Principal’s Podium

It is time to bid farewell to the 2015-2016 school year. This past year has been a notable one! The winter weather alone has made this year unforgettable. Despite nature’s interruptions, our students have been able to partake in numerous exciting and worthwhile activities. In just the last couple of weeks our students have participated in plays, rodeos, festivals, balloon launches, and even had a visit from a cow!

Our families’ involvement in the school is truly a cornerstone to our school’s success. Many of the wonderful activities that we enjoy at Churchill Road are sponsored by our PTA. The PTA, comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers, provides our community with numerous social opportunities, parent and student education, many after-school activities, and extensive support of our teachers, to name just a few of the PTA’s accomplishments.

The Churchill Road staff and I wish to extend our sincere thanks to our PTA, especially our many committee-chairs and the PTA’s executive board. These parents’ extensive hours of inexhaustible volunteerism ensured that this school year was remarkable. On behalf of the teachers and myself, we would especially like to thank the PTA’s Advocacy Committee, comprised of Kelly Green Kahn, Maddy Ellis, and Esther Lee. Thanks to their tireless efforts, and outreach to community leaders, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, and other PTAs, our teachers will be enjoying their first raise in four years and our school system is looking forward to a fully funded budget. The efforts of the Advocacy Committee will be ongoing - I encourage everyone to support their efforts.

I want to personally extend my thanks and appreciation to Melissa Schwartz, this year’s PTA president and Jill Farah, this year’s PTA vice-president. Melissa and Jill’s enthusiasm, creativity and efforts on behalf of our community have brought us revamped PTA by-laws, May the Fourth Be With You Bingo, and leadership and guidance for over 30 committees. I have been impressed with their professionalism and patience, especially in the face of various challenges. And, I am pleased that Melissa is willing to continue as our PTA president in the upcoming school year.

On behalf of the CRS staff, we wish everyone in our community a safe, happy, and healthy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming our returning students and their families in the fall.

Don Hutzel, CRS Principal

Thank You from Mrs. McHale and Mrs. Choi

We want to thank the PTA (especially Staff Appreciation Chairs Luz Panduro, Carol Smith and Kristi West) for our lovely gifts and the wonderful reception in the library after school on June 16. We enjoyed the opportunity to see many former and current children and families. We continue to receive notes from people with well wishes and we appreciate everyone’s kind thoughts and will cherish the memories of our time here at Churchill Road ES.

Mrs. Young Choi and Mrs. Claire McHale

Mark Your Calendars

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CRS Students Meet Sally the Dairy Cow

Sally, the Jersey dairy cow, visited Churchill Road on Friday, June 17. She brought a smile to the faces of all the students and staff members who had a chance to see her. The students learned about the characteristics of dairy cows, modern milking practices, and even watched a milking demonstration. Everyone gained an appreciation of the work dairy farmers do and the many benefits of drinking milk.

Scouts Promote Water Conservation

Second grade Girl Scouts in Troop 6769 shared their ideas on how to save water by creating posters to hang at CRS. The Scouts recommend turning the water off when you brush your teeth (saving 2 gallons), taking showers (10 gallons of water) over a bath (40 gallons), using your dishwasher (10 gallons) instead of hand washing dishes (20 gallons), and making sure your faucets are turned off when not in use. The Troop completed their Wonders of Water Journey by learning about the importance of clean water and creating their own water filters to create clean water. Thank you to Troop 6769 for sharing this important information!

CRS Human Relations Award Winners!

Thank you to all who submitted nominations for the CRS Human Relations award. Sixth graders Catherine Z. and Gabriel W. are the 2016 Human Relations Student Award winners. Both students strived to ensure that their classes, grade level and school were a fabulous place this year. They worked hard so that all students were included in activities, were integral parts in clubs in which they participated and were model citizens in our school.

Amy Swaak is the 2016 Human Relations Parent Award recipient. Amy has been an active part of Churchill Road by being a room parent, having a leadership role on the PTA board and helping to run many wonderful events, the latest including the Book Fair and the Sixth Grade Party. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you for your continued support of Churchill Road Elementary.

Book Your Summer

Churchill Road students are encouraged to participate in Book Your Summer, 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. For more information, go to the “Book Your Summer” website at 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.
WELLNESS CORNER

Little changes make a big difference

Getting Inspired by Games

Third graders tried out hula hoops on Ancient Civilizations Day.

School is out tomorrow! Let the celebrations and games begin! Perhaps, even take inspiration from the Olympics this summer to rally family and friends for a healthy competition of games of your own. You can include some of the twenty-eight events that will be hosted in Brazil, such as basketball, soccer, diving, tennis, volleyball, or synchronized swimming. You could also add your own spin. Instead of the normal track and field events, add a crabwalk race or water balloon toss. You can tape out a line on the grass to let everyone show off their best balance beam routine. Hula hooping, Uno matches, tug-of-war, puzzle building, putt-putt golf, have fun letting everyone create events and enjoy the thrill and excitement of competing, as well as celebrating victory. Your students will have some great ideas from the awesome CRS field day events. Experiencing your homemade games will also provide a new perspective for viewing the Olympics. Do not feel limited to just awarding gold, silver, and bronze to your winners; these are your games so you can recognize skill, enthusiasm, perseverance, style. Unleash your artistic genius to create ribbons, medals, or crowns to adorn the winners. Enjoy a happy, healthy summer!

Cheers of the Week…!

Congratulations to our final Churchill Cheer winners of the year. Cheers are given to students who follow the five R’s. Winners are: Adeline Middleton (Kindergarten); Sandro Thornton (1st); Victor Chopra (2nd); Sophie Blankenstein (3rd); and Davy Holmes (4th). Our good citizenship winners are Hyunjae Chung (5th grade) and Sarah Waits (6th grade). Our whole class winner is Mrs. McHale’s third grade. 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.

Over the Past Few Weeks…

Kindergarteners celebrated Father’s Day with their annual Donuts for Dad breakfast.

Students in all the first grade classes completed their inquiry research projects – Mrs. Diffie’s class (above) made the “most wonderful contraptions” from duct tape and miscellaneous objects.

Second graders had some well-deserved recess time, shooting hoops with Mr. Healey, after completing their inquiry research presentations.

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Third graders held their annual Ancient Civilizations Day complete with Olympic Games and traditional garb (above and below).

Third graders also enjoyed their field trip to Luray Caverns (below).

Thanks to the efforts of CRS librarian Sari Warren, fourth and fifth grade classes enjoyed a visit from author Kate Messner.

Under the direction of music specialists Ms. Judkins and Mrs. Menard Mazurowski, fifth and sixth grade chorus students performed fabulous concerts for parents and students.

Sixth graders held their annual hot air balloon launch (above) to the cheers of underclassmen (below).

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Congratulations Class of 2016!

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2016. The Churchill Road tradition of lower grade students cheering on the graduates continues.

Reminders from the Office:

- The school will close at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 23 so that all staff may attend the end of year luncheon. The office will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 24. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- Summer Office Hours will begin on Friday, June 24. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- If your student is absent on the last day of school, report cards and other papers will be available for pick-up in the front office during summer break.

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 during one designated week each quarter during the 2016-2017 school year.