



LANIGAN ELEMENTARY PTA

In order to fly like an Eagle, you must SOAR!

We need you to help our Eagles SOAR.

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Lanigan community is committed to providing fun and educational programs beyond the curriculum. We provide learning experiences that enhance, reinforce and supplement daily learning. Below are some of the great programs and events that the Lanigan PTA supports in our building.

These programs are all **volunteer driven** and will be even better with the support and participation of you and your child! For more information or to volunteer please contact Kelli Carpenter-Crawford, PTA Vice-President for Education 2014-15 at kcarpentercrawford@hotmail.com. Please also consider attending our monthly PTA meetings for the most up-to-date information and opportunities.

Art Smart: A program supported by the Farmington Arts Foundation. Volunteers present fine arts displays to students during the school day to enrich their arts education.

Contact coordinator Annmarie Koon to sign up to help: annmariekoon@earthlink.net

Reflections (fall): This National PTA program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art within the following areas: dance, choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts.

Lanigan and District Coordinator: Monica Cardenas monicac.0310@gmail.com

Science Fair (spring): An annual exhibit of student research and results, with fun science demonstrations.

Contact coordinator to help: Josh Michels Joshua.calomeni-michels@daimler.com

Homework Helpers: A volunteer program that runs after school designed to help students that would benefit from structure homework assistance. (tentative)

After School Sports: Sports and fun designed to give our children a chance to stay active and learn team skills. Recent and current activities include: after-school basketball, (NEW)Skateboarding Club, Girls on the Run/Stride/Sports Clinics (Farmington Family YMCA), and Running Club.

Skateboarding Club (forming this fall): Coordinator Rob Woelkers (owner of PLUS Skateboarding)

Rob@pluskateboarding.com

Running Club: Spring training runs in a parent led afterschool program to prepare for the Kids Martian Marathon in April www.martianmarathon.com Volunteers will be needed, contact Mike Walters:

mikewalters@ameritech.net

Farmington YMCA sports programs: Contact London Lewis, Sports Director, llewis@ymcadetroit.org

South Farmington Baseball and Softball League www.sfbi.org Local fall and spring leagues

Together for Accelerated Learners (T.A.L. – pronounced “tall”) mission is to network, educate, and inspire parents and educators and coordinate advocacy to further the academic, social, emotional and educational needs of high achieving students in the Farmington area. TAL programs are organized at the district level as part of Farmington PTA Council Enrichments. <http://farmingtontal.wordpress.com/>



Math Pentathlon: An after school program for students of all grade levels. The children play sets of 5 board games that enhance problem-solving, spatial and logical reasoning skills. There is an optional tournament open to all participants at the end of the program. www.mathpentath.org/ Tina Yoder at mrstyoder@gmail.com or call 248 426 8405, 9 am-3 pm



WORD MASTERS

WordMasters: A fun and mind-stretching competitive Language Arts program for students in grades 3 and 4. It encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning skills through analogies and analytical thinking. www.wordmasterschallenge.com/ Looking for 3rd grade (daytime) volunteers to help with this program. If interested, contact Monica Cardenas at monicac0310@gmail.com



Junior Great Books: A small group, literature discussion program available for students K-4th grade designed to empower readers to become more reflective thinkers and learners. The students gain experience in communication and critical thinking, reading, and discussing stories from world literature. www.greatbooks.org/ Coordinator and (daytime) volunteers needed. Training provided. Contact Kelli for info



Destination Imagination: An after school activity in which students work in teams to solve challenges and present their solutions at tournament. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and problem solve. www.idodi.org/ District level team options may be available, contact District coordinator, Yan Jlang for info davidandyang@gmail.com

Farmington African American Parent Network (FAAPN) has the mission: To educate, empower and energize our community to navigate the educational system, gain access to the opportunities and influence the decisions that impact the success of our students. Contact at: faapn1@gmail.com

Following are additional student activities that take place at our school that your family may be interested in:

Cub Scouts Pack231 laniganpack231.scoutlander.com , Cub Master Michael LaFave Michael@fivehour.com

Girl Scouts: Troops available at 1st -4th grades, Kindergarten Daisy troop forming. Contact Kelli Carpenter-Crawford: kcarpentercrawford@hotmail.com

School Gardens/Beautification Committee: Got a green thumb? Contact Kelli Carpenter-Crawford

Green Team: staff/students supporting FPS environmental initiatives. Teacher coordinator, Jaime Manville

Literacy Programming (Cybersafety, Scholastic Book Fairs, One School One Book month): contact Nadene Jensen, Media Specialist nadene.jensen@farmington.k12.mi.us and/or Kelli

Junior Optimists: Student led community service organization, after school meetings. More info at: <https://www.f2hoptimists.org/index.php/junior-optimists/junior-optimist-club>

Lego Club and/or Jr First Lego League <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fli> Interested? Contact Kelli at kcarpentercrawford@hotmail.com