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President's Message

News from our President, Mary Coleman February 2012

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It doesn't seem possible but we are already at the end of the first semester of the school year! **Report cards will be distributed via 3rd period classes during Bulldog Block on Monday, February 6th.** Please ask your student to review it with you. Remember if your student is having problems with a subject, it is not too late to improve their performance for the remainder of the year. **There is free tutoring** available through the PTSA BITS tutoring program. Go to http://www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS/student_services/bits.htm for more details. BITS takes place on Saturday mornings and all of our students are welcome.

Please join us for our **next PTSA meeting at 7 PM in the library on Thursday, February 16th.** Kathy Smith, FCPS School Board member will speak to us about issues that matter to us regarding our children's education. We will hold a brief business meeting before we open the floor to Kathy. I encourage you to attend.

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PTSA Tidbits and FCPS News

2011 SOL Testing

The schedule for SOL testing is now available. This will be helpful when scheduling any appointments. It is [available online](#).

Community Electronics Recycling Event

There will be a community e-cycle event on April 22. It is open to the public and a great way to discard any old electronic equipment.

When: April 22, 2001 7am-1pm

Where: Sully Police Substation, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, VA

Fairfax County School Board to Refund Fees for AP, IB Tests

The Fairfax County School Board has voted to refund approximately \$2 million in fees collected from FCPS families for AP and IB tests. The action is being taken in response to a January 28 opinion by Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli "that a local school board cannot impose a mandatory fee on

Unified Prevention Coalition

FCPS Unified Prevention Coalition to Host Prevention Conference on April 2. More information is [available online](#).

Donation Scams

Once again a natural disaster has brought out the worst in some. Because of recent events in Japan some may be looking to help with donations. There are however criminals out there looking to capitalize on our generosity. The Virginia Attorney Generals Office has dedicated a page with information on protecting yourself. As always please be wary of fake websites, emails, phone calls or even door to door solicitation of donations. If you wish to donate please click on the below link and [follow the tips to keep from being scammed](#).

Honor Society Volunteer Hour Requirements

Jenni Aiello

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Reminder

Items to be included in the May 2011 Bulldog Bulletin must be [submitted to newsletter@westfieldhs.org](#) on or before **April 26, 2011**

Your feedback is important to us.

Send to [newsletter@westfieldhs.org](#) comments or suggestions to make your PTSA better

students taking advanced placement courses for the required taking of the Advanced Placement Examination.”

Refund notifications will be mailed in early April to parents and guardians who have already made payments and all refunds are scheduled to be processed by the end of April.

A list of Westfield Honor Societies that require volunteer hours is now available. It is hoped that, by compiling a list in one place, parents and students can plan ahead for and encourage volunteer activities. Please note that these are guidelines and may be subject to change. It is suggested that students seek the counsel of their club/society/faculty advisor prior to engaging in an activity for which they seek "credit". It is also advised to have an adult supervisor sign off on the activity. Students should maintain a copy of verification for their own records, as it will be required by the society/club. More information is available at: [Did you know Westfield Honor Societies require volunteer hours](#)

Committee News

REFLECTIONS

The Westfield PTSA would like to congratulate the following students who recently received Reflections awards from the Northern Virginia District PTSA:

Amanda De Carlo - Award of Excellence in Photography

Srujana Vadlapalli - Award of Excellence in Literature

Garam Park - Award of Merit in Visual Arts

The Northern Virginia District level of judging included entries from Fairfax and Arlington Counties as well as Falls Church and Alexandria City. In order to get to the District round these students each had to first win the First Place Award for Outstanding Interpretation for Fairfax County Cluster 8.

5K

The Spring WHS 5K run has been rescheduled to the Fall of 2011. More information will be available soon.

MAC

The Minority Achievement Committee (MAC) wishes to thank everyone for coming out to support the March 22, 2011 Spring Parent Coffee held at Stone Middle School. We reached out to rising freshman parents, and students, to help prepare them for the switch to high school. We had an open discussion about classes, grades, and expectations of

MULCH DAY

April 9th, Mulch Day, is fast approaching!

We urgently need DONATIONS of FOOD to feed all our hard-working volunteers. [Please visit the sign up page](#) right away to see what we need and tell us what you can donate!

We also need lots of volunteers to help make that day run smoothly and quickly for all involved. Volunteers get fed all that great food people donate! Volunteers also have a blast. We need students from all grade levels to deliver the mulch. We need parents to drive trucks, navigate, drive around the kids, serve the food and more!


We need YOU! (Especially you seniors, because Mulch Day helps pay for your All Night Grad Party!)

Please sign-up for food donations and/or to volunteer right away!

Thank you in advance for helping on Saturday, April 9th, and for feeding all our student and parent volunteers.

For questions regarding food, please contact Karen Fiala at [fiala5@cox.net](#) or Lou Otroba at [mlotroba@msn.com](#)

For questions about volunteering, please contact Aimee Lowery at [Aimee.Lowry@fairfaxcounty.gov](#).



students for high school. A special thank you to all of our WHS student panel members. We couldn't have done it without them.

Please join us for our next meeting on April 26, 2011, at 7 pm, in the Westfield HS library. [You can read the MAC newsletter online.](#) If you have any questions about MAC, you may contact Milan Coleman or Deanna McRae King at mac@westfieldhs.org. Thank you for your continued support of MAC!

ACE

The PTSA Academic Celebration of Excellence Scholarship applications are now available! The scholarship guidelines and requirements, as well as forms can be found on the PTSA website and in the Career Center. The deadline for consideration is May 4, 2011 at 2:30 pm. The PTSA would like to thank the organizers, supporters and participants of the Spring 2010 PTSA 5K run which helped fund these scholarships! For more information, please go to [ACE Scholarship Applications](#)

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