PBIS at Churchill Road

A PBIS Introduction and Summary:

PBIS is an acronym that stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and is a program that has been adopted by the majority of schools in Fairfax County. PBIS differs from more traditional behavior approaches by focusing on positive and desired behaviors rather than negative discipline. The goal of the program is to encourage positive social development and promote positive school-wide citizenship. Inappropriate behaviors are still addressed, as they occur; however, they are not the focus of the program. Churchill Road uses the 4R’s to remind students how to be helpful classmates and school citizens:

- Respect Yourself,
- Respect Others,
- Respect Property, and
- Respect the Earth

At Churchill Road, students are expected to follow the 4R’s in classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, the cafeteria, and the playground. Students are taught what behaviors are acceptable and appropriate in each of these locations, as well as their individual classroom teacher’s expectations for the classroom. Furthermore, the PBIS program works to support students who may need an additional level of behavioral encouragement and to track trends and discuss interventions for behavior, both positive and negative, throughout all grade levels.

Respect is a concept that is sometimes difficult for children to understand, thus teachers focus on teaching and reinforcing respect in a variety of situations across the school day. Students who are observed acting in a respectful manner may be given a Churchill Cheer to reinforce that behavior. A Cheer is a slip of paper for grades K-4 and a ticket for grades 5 and 6. A Cheer Winners of the Week are chosen each Friday for grades K-4, as well as a Whole Class Winner. For grades 5 and 6, their tickets equal extra recess on Friday (Freedom Friday) – one extra minute for every three tickets.

Students will not be given a Churchill Cheer every time they do something respectful because the goal is to have students act respectfully at all times. Our aim is to have the behaviors become natural and the number of cheers given out should decrease as the year progresses. We find children are always excited to earn cheers, so ask your children if they brought any home!

What is next for PBIS?

This is Churchill Road’s ninth year implementing PBIS, and our program continues to grow and experience success in several areas of the building. This is our fourth year implementing the PBIS quarterly themes of Responsibility, Caring, Collaboration and Perseverance where we implement messages surrounding these themes into morning meetings, announcements, cafeteria themes, skits and posters throughout the school. Stay tuned throughout the year for more involving PBIS.

The PBIS Team is looking forward to a positive and fun year with Churchill’s students and families. We appreciate your support from home and welcome any encouragement you can offer!

If you have any questions about the PBIS program, please don’t hesitate to contact the PBIS leads Sarah Finger at safinger@fcps.edu and Jamie Meyers at jlmeyers@fcps.edu.

Teachers Learn from the Best

Ms. McLendon (4th), Mrs. Ehrman (6th), Mrs. Bradford (5th), and Mr. Ericson (6th) pose for a picture with Dr. Lucy Calkins at the Reading and Writing Institute in Baltimore on Monday [not pictured, Ms. Isom (1st) and Mrs. Thurston (K)]. Dr. Calkins is the founding director of the Columbia University's Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, a New York City–based organization that has influenced literacy instruction on an international level. Churchill Road teachers learned practical ways to teach the higher-level literacy skills, examined ways of supporting children as they progress up the ladder of text complexity and as they write across text types, and heard about the research and the discoveries that impact language arts instruction today.
THIS FRIDAY NIGHT... OCTOBER 2nd is the NOT TO BE MISSED ... ANNUAL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!!

Registration Ends Thursday the 1st at 4:00 PM -- Don't Miss Out! Pre-registration ensures popcorn and water...tickets at the door are NOT guaranteed popcorn!

Bring your family and join your classmates and friends at our Family Movie Night THIS FRIDAY, October 2 in our own CRS backyard. We'll be showing the movie PADDINGTON (rated PG).

Pizza will be on sale at 6:00 p.m. and the movie start time is 7:00 p.m. Everyone receives popcorn and a water free with a ticket. There will be pizza for $2/slice. This is always a favorite CRS PTA Family Activity! We look forward to seeing you there! The advance ticket price for children and Adult PTA Members is $6 per person, $9 for Adult Non-PTA members. Children 4 and under are free. Remember, advance ticket sales end at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1st. Tickets at the door are $10 but register in advance so we can plan for the popcorn & pizza.

RAIN IS LOOKING LIKELY BUT NO WORRIES – WE’LL MOVE THE EVENT INTO THE GYM AND THE CHILDREN WILL HAVE AN ABSOLUTE BLAST...DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE FOR YOUR KIDDOOS TO CONNECT WITH THEIR CLASSMATES!!

TO REGISTER: http://www.cvent.com/d/zrgyzych

Go-Home Note Update

Busses 1, 2 and 3 Cannot Transport Extra Students

The PTA Go Home Note system begins tomorrow, Thursday, October 1. Detailed information on how to register for and use this system may be found on the PTA website here.

Please be advised that we have several busses that are at full capacity in the afternoons. Therefore these busses will not be able to carry extra students for play dates or other school activities. The busses that are too full to carry other students safely are Bus 1, Bus 2, and Bus 3. Utilizing Kiss and Ride is an option to consider if your children are assigned to one of these busses. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUBS BEGIN ON OCTOBER 1ST

For the exact start date of your child’s club, please check the Activities Catalog on the CRS PTA ASA webpage here. (Please note: Math Enrichment, a Wednesday club, does not begin until October 14th.)

And, please check the end time of your child’s club. Remember to pick up your child on time. A late fee of $1 per minute will be charged to your account if your child is picked up five minutes or more after the club’s dismissal time.

Students should be picked up in the CRS front lobby. Please note the following exceptions to pick up locations:

- For Chess, please go to the cafeteria.
- If your child attends SACC, then he/she will be escorted back to SACC.

If your child is not attending ASA clubs that day or someone other than the caregiver is picking up the child, please email the Attendance Monitors at asa-attendance@churchillroadpta.org.

Please go over your child's club schedule so that he/she will remember to attend the club rather than riding the bus, walking home or waiting for a ride.

If you have any questions, please contact afterschoolactivities1@churchillroadpta.org
WELLNESS CORNER

Little changes make a big difference

Benefits of Cultivating Patience

The first week of school the second graders discovered several caterpillars in the garden outside their classrooms. The second grade teachers and students brought the tiny caterpillars into their classrooms and cared for them. Soon there were reports of caterpillars attaching and hanging upside down in a j-shape, pupas starting to form and dance, chrysalises hardening, and then the emergence of butterflies with crumpled wet wings. Last week the second graders released the extraordinary, fully-formed butterflies.

In nature it is easy to accept the process—the stages necessary for development. No one attempted to crack open a chrysalis to help a butterfly along with its transformation. In our own life it can be challenging to cultivate patience and appreciate right where we are. We do not start with algebra or writing a book; we first learn our numbers or letters, we practice addition or drafting sentences, and continue to learn and build on our knowledge. Sometimes it is challenging and uncomfortable; sometimes it is incredibly rewarding.

It is easy for each of us to forget to savor the journey. We are often planning what needs to be done, thinking about where we want to be, or striving for expertise in a skill we have only started to learn. Taking our cues from nature, enjoy time this week accepting the fullness of this moment. Understand our students will never again be at this stage, and that we will never again be at this age. We will likely reflect back on this time with incredible fondness and it is equally important that we enjoy it now. Let us appreciate that, like a butterfly, we are at precisely the stage we need to be.

Monarch Mania!

Second graders observed as their monarchs turned from the chrysalis stage to the adult butterfly stage, gathering milkweed from the school’s garden to sustain them. The students delighted in naming them and holding them. They even wrote stories from the point of view of a monarch as it journeys to Mexico, detailing the many dangers it may face. At the end of the week, students said goodbye and released their butterflies to begin the long migration to the oyamel forests of Mexico for the winter.
Calling All Entries for PTA Nationwide Reflections Contest
Theme for 2015-2016: Let Your Imagination Fly

Participation in arts programs—like Reflections—plays a critical role in students’ success, in school and beyond.

The National PTA Reflections program develops and encourages students to explore their talents and express themselves. The Reflections program has inspired millions of students to reflect on a specific theme and create original artwork. Each year, students in Pre-K through grade 12 are recognized for bringing the theme to life through:

- Dance choreography,
- Film production,
- Literature,
- Music composition,
- Photography, and
- Visual arts.

Please encourage your children to express the theme "let your imagination fly" by unleashing their inner artists through their original creations.

Each participant must fill an entry form. Forms may be downloaded by going to: http://www.churchillroadpta.org/crs/committee-information/reflections-2/

Cheers of the Week...!

Congratulations to our Churchill Cheer winners for the week of September 21. Cheers are given to students who follow the four R’s. Winners are: Lachlan Thomas (Kindergarten); Hayden Gaulding (1st); Billy Center (2nd); Jaydon Sun (3rd); and Justin Lee (4th). Our good citizenship winners are Peter Kaldes (5th grade) and Michael Townsend (6th grade).

Our whole class winner is Mrs. William’s first grade. Keep up the good work!

Remember, at CRS we follow the four R’s. We respect ourselves, we respect others, we respect property, we respect the Earth, and we are responsible.

Family Life Education (FLE)

Please look in your student’s VIP folder today (September 30) for important information about the Family Life Education (FLE) program at CRS. Grade-level specific information is also available at: http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml.

You are invited to attend an evening opportunity to preview the Family Life Education media and lessons and to talk with school staff about the program on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the CRS library. All program materials and media for all grade levels will be available for your review at this time. Materials are also available for review during school hours -- please contact Jen Niccolls, Assistant Principal (jniccolls@fcps.edu), to schedule a time to review lessons and/or media.

2015-2016 Principal’s Coffees and PTA Meeting Dates

Save the dates for the 2015-2016 Principal’s Coffees and general membership meetings of the CRS PTA. All events are held on Wednesday mornings. Coffees will run from 8:00-8:45 a.m. and immediately precede that month’s PTA general membership meeting, which will run from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Principal’s Coffee: October 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Join Mr. Hutzel for his first Principal’s Coffee of the school year on Wednesday, October 7, from 8:00-8:45 a.m. in the Exploratory Arts Room. Parents/guardians are encouraged to take this opportunity to speak with Mr. Hutzel informally about topics of interest and to welcome families that are new to the CRS community.

PTA Meeting: October 7 at 8:45 a.m.

Please attend the next monthly PTA Meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 at 8:45 a.m. in the Exploratory Arts Room. Every month we will have a discussion topic which is intended to inform and to provide you with a venue to voice your thoughts and experiences to help improve how our PTA works. Please contact Melissa Schwartz at president1@churchillroadpta.org if you have any questions.

Save the dates below for future PTA meetings and Principal’s Coffees. All meetings will take place in the CRS Exploratory Arts Room: October 7, November 11, and December 9, 2015 and January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11 and June 8, 2016.
### CRS Calendar of Events -- September 30 - October 12, 2015

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### Reminder! AAP Parent Information Night Scheduled for October 1, 2015

Carrie Reinders, our Advanced Academic Resource Teacher (AART), will be holding a parent information meeting on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Mrs. Reinders will provide information about the Advanced Academic Program’s (AAP) levels of service and answer questions about the screening process for full-time, Level IV services. This meeting is open to all K-6th parents.

### McLean Project for the Arts 9th Annual MPAartfest

**Sunday, October 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at McLean Central Park**

Art. Music. Food. Fun! For more information, visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org)

Come see artwork by Churchill Road students at MPAartfest — McLean’s only outdoor arts festival! View the work of young artists from McLean area schools as you stroll through the *Children’s ArtWalk*. Budding artists may create their own artwork at *MPA’s Hands-On Art Studio*. Parking is easy and free with shuttle buses running all day from designated parking lots near the park.

### Longfellow 2015 Fall Trivia Night

Friday October 16 (doors open at 6:30 p.m., trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.) in the Lecture Hall

$5/person, maximum 5 per team. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Pizza, drinks, snacks.

PARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS,... ARE WELCOME!

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The CRS Home Page address: [http://www.fcps.edu/ChurchillRoadES/](http://www.fcps.edu/ChurchillRoadES/). To submit Chatter material, please email Editor Kim Moran at kmoran2@fcps.edu. **Deadline for submissions is NOON each Friday.** Keep In Touch (KIT) reminders will typically be emailed to the CRS community on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 4:00 p.m. Please email your brief KIT message to Kim Moran and Don Hutzel at KIT Request. All KIT messages should be sent to the school at least 24 hours in advance of their posting. Non-profit organizations may submit fliers for distribution the weeks of October 5 and December 7, 2015 and March 7 and May 23, 2016.