

## FBS NEWSFLASH

April 2nd, 2008

### JOE CORBI'S SUCCESS

Thank you for helping make the Spring fundraiser with Joe Corbi's a success! Kudos go to Mrs. Ugokwe's class for having the greatest percentage of sales in the school — the fifth graders brought in 14.55 percent of the total sales. Way to go!

Your participation helped bring in a profit of \$3695 to the PTO. The PTO plans use this money for an end of year purchase for the school.

All this was possible due to Mrs. Venkatesan. Her help was instrumental to this fundraiser. Thank You.

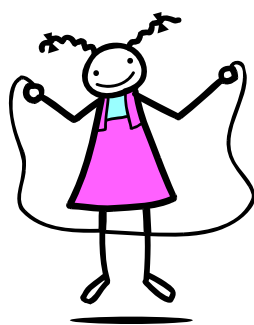
### STANFORD TESTING WEEKS

April showers bring May flowers, but here at FBS, they bring Stanford Testing! Testing will be held the second week for 5th and 8th graders and the third week for Kindergarteners and 2nd graders. Please make sure your child gets enough rest and a good breakfast to start off the day on the right foot.

During testing, late students are not allowed to join the class and disrupt others, so please make every effort to get them to school on time.



### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Forms have been sent home by Ms. Davis for Jump Rope for Heart for 1st–5th grade students. Middle school students participate in Hoops for Heart. This worthy cause helps raise money for the American Heart Association (AHA). The AHA uses the monies raised for research and to raise public awareness of our number one killer in America, heart disease. Last year, FBS raised \$3000 through this program. Our goal this year is \$5000. All forms are due in to Ms. Davis by April 17th.

### —HOT LUNCH CHANGE—

Please note that the hot lunch schedule has changed for this month. Due to testing and schedule conflicts, our new date for hot lunch will be April 23rd. Please look for forms coming home. The deadline to participate is always two business days prior in order that food may be purchased and numbers finalized.

FRIDAY IS NOON DISMISSAL  
END OF THE 3RD QUARTER!



## HAPPENINGS

The PTO will be looking for individuals who are interested in helping out next year, by sitting on the board. Elections will be held at the end of May for the 2008-2009 school year. Please send an email to:

fbslaurel@yahoo.com

OR you can send in a note to the office. "Many hands make light work."

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is still ongoing. We already have two grade levels that are filled, so please don't let procrastination make the decision for you!

Summer Camp information is now available at the school office. Ms. Davis has already handed out many copies to students. Summer Camp is open to students who are entering Kindergarten through 8th grade. Preschool also has its own summer program. Look for information soon!

### UPCOMING DATES

NOON Dismissal— 4/4  
 End of 3rd Quarter  
 Pictures due back— 4/4  
 Stanford Testing— 4/7- 4/11  
 (5th and 8th)  
 Report Cards Home— 4/14  
 Stanford Testing— 4/14 - 4/18  
 (K and 2nd)  
 Vision and Hearing— 4/17  
 Hot Lunch— 4/23  
 Pizza Book-It Lunch— 4/25  
 Trike-A-Thon— 4/25  
 (Preschool and K)  
 Robotics Assembly — 5/1  
 (PTO)

## FROM THE GUIDANCE CORNER BY TAMI JONES

**Your child is learning about "listening to others" and what it means to communicate effectively. Listening is the act of making a conscious effort to hear and understand others. We will learn what it means to be an active listener, how our listening habits affect our relationships, and what skills good listeners use. In Ephesians 4:29, the Bible says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." Here are some things you can do to help your child be a good listener.**

**\*\* Ask your child how C-L-O-W-N helps us remember the steps for being a good listener.**

**\*\* Share situations you or other family members have experienced that show consequences from not listening. Discuss how good listening skills could have helped.**

**\*\* Take note of good listening behavior in your child and acknowledge it.**

**\*\* Model good listening skills for your child and encourage them to practice these skills.**

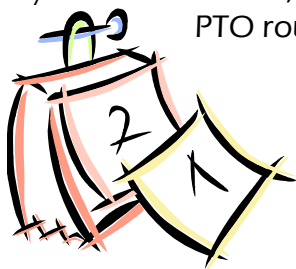


### HOW CAN I HELP?

It's much easier to coach from the sidelines, than to play the game. It's easier to backseat drive than to sit in the driver's seat. Got the idea?

If you'd really like to make a positive impact on FBS, then come be an active member of the PTO. There are a variety of ways you can help...leadership positions, support positions, website support, shopping for events... the sky's the limit.

Let's not sit by and complain that things aren't happening at school, let's make them happen! Put your name out for the PTO round-up!



## INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

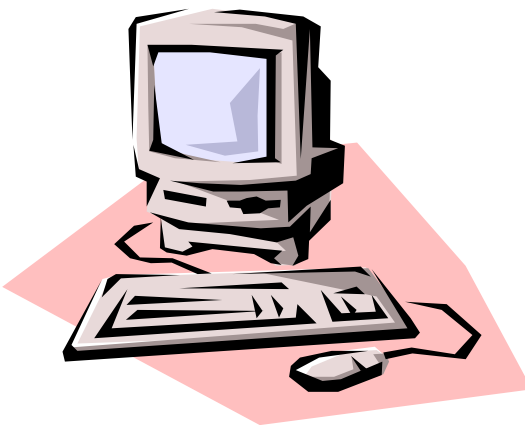
While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter

to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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## INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or im-

*"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."*

provements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

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This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use

to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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Fax: 301-317-9381  
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Your business tag line here.



*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

## BACK PAGE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

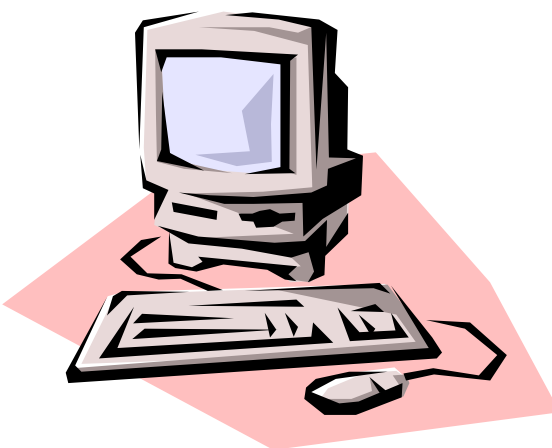
A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meet-

ing for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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