Principal’s Message

As we journey through February, may the inclement weather days be a mere memory of the recent past! Please note, Quarter 2 Progress Reports will be sent home with students on March 13th. We ask that you review your child’s progress for quarter 2 and work with your child to set goals for the second half of the school year. Our combined effort to support our students will help our eagles soar during quarters 3 and 4. If you should have any questions about your child’s academic progress or behavior please contact your child’s teacher to arrange for a parent-teacher conference. If you are not able to come in, arrange for a telephone conference with your child’s teacher. Our teachers are extremely flexible and are willing to accommodate your needs.

In advance, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Remember your child’s education is the foundation for life. A quality education benefits your child in many aspects of their life, personally and socially. Education opens up windows of opportunities. Like you, the Braddock staff wants your child to be successful. Malcolm X, a civil rights activist, stated, “Without education, you are not going anywhere in this world.” Help us, help your children be successful and reach their dreams. Together, we can do it!

Sincerely,

Keesha Jackson-Muir, Principal

PTA Sponsored Movie Night- Friday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Parent MUST remain with their children the throughout the event

The PTA will be hosting a dinner & movie night on Friday, February 20th at 6pm. Each class will be voting on the movie they would prefer to see. The movie with the most votes will be shown. Prior to the movie there will be a PTA meeting. If you are not a PTA member you can sign up.

- FREE EVENT
- Food and Spirit Wear available for purchase
The two major oral health diseases are tooth decay (dental caries) and gum (periodontal) disease. Both diseases are influenced by nutrition and diet. Nutrition plays an important role in the development of teeth and oral tissue. Dental caries result from the interaction between the tooth, oral bacteria, and dietary carbohydrates (sugar and starch).

Plaque is a sticky film of bacteria that forms on our teeth and turns the sugars and starches in our food into acids. These acids act on the tooth enamel and cause tooth decay. If high-acid producing or sugar foods (raisins, cookies, cakes, potato chips) are consumed, they should be eaten with meals, not as snacks. Cheeses, popcorn, raw fruits and vegetables are low-acid producing food and make healthy snacks.

To prevent dental disease, remember to:
1. Brush teeth after every meal with fluoridated toothpaste.
2. Floss teeth daily.
3. Visit the dentist and dental hygienist regularly.
4. Eat a nutritionally balanced diet.
Avoid foods that stay in the mouth a long time and stick to teeth (raisins, hard candies, and caramels).

Kudos Corner- Celebrating Our Students

Every day at Braddock Elementary, we learn and make the world a better place. We accomplish this by following the Braddock Code for Success, so our EAGLES can SOAR.

Anatolia Jenson and Annie Chui in Mrs. Chess’s 2nd Grade Class found money outside on the playground during recess. They immediately gave the money to their teacher. Thank you Anatolia and Annie for your responsible decision making!

Aayden Douglas in Mrs. Wheat’s Kindergarten class was very brave when his friend fell ill in school. He helped his friend and comforted him and we are so proud of his courageous behavior. Thank you Aayden for being a great friend.

Interim Reports- Please Read

The purpose of the interim report is to communicate your child’s progress in each of the subject areas listed for 3rd quarter. Students are rated: (M) Meeting, (D) Developing, or (N) Needs Improvement. A subject area that is marked with a (D) or an (N) means your child needs to focus on this subject area. It would be advisable to contact the teacher if an (N) is indicated.

Interim Reports will go home on Friday, March 13, 2015
Helping All Children Feel Successful and Achieve Results

Tailored Tutoring, LLC was founded by two certified K-6 educators that have a true passion for working with children and helping them realize their potential. This company offers private one-on-one tutoring in the comfort of your home or in a public location.

Small group tutoring is also available. We consult with families and are willing to talk with classroom teachers to ensure that every student is receiving the right support to help them succeed.

Tailored Tutoring, LLC is based out of Arlington, VA and services the majority of Northern Virginia.

Current Openings Include:
- Elementary Tutoring (K-6)
- Homework Support (K-6)
- Test Prep (3-6)
- SOL Prep (3-6)

Homework is Important—Make Sure Your Child Does Their Homework

Homework is defined as out-of-class tasks assigned to students as an extension or elaboration of classroom work. Our school provides your child with homework so that your child can practice and review what was taught. Practicing assignments reinforces newly acquired skills. Therefore we ask that you make sure that your child completes their homework. It also builds responsibility. Make sure your child does their homework each night.
### SOL Testing Dates May 11 - June 6

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### SOL Testing for Students in Grades 3 through 5

Students in Grades 3-5 in our school will be taking the **Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests** from **Tuesday, May 12th through Thursday, June 4th**. A detailed timeline is provided for your convenience (see above). It will be very helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school during this time period. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has had a good night’s rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude.

The Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) tests are required of all students in Grades 3-8 across the state by the Virginia Department of Education. SOL tests measure the extent to which students have learned the content and skills specified in the Virginia SOLs. Content areas tested include writing, reading, mathematics, history and science.

The purpose of the testing is to provide information about student achievement in several subject areas. Scores from the tests will be used to determine whether students fail to meet standards, are proficient in meeting the standards, or are advanced in the standards.

Scores will be sent directly to your home from the scoring service sometime in August. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-914-7300.
Your child will have the opportunity to learn how to play the soprano recorder in their general music class each week!

As a beginning recorder player, we will be working in class on how to make a good sound, play together with others, and to learn many new exciting songs from around the world to share with friends and family!

Students are expected to:

1. take good care of the instrument and replace it if lost, stolen, or damaged (see expectations below)
2. practice the assigned lessons
3. bring the instrument to every music class
4. participate in all rehearsals/class assessments

As recorder is an essential tool in your child’s music education in FCPS, all students will be expected to have a Yamaha recorder (3 piece only) to use from 3rd – 5th grade. This year, Braddock ES is proud to announce that we will have recorders available to purchase at a discount ($4.60/each) from the school and students are highly encouraged to purchase one so that they can practice at home and be successful learning new songs. We hope that you will take full advantage of the school’s newly ordered recorders!

Your child will have received the Braddock ES Recorder Contract form in their Friday folder so please be sure to read for more information, sign, and return (with cash payment) to their music teacher no later than February 6th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hughes or Miss Morgan.

Braddock Parents, we invite you to come with your children to a FREE, Family Literacy Program! Parents will learn beginning ENGLISH, how to help your child do well in school, and use of computers.

Classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Contact: Jakelin Lake 703-914-7391