CRS PTA Update

October 23 PTA Meeting
A general membership meeting of the CRS PTA was held on Friday, October 23rd, before the Parade of Cuisines. The members in attendance approved a resolution of the CRS PTA that expressed support for our neighbors at Franklin Sherman Elementary School and their efforts to promote a gun store-free school zone. The Franklin Sherman PTA passed a similar resolution the prior week and reached out for community support on the issue. The CRS PTA resolution also expressed that the CRS PTA advocates in favor of maintaining a 1,000 foot separation between any school and a firearms business, while acknowledging the gun rights of our community members as expressed in the US Constitution. A copy of the resolution can be viewed on the CRS PTA website (www.churchillroadpta.org).

November 3 School Bond Referendum
Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015 (polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.), and we hope that, in addition to voting for your favorite candidates, you also vote “YES” on an important school bond referendum this year that is likely to directly affect your children. This $310 million bond would fund a number of important school improvement projects, including nearly $3.5 million for the badly overdue renovation of COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Bonds are a form of long-term borrowing and, according to Fairfax County, the bond program is designed to avoid any tax rate increase. Please make sure to vote YES for the school bond referendum to help ensure that our children’s middle school has better facilities. (Update provided by the CRS PTA Advocacy Committee.)

Parade of Cuisines Enjoyed by All

The CRS community celebrated the 22nd annual Parade of Cuisines on Friday, October 23rd. Families turned out to enjoy delicious dishes representing our many different CRS cultures. Students and their families were able to learn a little more about each other and appreciate many different areas around the world. Thank you to PTA Parade of Cuisines Chair, Seema Singh, for organizing this wonderful event!

Attendance Reminder
This Friday, October 30, 2015, is the end of the first quarter. School will be dismissed two hours early at 1:20 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, November 2 and 3 are teacher workdays. There is no school for students.
If your student will be absent any additional days surrounding the holiday, please report the absence by calling the CRS 24-hour attendance line at 703-288-8484 or by emailing churchillattendance@fcps.edu.
Eagle Scout Project Improves Drainage in CRS Front Garden

Despite the rainy weather, Cameron H., a Langley High School junior (and Churchill Road alumnus), completed his Eagle Scout project at Churchill Road Elementary School. Along with 27 additional volunteers, including parents and fellow members of Boy Scout Troop 444, Cameron created a series of terraced beds along the front of the school. Besides being an aesthetic improvement, the new beds will decrease the erosion along the front of the school. The Churchill Road community is appreciative of the efforts of Cameron and all the scouts and family members. Please take a look at this great new addition to the CRS campus on your next visit.

Cheers of the Week…!

Congratulations to our Churchill Cheer winners for the week of October 19. Cheers are given to students who follow the four R’s. Winners are: Ruhi Rana (Kindergarten); Brendan ten-Siethoff (1st); Sophie Gregorian (2nd); Zelie Vernon (3rd); and Hannah Lin (4th). Our whole class winner is Mrs. Thurston’s kindergarten. Keep up the good work! Remember, at CRS we follow the five R’s. We Respect ourselves, we Respect others, we Respect property, we Respect the Earth, and we are Responsible.

Oktoberfest Luncheon a Huge Hit!

Churchill Road teachers and staff were treated to a fabulous, fall “Oktoberfest” luncheon on October 21, courtesy of the second grade parents. The staff lounge was decorated with handmade leaves created by the second graders. Teachers and staff enjoyed a variety of Oktoberfest staples, including ham, sausages, potato salad, sauerkraut, apples, muffins, apple strudel, apple pie and hot cider. A very special thank you is extended to the event coordinators: second grade parents Laurie Schaefer, Kristy Stute and Kristi West, and to PTA Staff Appreciation Chair Luz Panduro.

Nail Polish Collection

Churchill Road third graders Avery, Greta, Kyra and Chloe in Brownie Troop 3701 are collecting used nail polish and polish remover. They have placed a box near the library and will take the box to the Fairfax Hazardous Waste Collection site December 4th. By helping to fill the box, not only will you be making space in your cabinets and drawers, but more importantly, you will be helping to keep our drinking water and environment free from dangerous chemicals. Throwing the polish in your trash can lead to water pollution and is bad for the environment. Please bring your old polish in and place it in the box! Thank you!
**WELLNESS CORNER**

*Little changes make a big difference*

**Getting Creative with Halloween Treats**

First graders did pumpkin math this week and estimated both the weight of the pumpkin and the number of seeds it contained. As you can see, they also used their sense of smell.

We are entering the final countdown for one of the sweetest holidays of the year! Halloween allows us to have fun dressing up in a favorite costume and to enjoy seeing friends, teachers, and staff decked out in fabulous costumes too. In addition to the great costumes, Halloween also tends to bring a mountain of candy, which is really far more exciting to collect than to ingest.

Get creative with your excess candy this year. If you collect gummy bears, take a mad scientist approach and try to grow your gummy bears through osmosis by placing a gummy bear in a bowl of water overnight or experiment with other liquids (soda, vinegar, juice). Of course, you do not need to limit your experiments to gummy bears; have you ever dropped a few different colored Skittles, Starbursts, or M&M's into water? You can also use all those excess candy pieces to practice your mad math skills. Can you divide your bounty evenly between the number of people in your family? What candy was distributed most in your neighborhood? Can you figure out what percentage it represents of all the candy you received?

You can also share some of your sweet treats with a local charity, nursing home, children’s hospital, women’s shelter, or fire department. You could also send the heat-resistant — not chocolate — candy you collected in your neighborhood halfway around the world to troops through programs like, Operation Gratitude, [https://opgrat.wordpress.com/2013/07/18/halloween-candy-for-the-troops/](https://opgrat.wordpress.com/2013/07/18/halloween-candy-for-the-troops/).

Happy Halloween!

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**Relaxing with Chair Yoga**

Ms. Robosky’s sixth grade class and Ms. Finger’s third graders were treated to a special yoga session taught by CRS social worker and yogi Wes Smith. The students all enjoyed the session and are looking forward to their next yoga experience.

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**CRS Book Fair is November 9-13**

Thank you for all the wonderful book fair poster contest entries. The beautiful artwork will brighten the walls of Churchill. Results of the poster contest will be in Friday’s KIT and next week’s Churchill Chatter.

Remember the CRS annual Book Fair is only two weeks away so be sure to mark your calendar and plan to start shopping!

Sale hours the week of November 9-13 are

- Monday: 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday night: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Don’t forget the SCA pizza party)
Ms. Lewis’s kindergarten class had a special guest last week. Thank you to Hamati’s dad, Mr. Chaudhuri, who came and shared artifacts, songs and stories from his American Indian tribe, the Creek, with the students (above and below).

Ms. McLendon’s fourth graders enjoyed a special science lesson on static electricity from sixth grade teacher Mr. Shaw.

Mrs. Zemke’s second graders worked with their writing buddies in Mr. Kilpatrick’s class.

Students in Mrs. Williams’ first grade class got help from their sixth grade buddies in Ms. Robosky’s class to make pasta skeletons.

Mrs. Diffie’s first graders created their own Jack-o-Lanterns, while Mr. Suchoski’s students counted pumpkin seeds.
State Softball Champs

Last week, Catherine Z. (6th grade), CRS alum Madeline B., and their McLean Little League softball team were recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for winning the Virginia State 10-11 Softball Championship (photo courtesy of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors).

Student Teacher Teaching Together

Not too many years ago, kindergarten assistant Taylor Monferdini was a student in Mrs. Turner’s fifth grade class. Now retired, Mrs. Turner came back to sub for Ms. Zielinski and learned the classroom procedures from her former student.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2015-2016 SCA Spirit Days

Friday, October 30 is the first SCA spirit day of the 2015-2016 school year – Halloween Spirit Day! Students may wear their most creative Halloween costumes! Please mark your calendars for the remaining spirit days this school year:

- November 19 – Churchill Spirit Day
- December 18 - Crazy Hat Day
- January 29 - Churchill Spirit Day
- February 26 - Jersey Day
- March 18 – Churchill Spirit Day
- April 29 - Favorite Character Day
- May 27 –Churchill Spirit Day
- June 17 -Crazy Hair Day

McLean High School’s DECA Club is Partnering with Subway this Halloween

McLean High School DECA is a club for marketing students. This year, McDECA is partnering with local Subways to create a promotional marketing campaign. Get a free cookie and a healthy meal on Halloween at Subway when you show up in your costume.

When: October 31st, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Where: McLean Subway- 6829 Elm Street
       Chesterbrook Subway -
       6216 Old Dominion Drive

*Event sponsored by McLean High School DECA*

Forestville PTA Presents

INDOOR STREET MARKET
Saturday / Nov 14th / 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Forestville Elementary School
1085 Utterback Store Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066

OVER 40 VENDORS
SILENT AUCTION
BAKE SALE
ENTERTAINMENT
POINSETTIA SALES

Come shop, be entertained and eat!
This is a one day Super Sale event that will keep the attention of all ages and will be the talk of the town!

Auction items include opportunities to bid on Superbowl 50 Tickets, 2016 US Open Tennis Final Package, passes to Kid’s Choice Awards, Hot Air Balloon Napa Valley Winery Tour, Be a Fighter Jet Pilot for the day, NBC Studio tour for 6 and so much more! The auction will open on-line on November 1st and will be available on the day of the Market, closing on November 15th.

Also, get a jump start on your holiday planning and pre-order your festive poinsettias today for pick-up at State Gardens in late November/early December! Orders will be accepted through November 1st.

For more information on how to preorder your poinsettias visit www.forestvillepta.org and to preview our amazing on-line auction items visit www.32auction.com/Forestville
**CRS Calendar of Events -- October 28 - November 6, 2015**

**Wednesday, Oct 28:**
- 3:30-5:00: Minecraft Prog 1-3, Library
- 3:30-5:00: Prog/Scratch 4-6, Library
- 3:30-5:00: Public Speaking 4-6, EA Room
- 3:30-4:30: Agility Soccer, Outside/Gym
- 3:30-4:30: Flag Football 5-6, Gym
- 3:30-4:30: Acting/Storybook 1-3, Stage
- 3:30-4:30: 3D Game Design 3-6, Staff Lounge
- 3:30-4:45: Scrabble 2-6, Room 216
- 3:30-4:30: Mad Science 1-3, Room 205
- 3:30-4:30: Math Enrichment 6, Room 219
- 3:30-4:30: Martha’s Table 4-6, Café

**Thursday, Oct 29:**
- 9:15-1:15: Fall Individual Picture
- 3:30-5:00: Chess Club 2-6, Café
- 3:30-4:30: Minecraft LUA 1-3, Room 205
- 3:30-5:00: MTC 3-6, Gym/Stage
- 3:30-4:30: Tiny Chefs 1-3, EA Room
- 3:30-5:00: Musical Prod 3-6, Room 208

**Friday, Oct 30:**

- **Halloween Spirit Day**
  - 1:20 p.m.  2-Hour Early Dismissal

- **No After-School Activities**

**Monday, Nov 2 & Tuesday, Nov 3:**

- **Teacher Workdays**
  - **No School for Students**

**Wednesday, Nov 4:**
- 3:30-5:00: Minecraft Prog 1-3, Café
- 3:30-5:00: Prog/Scratch 4-6, Cafey
- 3:30-5:00: Public Speaking 4-6, EA Room
- 3:30-4:30: Agility Soccer, Outside/Gym
- 3:30-4:30: Flag Football 5-6, Gym
- 3:30-4:30: Acting/Storybook 1-3, Stage
- 3:30-4:30: 3D Game Design 3-6, Staff Lounge
- 3:30-4:45: Scrabble 2-6, Room 216
- 3:30-4:30: Mad Science 1-3, Room 205
- 3:30-4:30: Math Enrichment 6, Room 219

**Thursday, Nov 5:**
- 3:30-5:00: Chess Club 2-6, Café
- 3:30-4:30: Minecraft LUA 1-3, Room 205
- 3:30-5:00: MTC 3-6, Gym/Stage
- 3:30-4:30: Tiny Chefs 1-3, EA Room
- 3:30-5:00: Musical Prod 3-6, Room 208

**Friday, Nov 6:**
- 3:30-5:00: WeDo Robotics 1-3, Cafe
- 3:30-5:00: EV3 Robotics 3-6, Cafe
- 3:30-4:30: Electronics 3-6, EA Room
- 3:30-4:30: Basketball 1-6, BB Court
- 3:30-5:00: Jazz Dance 2-5, Stage
- 3:30-4:30: Gourmet Chefs 4-6, Staff Lounge

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**Halloween Spirit Day this Friday, October 30:**
Show your school Bobcat spirit. Wear your most creative Halloween costumes. Students should come to school in their costumes. (Please do not wear weapons, fake knives, swords, hatchets, gory/bloody costumes or masks.)

**Turkey Luncheon Schedule for Wednesday, November 11, 2015**
Mark your calendars. Please join your child for a special Thanksgiving lunch in the CRS cafeteria on Wednesday, November 11.

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The CRS Home Page address: 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 December 7, 2015 and March 7 and May 23, 2016.