Summer Technology Use
With Churchill Road’s 1-to-1 Computer Initiative wrapping up its fourth successful year of implementation, integrating technology into academics is second nature for staff and students alike. Our use of online tools such as Blackboard, Google Apps for Education, Wixie, iPad apps, perfecting keyboarding skills and practicing good digital citizenship are all ingrained in our culture.

With summer fast approaching, we would like to share some summer technology safety tips. As part of our ongoing Digital Citizenship mantra, teachers continually monitor, guide and reinforce proper online etiquette, online safety and appropriate use of hardware and software applications. Over the summer, online behavior monitoring responsibilities will fall to families as students use technology such as cell phones, laptops and tablets to access the Internet.

Please talk with your child regularly about their online habits and interactions. Do they speak about them positively? Do you sense that they are upset by their interactions? Are they speaking kindly about others? A lot can happen very quickly in online interactions and regularly speaking with your child about these interactions can keep them safe and happy in their real world and their digital communications.

Some school accounts (e.g., Google Apps for Education and MyON) will be available to students all summer long. However, there are steps you can take to monitor your child’s online behavior, or, if you wish, block their access completely. With that said, to block your child’s access to FCPS online resources for the summer, simply change their password to something that only you know. (Teachers will continue to use online resources with students through June 23rd, the last day of school; please do not reset any passwords before June 23rd.) Password resets may be done by going to the “For Students” tab on the CRS homepage here and selecting the appropriate program.

For FCPS Google Apps, resetting your child’s password can be done any time at https://itweb.fcps.edu/googleapps/. This will NOT reset the password of any other personal Gmail or other non-FCPS online accounts your child; only their @fcpsschools.net account password will be changed. MyON, a wonderful reading resource, will also be available all summer; for greater flexibility, try the MyON tablet.

Please feel free to contact me at jlcraigkuhn@fcps.edu with any questions and I will be happy to help in any way I can. Please have a happy and safe summer!

Jordan Craig-Kuhn, Technology Specialist

Retirement Celebration Honoring: Mrs. McHale and Mrs. Choi

Thursday, June 16, CRS Exploratory Arts Room

The CRS PTA Staff Appreciation Committee is hosting a celebration after school on June 16 in honor of two of our teachers who are retiring this year – Mrs. Claire McHale and Mrs. Young Choi.

After many years teaching in New York City and on Long Island, Mrs. McHale came to Churchill Road Elementary in February of 2004. Mrs. McHale has taught in both 3rd and 4th grades, for a total of 12 1/2 outstanding years at Churchill Road.

Mrs. Choi has also been at CRS for 12 years and has worked with every grade level throughout the school. Working with the Special Education department in both General Ed and Special Ed classrooms, Mrs. Choi has also served as a substitute teacher for homeroom teachers, helping out whenever unplanned absences or meetings occur.

Please join us to celebrate the retirement of these two very special and dedicated teachers. All are welcome and we hope to see both current students and alumni. Refreshments will be served in the Exploratory Arts Room from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on June 16.

Please sign up to help us with the party treats and purchase of gifts for both teachers here. Contributions to the gifts may be sent to the Front Office addressed to the Staff Appreciation Committee. Questions? Please email staffappreciation1@churchillroadpta.org.
**Field Day Fun for All!**

CRS PE teachers Mr. Auzenne and Mr. Varhol would like to give a big thanks to all the parent volunteers, 6th graders and staff members that made Pixar field day a success! There were moments when we thought the weather wouldn’t cooperate and we really appreciated everyone’s flexibility. Thank you, again, for making it a great day for our students!

**Scouts Create Bird Sanctuary at CRS**

On Saturday, June 4, Eagle Scout candidate Ian P. coordinated the installation of a bird sanctuary for the students at Churchill Road Elementary School. Ian, an eighth grader (and CRS alum), oversaw 45 boy scouts and family members as they planted a variety of native shrubs and flowers that are conducive to bird habitats. Bird houses, feeders, and baths were also installed. Thank you to Ian and his many volunteers for beautifying the CRS grounds.

**Budding Scientists Visit Raytheon**

At their last meeting of the year, students in Mr. Shaw’s and Mr. Butler’s Experimental Design Club went on a trip to Raytheon’s CYBER Division, a defense technology company. The participants learned how this company tests their products for weaknesses on the technological side, and got a live demonstration on exactly how it works.
**WELLNESS CORNER**

*Little changes make a big difference*

**Benefits of Eating Fruits and Vegetables**

June is Fresh Fruit and Vegetable month and is a perfect time to find an abundance of fresh produce available locally. Grocery stores, farmers’ markets, pick-your-own farms, maybe even your own garden, have great possibilities for fruits and vegetables. Plus, fruits and vegetables can be simple enough for your youngest family members to prepare. Simply combining and rinsing a variety of sweet berries (raspberries, blueberries, and blackberries) creates a bright and enticing snack. Slicing crunchy cucumbers and vine-ripened tomatoes and adding a drizzle of olive oil and seasoning can create a wonderful side dish. Family members may also enjoy creating red, yellow, and green bell pepper “boats” (slice peppers vertically to create two boats) and being creative in filling the “boats”; a mixture of brown rice, kale, garbanzo beans, chopped walnuts, and seasoning can be delicious or a few carrot stick “oars” works well too. Of course, oranges and bananas are beautifully prepackaged by nature and just need to be peeled and enjoyed. Fruits and veggies can add a variety of colors, textures, and flavors to any meal and they provide valuable nutrients including calcium, fiber, folate, iron, magnesium, potassium, sodium, Vitamin A, and Vitamin C. Enjoy celebrating Fresh Fruit and Vegetable month and maybe even adding a few new fruits and vegetables to your list of favorites.

**Cheers of the Week...!**

**A Big Shout Out of Thanks to Our Friends at Pizzeria Orso!**

Chef Bertrand Chemel and his family opened their doors twice this year to our Bobcat Family, holding fundraisers at Pizzeria Orso to benefit the CRS PTA. Thank you from all of us for your hospitality and generosity!

**NEW this Summer!**

As of the first day of summer break, all school supply lists will now be listed on Amazon Smile ([www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)). Parents will have the option of buying directly from Amazon or of printing out the list and purchasing supplies from brick and mortar stores. Please consider purchasing directly from Amazon Smile as CRS will receive a small percentage of your purchase price as a charitable donation from Amazon. Register at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and list Churchill Rd Elementary listed as your beneficiary. For detailed instructions on finding these school-supply lists on the web, please go to the CRS PTA website at [www.churchillroadpta.org](http://www.churchillroadpta.org).

Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Marino, 2016-17 PTA VP of Fundraising, at membershipsecretary1@churchillroadpta.org.

**Attention Churchill Road Families!**

On June 14 the PTA Staff Appreciation Committee needs your help with recognizing the outstanding service of our Bus Drivers and Crossing Guards throughout this school year. The Committee is asking students to make cards or other appropriate artwork to say thank you for safely transporting our students to and from school each day and that we appreciate their service to our community. Please have your students deliver their cards to the drivers on the 14th. If your student does not ride the bus but would like to participate you may send your cards to the Front Office addressed to Staff Appreciation. The PTA will also present a $20 gift card collected during Teacher Appreciation Week to each driver and guard. In addition to students making cards, we are asking families to click on this link to the FCPS Transportation Services website [here](http://www.smile.amazon.com), where you are able to leave comments/feedback for your driver. It is really quick and simple but goes a long way in showing these superstars how much we appreciate them! If you have any questions or need to know your Driver’s name(s), please email staffappreciation1@churchillroadpta.org and we will get you the information. Thank You CRS families for your support!

Congratulations to our Churchill Cheer winners for the week of May 30. Cheeks are given to students who follow the five Rs. Winners are: **Anna Newell** (Kindergarten); **Roberto Devoto** (1st); **Elizabeth Maclay** (2nd); **Beckett Collins** (3rd); and **Grant Peterson** (4th). Our good citizenship winners are **Eliot Robertson** (5th grade) and **Alisa Cho** (6th grade). Our whole class winner is **Mrs. Thurston**’s kindergarten. Keep up the good work. Remember, at CRS we follow the five Rs. We Respect ourselves, we Respect others, we Respect property, we Respect the Earth, and we are Responsible.
**Book Your Summer**

Over the last 2 weeks during library, your students have heard about an exciting summer reading program that is happening throughout the county. The program, **Book Your Summer**, is a summer reading incentive program for all K-12 students in Fairfax County Public Schools. The purpose of the program is to encourage students to take time to read for fun and build a community of readers.

**How do students participate?** Students successfully participate if they achieve a “READ!” across the card in any direction and submit it online to: [www.fcps.edu/is/book](http://www.fcps.edu/is/book) between June 27 and September 7, 2016. Students without Internet access may bring a paper copy to their school by September 7, 2016. Students may submit more than one entry; however every participant has an equal chance at a prize. **Cards will be sent home in the June 15, 2016 VIP folder but can also be found online.**

**What can students win?** Participating FCPS students will be eligible for a chance to win prizes. In every school, students at each grade level will be randomly selected to receive $50 in books of their choice. **A single student at each school will be randomly selected to receive a laptop.**

We hope that you will encourage your children to participate!

For more information, go to the “Book Your Summer” website at [www.fcps.edu/is/book](http://www.fcps.edu/is/book) or look on the Churchill Road homepage. Questions? Email Mrs. Warren, Librarian, at sewarren@fcps.edu or Mrs. Haines, Reading Specialist, at crhaines@fcps.edu.

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**LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE TOMORROW, JUNE 9, 2016**

As the end of the school year approaches, we need to collect all of our library materials. All library books are due on June 9, 2016. Please help your students locate all outstanding library materials and return them to the library. You will receive weekly reminders of your child’s overdue books. All books will be **overdue on June 10**. If you believe your child has returned the book, we are happy to check the shelves. Lost materials should be reimbursed. Please send in exact payment in the form of cash or checks made payable to Churchill Road School. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Warren @ sewarren@fcps.edu. Thank you for your help!

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 week of May 23, 2016.