Dear Reader,

We hope the fall weather is treating you well as you prepare for Thanksgiving. Our office is busy preparing for this Saturday's Science Day and end of year reports. As we prepare, we are reminded how thankful we are for our volunteers and we wish you well during this holiday season.

This issue of our newsletter will inform you on many upcoming activities for youth and volunteers that we hope you will join us for! Please remember to check our website for announcements and news as well.

If you think someone should be receiving our newsletter who isn't, please let Mrs. Mack in our office know.

Wishing you and your families well during this holiday season.

Happy Thanksgiving!

~The Prince George's County 4-H Staff

4-H Day at Montpelier Farms
By Laura Manzi

Fun was had by all who participated in the 4-H Day at Montpelier Farms on Saturday October 19th. It was a great day, and perfect pumpkin picking weather! The 4-H tents buzzed with activity throughout the day, giving 4-Hers and volunteers the chance to teach farm patrons about 4-H.

4-H Robotics built robots and conducted demonstrations. 4-Hers and volunteers also made beaded pumpkins and clucking chickens with the children visiting the tents.

The day was a huge success! If you want to learn more about our programs, visit our website or call (301) 868-9636.
New Opportunity!
National Association for Family & Community Education
National FCE Essay & Artwork Contest

2014 Theme: Respect
Enter to win a Visa gift card!
Any 4th grade student is eligible to enter. Entries include an essay and a hand drawn picture.
Please visit our website to access contest details, instructions, entry forms and permission slips.
Good luck!

Upcoming Events and Activities
Mark your calendars!

Participate in our own countywide National Youth Science Day THIS Saturday, November 16, 2013.
This event is being held at our Prince George's County Extension Office for youth ages 8-18. Please register participants with Mrs. Mack for either session.
Session 1: 10:00am-11:15am
Session 2: 11:30am-1:00pm

Quarter Auction to Support the Patuxent River 4-H Center is THIS Sunday, November 17, 2013.
Doors open at 1pm, auction begins at 2pm: 18405 Queen Anne Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

4-H Africa Experience Webinar November 18, 2013 at 6:30pm.
Please see Tanzania Promotional Flyer regarding an opportunity to travel to Africa with 4-H on a humanitarian trip.
Please donate items for Santa's Box!
We are collecting items to donate to the Kentland Community Center youth and families. Requested items include: new or gently used coats, hats, gloves and books. $10 gift cards for popular teen stores are also needed. Please drop items to our office by December 3, 2013. For more information please visit our website or contact our office at (301) 430-0725.

Interested in preserving out county’s 4-H history?
Last month we told you about the 4-H Voices of Our History Project. Extension is celebrating its Centennial Year in 2014, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the implementation of the Smith Lever Act. To honor this milestone, Prince George’s County Extension has been working with the National 4-H History Preservation Leadership Team to help capture oral recollections of former 4-H members, staff and volunteers about their 4-H experiences.

The new 4-H History Club will hold their first meeting on Thursday November 21, 2013 at 6:30pm. Participating in this club, youth will learn about the rich 4-H traditions of Prince George's County members. Youth will also have the opportunity to learn proper film and video skills as well as how to effectively edit films. Please call or email Lisa Edwards (301-868-9636) if you would like to attend this meeting or are interested in joining the club.

Join us December 11, 2013 for a Senior Portfolio Training.
We will be conducting a workshop on preparing and submitting senior portfolios at 1:30pm in the Prince George's County Office conference room. Senior portfolios are due in the state office by January 15, 2014 to be eligible for trip opportunities to leadership conferences: National 4-H Congress, Miniwanca, West Virginia and Virginia 4-H Congresses. We are encouraging all club leaders and seniors (if they are available) to attend. Please RSVP to Laura Manzi by December 2nd.
Announcements and Reminders

Don't forget!

- Leaders and Volunteers Association Meeting scheduled for November 25, 2013 in conference room at Prince George's County office. An email announcement with attached agenda was sent out regarding this meeting. If you have not received this email and think that you should have, please contact our office at (301) 868-9636. Please RSVP for the meeting by November 15, 2013 to Laura Manzi.

- Re-enrollment packet for 2014 will go out to all active clubs on December 9, 2013. Please complete and return all forms by January 31, 2014.

- Renewal Agreement Appointment Packet will go out to volunteers on December 9, 2013; it is critical that these forms are completed and returned to the 4-H office by January 3, 2014.

Fantastic 4-H'ers and Valuable Volunteers

Be on the look-out! We are going to be featuring a 4-H'er and a Volunteer in our seasonal newsletters that demonstrate true leadership and exemplify the heart of 4-H.