illinois Grade School Music Association District IX Solo and Ensemble Festival in St. Charles. They will present one piece to be adjudicated on several musical criteria. Cheer on our ringers as they get up extra early on a cold Saturday morning to represent their school with their excellent musicianship!
- Thur & Fri  
March 4 & 5**      ***Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. Production***  
7:00 p.m. in the Katzenberger Gym. Advance sale tickets may be picked up at Judy Kennedy's desk. Tickets will also be available at the door.
- Tuesday  
March 9**      **Field Trip**  
8:45 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Middle School Students will travel to Chicago to visit the Adler Planetarium and the Museum of Science and Industry.
- Friday  
March 12**      **Market Day Forms Due**  
Internet cut off date is Monday, March 15. Pickup date is Thursday, March 18.
- Saturday  
March 13**      **Choral Festival**  
The FRCDS choral ensemble will be participating in the Illinois Grade School Music Association District IX Choral Organizational Festival in Dekalb. Students will present three pieces to a panel of music educators to be evaluated on several musical criteria, and will receive a clinic from a high school choir director to help them develop their musicianship as well. Additionally, we will learn from and support other area middle school choirs by watching their performances.
- Monday  
March 15**      **Pi Day (+ 1)**  
1:59 p.m. in Dining Hall. Students in Grades 6 – 8 will be celebrating Pi Day (+ 1) with fun math activities and a short party. What would a Pi Day celebration be without the other kind of pie? Would you like to contribute? We need three gallons of milk and enough pie to feed about 70 guests. If you would like to contribute a pie or milk, please contact Peter Mikulak at [pmikulak@frcds.org](mailto:pmikulak@frcds.org) or call at 847-888-7910 x128. Parents are invited to join students to enjoy a slice of Pi(e) Day activities. Thanks for supporting this fun activity.
- Thursday  
March 18**      **Sixth Annual Speech Tournament**  
Participants will want to be practicing daily for the big day. Please contact Karen Morse with any questions about final preparation. With an overwhelming response from students, we have a full morning of presentations and still need a few judges. If you're interested in hearing some of our young bards perform, please contact Karen at [kmorse@frcds.org](mailto:kmorse@frcds.org). You would not miss your own child's performance.
- Friday  
March 19**      **Spirit Day**  
Crazy Socks Day!

## Remarks and Reminders

### **"Entertainment 2010" books now available at half price!**

Entertainment books are now for sale at both the Neil Building and the Administration Building. A generous donation of these books has made it possible for us to pass an even greater savings to you- by cutting the selling price to only \$10.00, half of the retail price! This book of coupons and discounts is good through 2010. Help support our middle school trips and save money for your family at the same time! Students are encouraged to offer this great savings opportunity to family and friends.

### **Around the World in One Night**

Watch the mail for your invitation to this year's auction. Get your reservation in by March 17 to qualify to win a one-night stay at the Pheasant Run Resort on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to check in with other parents from your child's classroom to see if they would like to organize a class table. You may also make your reservations via credit card online via our school's website. Contact us at [auction@frcds.org](mailto:auction@frcds.org) with any questions.

**Congratulations** to the Bowen Family who won the Sombrero de Dinero at Friday morning's assembly!

### **Blogs**

Check out the updated Middle School teacher blog: <http://frcdsteachers.wordpress.com/>

### **iGive.com Keeps Growing**

We have now earned \$413 through online searches and shopping. Thank you for the support!