

Wednesday, January 14 • 6 - 7pm • Auditorium

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Christmas 2014 See's Candy made \$1,803. Our next See's fundraiser is for Valentine's Day (see #3). This is an 'easy', low-maintenance fundraiser for us. Our last Movie Night lost \$16, in stark contrast to the previous one, so we need to plan the next one more carefully. We need to space them out more & the fact that we do not accept dropped off children may have affected attendance. We do have snacks left over from last time which will help with costs of next one. Possible date: Jan 30th – Comment -It's too dark at this time of year! Question – Can money raised from Movie Nights go to 6th grade field trip?. Answer: That will have to be a Board decision, but remember that 6th Grade Silent Auction basket(s) can be allocated to fund field trip. FoSA received a Box Tops cheque for \$660 – much of it is from last year, not this year. \$637 from Amazon, \$462 from eScripts – A big thank you everyone who uses these links and supports our school when they shop! Angel Drive is at \$6,205, Penny Wars made \$1,431 and Winter Fest made \$652. We paid out half the cost for art classes. Second semester just beginning.
2. **Food Truck Fiesta Success** – One Year Anniversary – January 21
January Food Trucks: Cousins Maine Lobster, The Grilled Cheese Truck & Sweet E's
In December we only made \$73 & we want to do better in January. We know it's dark & chilly, but you can take the food home to eat - We really need your support to make Food Truck Nights a continued success!
3. **See's Candy – Valentine's** – Sale starts Monday, January 26 Orders Due Thursday, Feb 5, Candy Delivered by Thursday, Feb 12.
4. **LAX Chamber of Commerce** – Feb 11 – need volunteers for booth. Expo for schools in the area - would be a great venue to advertise our wonderful school. Any volunteers? In Westchester, 4.30-8pm. Please contact friendsofshortavenue@gmail.com
5. **Walk & Talk** – need baked goods, coffee and parents, Tuesday, March 10th & Wednesday, April 15th
Need help distributing flyer. Idea: We should come in a day or 2 before, to look at the school with 'fresh' eyes and sort out problem areas. Need to sort out lost property - it looks terrible. We need flowers for the office.
6. **In N Out & Silent Auction** – Tuesday, March 17 – need committee and start working on baskets and soliciting businesses for donations. Donation request letter available online under silent auction or email Suzanne at friendsofshortavenue@gmail.com This event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. This year, we need to start preparations earlier in order to give larger organizations 90 days' notice. Alicia will be keeping track so that companies do not receive multiple requests from us. There is a donation request letter on FoSA website. When approaching a business, you can either go in person or send an email request. Restaurant vouchers are always popular and do well. In n Out ticket sales will start in February.
7. **Spring Carnival** – Friday or Saturday. Ms. Paulos is reluctant to agree to a Saturday. For a weekend event we need to rent the school premises for \$1,500. We also need more volunteers to cover a longer open time. A Friday afternoon event is preferred. Committee needs to be contacted for update.
8. **Spirit Wear available:** Samples shown forth. Cheques should be made payable to Short Avenue Elementary, not FoSA. Kids can wear them on Fridays & field trips.
9. **FoSA needs a new secretary:** Cecilie Falbe-Hansen is moving overseas in March. Please contact FoSA if you are interested in joining the FoSA Board.
10. Vote next week in main office on the K - 8 Expansion: Remember to vote on this important decision for our school! The more votes the better. Spread the word! At this stage, the application has been approved by our local Board & is now waiting a decision by LAUSD Superintendent Ramon Cortinez. Please consider this issue carefully.
11. **Open Forum:** Jogathons are not allowed by district policy for younger grades. Will take place for grades 4-6. Need volunteers. The Spelling Bee – forms should have been handed in but are still being accepted.