Peer Mediation at CRS

Peer Mediators play an important role at Churchill Road; they help to create a sense of calm and peace amongst all students. They are trained in conflict resolution and make themselves known by being on the news every few weeks. The students come to rely on them and are able to utilize the peer mediators’ skills when working out a conflict.

On Wednesday March 9, fifth and sixth grade Peer Mediators from Churchill Road attended the annual FCPS Peace Summit at George Mason University accompanied by school counselors Ms. Meyers and Mrs. Schnaue. The students attended a welcome ceremony where they worked collaboratively to discuss how peer mediators are effectively used in schools. They then moved into group workshops that focused on teaching the mediation process and widening their knowledge base in regards to mediation and conflict resolution. The event was well-attended by numerous schools throughout the county. The students left feeling positive and were excited to bring back their new skills to Churchill Road.

It is Almost Here...

The race is this Saturday, April 16th! The 5K will start at 8:30 a.m. and the fun walk at 8:45am. It is NOT too late to register. On-line registrations will continue until 5:00 p.m. today -- Wednesday, the 13th. After that, you can register at packet pick-up on Friday night or register at the race from 7:00 - 7:30 a.m.

There are plenty of t-shirts still available and they will be the newest fashion trend at CRS on Monday so don't miss out! The link to register is www.churchillchallenge.com. Race packet pick-up will be on Friday, April 15th from 4:00-8:00pm. There are plenty of t-shirts still available and they will be the newest fashion trend at CRS on Monday so don't miss out! The link to register is www.churchillchallenge.com. Race packet pick-up will be on Friday, April 15th from 4:00-8:00pm. Come pick up your bib and t-shirt before the race. The registration page says to come to the exploratory arts room, but packet pick-up will now be at the stage by the gym.

Questions? Please contact Claudette Kim, claudette_kim@yahoo.com.

Ready, Set, Bid!!

The on-line auction is open and ready for your bid! Check out all that is being offered at http://charityauction.bid/churchillchallenge. Bidding ends THURSDAY AT 8:00 PM (that’s tomorrow)! Don't miss out on these incredible opportunities for special time with your child's teacher, Principal for a Day with Mr. Hutzel, a bouncing birthday party, tickets to a sporting event and much more!

Place a bid and get your running shoes ready!
See you Saturday!
WELLNESS CORNER
Little changes make a big difference

Benefits of Flowers for Cognitive Performance

Fifth grade teacher Mr. Woler has a classroom full of plants. Doesn’t he look happy?

Are you interested in enhancing your cognitive performance in your workspace? Do you want to boost your creativity? Would you like a quick, easy method for improving your mood and decreasing anxiety?

Research has consistently linked indoor flowers and plants to these incredible health benefits. The research has even found patients in hospital rooms with flowers had lower blood pressure and pulse rates, were less anxious, more positive, and needed less postoperative pain medication. Passive interactions with plants and flowers indoors (yes, just their presence in a home or office) provides demonstrative increases in happiness, problem-solving, and creativity. So splurge on a potted plant or clip a few of spring’s blossoms for your home or office and find a place indoors where you can regularly enjoy them. Consider flowers and foliage as vitamins for your wellbeing!

Cheers of the Week…!

Congratulations to our Churchill Cheer winners for the week of April 4. Cheers are given to students who follow the four R’s. Winners are: Kian Daoud (Kindergarten); Keith Ratkovich (1st); Dylan Waits (2nd); Al Almansoori (3rd); and Owen Braniff (4th). Our good citizenship winners are Ella Ramchand (5th grade) and Kendall Sano (6th grade). 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.

Purchase Your Raffle Tickets at the Churchill Challenge 5K

Profits will be used to support Annandale Terrace (an FCPS elementary school). Purchase your raffle tickets at the Churchill Challenge 5K to win one of three prizes for discounts on any CRS After-School Activity class offered during the 2016-2017 school year!

Check Out Lost and Found

If you’re looking for your child’s missing coat or sweatshirt, there’s a good chance it is in the lost and found at Churchill Road. Please take a minute to go through all the items that need to find their way home. Lost and found racks are located in the hallway near the gym. Thank you to the SCA for sorting through clothing and hanging up the jackets and sweatshirts!
Techstravaganza!
Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
TJHSST, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria VA 22312

Techstravaganza is a science, technology, math, and engineering exploration day. It is intended for elementary and middle school girls and their parents, although everyone is welcome. Students will have the opportunity to conduct hands-on science experiments as well as witness demonstrations and speak to scientists. The scientists and engineers who participate alongside TJHSST students are a valuable source of information on future careers, opportunities in their field, and how they arrived at their positions.

Questions? Email twistcoordinators@gmail.com, or visit http://activities.tjhsst.edu/twist/.

Poetry Buddies

Mrs. Williams’ first graders got some help from their buddies in Ms. Robosky’s class with their poetry lesson. The sixth graders wrote poems for their buddies, then helped the younger students write poems of their own. All of the students enjoyed this special lesson.

CRS Spring 2016 SOL Dates

Mark your calendars! Churchill Road students in Grades 3-6 will be taking the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests from May 18 through June 2, 2016. If your student will be absent on a scheduled testing date, please notify his or her classroom teacher. Make-up tests will be scheduled upon the student’s return, through the end of the testing window.

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. Dates for each grade level test are shown below.

Grade 3
Thursday, May 26 - 8:45 AM Reading
Tuesday, May 31 - 8:45 AM Math

Grade 4
Weds., May 18 - 8:45 AM Reading
Friday, May 27 - 8:45 AM VA History
Thursday, June 2 - 8:45 AM Math

Grade 5
Friday, May 20 - 8:45 AM Science
Monday, May 23 - 8:45 AM Reading
Weds., June 1 - 12:15 PM Math

Grade 6
Thursday, May 19 - 8:45 AM Reading
Wednesday, June 1 - 8:45 AM Math

Please look for additional information to be posted on grade-level BlackBoard sites, in future Churchill Chatters, and in Keep in Touch (KIT) messages. The complete SOL test schedule is also posted on the CRS homepage calendar.

Join our CRS Book Club
"How to Raise an Adult"

Author Julie Lythcott-Haims will be in McLean on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. at McLean HS to talk about her bestselling book "How to Raise and Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare your Kid for Success." Tickets are available online at http://raiseanadult.brownpapertickets.com.

In preparation, the CRS PTA Parent Education Committee will hold a discussion about the book on Friday, April 29 at 8:45 am in the Exploratory Arts Room. The Book Club will be facilitated by Safe Community Coalition President Melissa Sporn, a local clinical psychologist who works with adults and children.
Wednesday, April 13
8:00-8:45   Principal’s Coffee   EA Room
8:45-9:45   PTA Meeting        EA Room
3:30-5:00   Minecraft Modding K-3   Café
3:30-5:00   Minecraft Modding 4-6 Café
3:30-5:00   Science Olympiad A   EA Room
3:30-4:30   Agility Soccer K-6   Outside/Gym
3:30-4:30   Flag Football 5-6   Gym
3:30-4:30   Acting/Mus Theat K-3 Stage
3:30-4:30   Chamber Orch 5-6   Strings TR
3:30-4:45   Scribble 2-6        Room 219
3:30-4:45   Girls on the Run 3-6 Field/Track

Thursday, April 14
3:30-5:00   Chess Club 2-6   Café
3:30-5:00   Writing Fund 1-3  Staff Lounge
3:30-5:00   MTC 3-6          Gym/Stage
3:30-4:30   Tiny Chefs K-2   EA Room
3:30-5:00   Musical Prod 3-6  Room 208
3:30-4:30   Spanish          CANCELLED

School will dismiss 2 hours early, at 1:20 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. Friday, April 22 is a teacher workday; there is no school for students. If your student will be absent additional days surrounding the workday, please call the CRS 24-hour attendance line at 703-288-8484.

Friday, April 15
3:30-4:30   Minecraft Anim 1-3 Café
3:30-4:30   Java Prog 3-6   Café
3:30-4:30   Gourmet Chefs 3-6  EA Room
3:30-4:30   Basketball K-6   Gym
3:30-5:00   Creative Writing 4-6 Staff Lounge
3:30-5:00   Exper Design 4-6  Room 200
4:00-8:00   Churchill Challenge 5K Packet Pick-up Stage

Saturday, April 16
8:00-1:00   Churchill Challenge 5K School


Monday, April 18
3:30-5:00   WeDo Robotics K-2  Café
3:30-4:30   Art Brains K-2   Staff Lounge
3:30-4:30   Lego Robotics 3-6 Café
3:30-4:45   Girls on the Run 3-6 Field/Track

Tuesday, April 19
3:30-4:30   3-D Printing 3-6 Café
3:30-4:30   Intro Comp Sci K-4 Café
3:30-4:30   Crazy Chem K-2   EA Room
3:30-4:30   Flag Football 3-4  Gym
3:30-5:00   MTR 3-6          Stage
3:30-5:00   Debate 4-6        Staff Lounge
3:30-4:45   Art Club 2-6      Room 219

Wednesday, April 20
3:30-5:00   Minecraft Modding K-3 Café
3:30-5:00   Minecraft Modding 4-6 Café
3:30-5:00   Science Olympiad A   EA Room
3:30-4:30   Agility Soccer K-6   Outside/Gym
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Thursday, April 21
1:20   2-Hour Early Dismissal

No After-School Activities

Friday, April 22
Teacher Workday
No School for Students

THE TRUTH IS IN THE BUDGET FACTS

Cost Per Pupil Over Time

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Source: Joint BOS/SB Meeting 2/26/16

This is part of a weekly series from the CRS PTA Advocacy Committee to share facts related to the FCPS budget.

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 week of May 23, 2016.