



# FOX RIVER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

## Nuts & Bolts

Thinking ahead to the week of November 9 - 13, 2009  
CBQ for this Week: Resourcefulness

- Monday**  
**Nov. 2 - 20**  
**Student Council Food Drive**  
During these 3 weeks canned, dehydrated, slow-perish food items and personal items will be collected for the FISH Food Pantry of Carpentersville. Our school-wide goal is 500 donated items. With **Gratitude** we say thank you in advance for your always generous donations!
- Saturday**  
**November 7**  
**Fen Day and Mother/Son Nature Hike**  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Join us at the FRCDS Fen Day (9-11 a.m.) to be followed by our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mother Son Nature Hike and Hot Dog Roast. Enjoy a guided hike with Mr. Tim through our woods, and then a lunch of roasted hot dogs and S'mores over a warm fire.
- Mon – Wed**  
**Nov. 9 – 11**  
**Jewel Shop n Share Days for FRCDS** Don't forget to do your holiday grocery shopping on these days and be sure to take your Jewel coupon which was sent home in last week's Friday Folders. Extra coupons are available at Mrs. Kennedy's desk. A portion of all sales on these days will be donated to our school. Another Shop n Share day is scheduled for 12/7-9.
- Tuesday**  
**November 10**  
**Girls With Dreams Teen Expert & Author Speaks to FRCDS Girls**  
3:15 – 4:15 p.m. in the Alumni Room. Author Carrie Silver Stock will talk with girls (Grades 5-8) about topics from her book *Secrets Girls Keep*. Some topics she'll cover are beauty, boys, family-- and some secrets and tips on how to deal with their challenges. Check out Carrie's website to learn more about her book: <http://www.girlswithdreams.com/> Moms: This is a "Girls Only" event. Girls in Grades 6-8 will follow up with the sleepover on Saturday, 11/14.
- Thursday**  
**November 12**  
**End of Fall Term**
- Thursday**  
**November 12**  
**Field Trip**  
9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Grade 2 to visit the Elgin water treatment plant.
- Thursday**  
**November 12**  
**Market Day Pickup**  
3:15 – 4:15 in the Dining Hall
- Friday**  
**November 13**  
**No School**  
Faculty writing day.
- Saturday**  
**November 14**  
**Girls With Dreams hosts a World Wide Girls Sleep Over for MS Girls**  
(<http://www.girlswithdreams.com/>). 7:00 p.m. at Westview Dorm for Middle School Girls. Bring some new pajamas or a new book to donate to the [Pajama Program](#) which is an organization that helps thousands of children of all ages that are in need of pajamas and books. MS Girls should RSVP to Miss Christie [ccoddington@frcds.org](mailto:ccoddington@frcds.org).
- Friday**  
**November 20**  
**Middle School Book Sponsors**  
12:30 p.m. Students participating in this program will go to Barnes and Noble book store to choose a book to donate to our school library and on the way home they will make a stop at Dairy Queen for ice cream!
- Friday**  
**November 20**  
**MS Fall Drama Presentation**  
7:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Join us as our Middle School students present samples from their unit on creating music and drama through improvisation. Students are at the beginning stages of discovery, and the evening is meant to be a window into the process of discovering authentic performance. Refreshments will be available at this coffeehouse style event.

## Remarks and Reminders

**FRCDS Green Tip:** To save money on your electric bills, keep your refrigerator at around 37 degrees, and your freezer at a frosty 3 degrees.

### Middle School Trips Fundraising Events:

**Ice Cream! Ice Cream!** Sixth graders will be selling ice cream for \$1.00 during lunch every Friday until Friday, Nov. 20. Profits from ice cream sales will help raise funds for the Middle School spring trips.

### Ice Skating Party

Sunday, November 22. 1:30--3:30 p.m. at Leafs Ice Center on Rt.72 in West Dundee. (Just west of Randall Rd). The cost is \$8.00, \$6.00 if you have your own skates.

### Online Search Engine Supports FRCDS

Our school can earn a penny for every search that you make on your computer, PLUS a percentage for every online purchase made through the iGive.com web site. It's simple to join. Simply visit [www.iGive.com/FRCDS](http://www.iGive.com/FRCDS), **register today**, and download the search toolbar. **You will be generating funds back to our school every time you use this site.** Thanks for searching, shopping and supporting FRCDS!

### PSA Meeting Summary

A small, but vocal group of parents gathered together in Woodland Hall for the first general PSA Meeting of this school year. A review of the purpose of the PSA (to create a positive atmosphere of community within our school that furthers a sense of team spirit and cultural enrichment; provides needed support to faculty and staff; and financial support through a variety of fundraisers) and the role of the Steering Committee were reviewed. This introduction was followed by an Open Forum discussion which included:

- Fundraising for the school – New families would appreciate having a schedule at the beginning of the school year (identifying percentages of return to the school) so that they can plan ahead and know what to expect over the course of the year. We also reviewed the reception of Fannie May chocolates vs. gift wrap/gift catalog. It was generally agreed that switching every other year would be a reasonable compromise to meet varying interest levels.
- Parents were encouraged to register on a new online search engine and shopping site, iGive.com (see above) to seamlessly generate funds for the school through everyday internet searches and online shopping.
- Electronic communications – there was a general consensus that parents appreciate receiving Nuts & Bolts and school communications electronically and would rather stay informed in this format than through hard copies. A new web site is being built that will have a parent portal. Information on this will be announced as it is available.
- A chairperson is still needed for the Teacher Appreciation Committee. Anyone interested in filling this position should contact Jami Switzer at [jswitzer@frcds.org](mailto:jswitzer@frcds.org).
- A review of upcoming PSA events included the Mother/Son Nature Hike this Sat., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>; Jewel Shop n Share Days on Nov. 9-11 and Dec. 7-9; and Parents Night Out on Fri., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> (this is the Friday immediately following our return to school after the Thanksgiving Break).
- Gift cards for everyday needs (gas and grocery cards) may be available through FRCDS soon. Parents can pre-purchase these cards at no additional cost and the school will earn a percentage for each card sold.
- The next PSA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars.

### In Appreciation

Thank you to Kathy & Mike McGinley, Melissa Halik and Margaret Williams for their hard work in pulling weeds, mulching trees and vacuuming leaves to get our campus (and especially our treasured oak trees) ready for the cold winter months ahead. More help is needed. If you can help over the weekend, please contact Kathy McGinley at [kmcginley9499@comcast.net](mailto:kmcginley9499@comcast.net).