Principal’s Welcome

What an amazing opening of school we have had this week! Our theme this year is Hayfield Hawks on a QUEST for Knowledge! Our staff and students will all be on that quest for knowledge as we continue to SOAR like Hawks and take on new adventures! We are proud to share that our STEM program continues to be part of our master schedule this school year and that EVERY Hayfield student will participate in this program each week.

Our class size continues to grow as we serve 722 students! We are happy to be working closely with our phenomenal PTA as we raise funds to purchase wall-mounted projectors for all of our classrooms. We also want to say a sincere THANK YOU to our PTA for sponsoring our Back to School Breakfast for staff and our Boo Hoo Breakfast held for parents on the first day of school. We are all excited about the possibilities a new school year brings!

We know this first week of school is an extremely busy time. We ask that you take some time to review all of the documents in the First Day Packet and Thursday Folder. There are several forms that need to be returned to the school. As the school year progresses, we will continue to

Welcome To Our New Hayfield ES Staff!

Hello! My name is Carrie Endicott. I will be teaching third grade and I am so excited to join the Hayfield community! This is my seventh year teaching in Fairfax County. I have taught third and fourth grade. I was born and raised in Northern Virginia and went to college at Virginia Commonwealth University. In my spare time I enjoy reading, traveling and taking my two dogs (Micah and Roger) for walks with my husband. I am thrilled to be working at Hayfield and can’t wait to make it a great year!

Hello! My name is Nicole Hesari and I teaching third grade this year. I am so excited to be joining the Hayfield family. This is my third year teaching and living in Fairfax County. I am originally from New York, an hour outside the city, and my family is all currently still there. So of course I love anything New York including the New York Giants and Yankees!!! I attended Syracuse University for both my Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree. My passions include reading, traveling and eating. I am so excited to join Hayfield Elementary School!

Hello! My name is Mrs. Katie Jarvis and I'm the full time art teacher at Hayfield Elementary. I've been teaching art for 14 years, 7 in Fairfax County Public Schools. I am married and have a pre-school age daughter. I like to travel, read, do creative projects, and spend time with my family. I'm very excited to be a part of the Hayfield school community!

Hi! My name is Lauren Joseph and I am a new fifth grade teacher at Hayfield Elementary. I recently graduated from James Madison University where I received my Master’s Degree in Elementary Education. GO DUKES! I have lived in Virginia since I was in first grade and attended Lane and Island Creek Elementary. I graduated from Hayfield Secondary in 2010 and was a student teacher at Hayfield Elementary last year. Once a hawk, always a hawk! I enjoy working out, reading, watching NFL football on Sundays (GO REDSKINS), and hanging out with my family. My hopes and dreams of working at Hayfield Elementary have come true and I am honored to be a part of the HES community!

My name is Jeff Brown, and I teach fifth grade here at Hayfield. I was born in Houston, Texas, but have also lived in Southern California and Southeastern Massachusetts. This is my third year teaching in Fairfax County, where I have also taught third

Here’s What’s Coming Up...

Sept. 15  PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 25  SCA Spirit Shirt Day
Oct.  7  International Walk to School Day
Thanks to First Day Packet Stuffing Volunteers!

The office staff would like to thank the following volunteers who gave up a morning to help us stuff the First Day of School Packets. You are wonderful and we really appreciate your help and time: Eleanor L. Barry, Barbara Elliff, Alyssa Nair, Lindsey Olson, Tina Donbeck, Karina Agudelo, Amber Reiter, Teresa Archer, Dona Harris, and Maureen Osler.

Emergency Care Cards

If you have not returned your child’s Emergency Care Card please return it by Friday, September 18. It is very important that we have this information on file for your child.

Updating Emergency Care Cards and Parent View

Parents can now create their own account for FCPS 24-7 Learning. After registering and having their account validated at one of their children’s schools, parents will have their own username and password. Through this account parents can access all of their children's available courses, their middle school students’ Academic and Career Planning, their high school students’ career and college planning through Family Connection. Parents will also be able to update their children’s emergency information through weCare@school. Updating weCare@school with the correct email address will ensure better communication via Keep in Touch.

Addressing School Bus Concerns and Issues

The beginning of the school year is a busy time for all including transportation. It is not abnormal for school buses to experience overcrowding and scheduling issues during the first few weeks of the school year. We appreciate your patience while transportation addresses these concerns. There is a lengthy process that must be done before route adjustments are made.

Remember To Bring Your Personal I.D. When Visiting School Property

Hayfield Elementary School welcomes parents, guardians and visitors to our school. Fairfax County Public Schools require all visitors to report to the office when entering any public school building, show photo identification, and wear a visitor’s badge while in the school building. While we did not ask for I.D.’s the first day of school, please remember we require a picture I.D. when you are coming into the school as this will help us to determine who is in the school should an emergency occur. Since school doors are kept locked, we ask that you press the button located to the right of the front door closest to the office in order for you to enter the building.

Back to School Extravaganza

Thank you for attending our Back to School Extravaganza on September 3. This combined Open House and Back to School Night event was our first. We want your feedback as we plan for next year! Please take a moment to complete this brief survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRCVYQN.
Special Lunches

We are always happy to see a parent, grandparent, or sibling come to eat with a student. It is a special occasion for the entire class. Visitors typically either purchase lunch from the cafeteria or bring a bag lunch from home. It is nice for the students to see that grownups also eat nutritious lunches. We ask that you do not bring in soft drinks or “fast-food” lunches. The sale of soft drinks to students is prohibited in all Fairfax County Public Schools, from elementary through high school, during school days.

The emphasis on nutritional eating is reflected in our health curriculum and in the selection of food sold in the cafeteria. We ask that when you come to eat lunch with your child, you help us continue to model healthy nutritious eating. It is your presence, more than anything that makes the occasion special for your child.

Lastly, this information is also available in the student agendas, and remember that when you come in to have lunch, you must bring a valid photo I.D. and check in at the office upon arrival.

Temporary Transportation Change—What is Needed

Parents/guardians MUST complete and send the Zippy Transportation Pass at http://www.fcps.edu/HayfieldES/docs/information/14-15/Zippy%20Pass.pdf when children are visiting another classmate's home immediately after school. This pass is needed from both sets of parents or legal guardians to verify the requested change. **Arrangements are to be made at home that indicate the details of the arrangement to include transportation methods.** If a visit requires a student to get off the bus at a different stop or to ride a different bus, permission will be given through the office. Bus drivers will not take children on the bus without permission from the school. A child will be sent home using his or her usual manner of transportation unless this pass is sent to school from the parent or guardian. **Parents are highly encouraged to schedule play-date and sleepover exchanges of children outside of school hours.** Please be mindful that during the busy school day, we do not have the human resources to support verifying the volume of requests that are made on a day to day basis.

Birthday Treats Available From School Cafeteria

You have the option of ordering birthday celebration treats from the school cafeteria. You may order a variety of snacks such as freshly baked Otis Spunkmeyer Chocolate Chip Cookies, low-fat ice cream, or low-fat popcorn, and pricing is only 65 cents per student. Treats are served during the student’s lunch time in the cafeteria. In order to take advantage of this quick and easy option, please contact the Food Service Manager, Kanya Jitpaisarnsook, at 703-924-4500, **two weeks in advance** of the birthday celebration. **Party favors and balloons are disruptive to the school environment and these items should be limited to outside of school celebrations.**

SCA Spirit Days

Our SCA sponsors monthly spirit days throughout the school year. The members of the SCA come up with the themes and advertise them throughout the school about one week prior to the event. Our first spirit day will be Friday, September 25, and will be Hayfield T-shirt day. Encourage your child to wear a Hayfield shirt or sweatshirt that day to show their school spirit. If they don’t have a shirt or sweatshirt to wear, they can wear orange and white (our school colors).

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provide our families with relevant information through this newsletter, Keep-In-Touch (KIT) messages, and by way of our website.

Thank you to our students, parents, and staff for a smooth opening. We look forward to the relationships that we will continue to build and to the many community-building activities that we will enjoy together this school year!
Family Life Education Instructional Program Information

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides a comprehensive, sequential Family Life Education (FLE) program for students in grades kindergarten through grade twelve. Instruction is seen as a partnership among parents and guardians, the school, and the community in supporting the learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of all or part of the Family Life Education program. Students who are opted out are provided with age-appropriate, nonpunitive alternative health instruction, and every effort is made to foster respect for family choices. If you wish to opt your child out of all or part of FLE for this school year, opt out forms will be included in your child’s back-to-school/orientation packets and are available online at http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml. Please fill in the opt-out form and return it to your child’s school prior to Family Life Education instruction.

Detailed grade-level program descriptions are available online at http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml. FLE grade level-specific lessons are available for parents online in FCPS 24-7 (Blackboard) Parent View. Parents/guardians will need the new SIS account to access FCPS 24-7. Account information is available at your local school or online at http://www.fcps.edu/is/instructionaltechnology/247help/parents.shtml. Grade level-specific lessons are also available at the Fairfax County Regional Library in the City of Fairfax (this location does not have media). Grade level-specific lessons and media are also available for review at your child’s school library. Due to copyright permissions, we are unable to stream media online.

Program questions may be addressed at your child’s school or by contacting Instructional Services at 571-423-4550 or by contacting Elizabeth Payne, Health and Physical Education Coordinator at etpayne@fcps.edu.

Directory Opt Out Forms Due by September 18

If you do not wish for your child’s information to be published via the school directory, yearbook, website, etc., we must receive your opt out no later than September 18. The Directory Opt Out Form is located here: http://www.fcps.edu/eco/pubs/familygram/optout/esdirectory.pdf. We ask that you review all options on the form carefully to avoid opting your child out of something you intended for them to participate in. Once these publications are printed, changes cannot be made. If you are not opting your child out of anything, no action is required.

A complete list of opt-out forms and a booklet containing all forms in several languages can be found at: http://www.fcps.edu/forms.shtml#Opt

Family Life Education Opt Out Information, as well as preview materials are available at: http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml

Hard copies of these forms are also available upon request from our front office.

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grade. Prior to teaching, I worked in both the legal and accounting fields, and spent eight years as a stay-at-home dad. I earned my Master’s Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Phoenix, and my Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of Houston. This year I will celebrate my 21st year of marriage. My wife and I have two children, ages 9 and 13, who also attend Fairfax County schools. I am an avid swimmer, runner, and television watcher. My favorite children’s book is “The Day the Babies Crawled Away” by Peggy Rathmann, and my favorite grown-up children’s book is “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee. I look forward to a successful year working with the extraordinary Hayfield community!
UPDATED Online Meal Prepayment Service:

Food and Nutrition Services is converting from MyLunchMoney to MySchoolBucks beginning August 24, 2015. No convenience fee will be charged. This secure online prepayment service uses MasterCard, Visa, or Discover transaction cards. Customers have the ability to add money on their child’s cafeteria accounts, view fund balances and meal purchase history, and receive e-mail notifications when their balance goes below the amount they specified.

New Online Meal Prepayment Users:
- **IMPORTANT:** Within the MySchoolBucks “Add a Student” section, the student’s first and last name will need to match with the FCPS student record on file.

Current MyLunchMoney.com Users:
- Your MyLunchMoney user e-mail address will become the MySchoolBucks “username.”
- Your MyLunchMoney user password will stay the same for the MySchoolBucks “password.”
- Balances on your current MyLunchMoney meal account will transfer over to MySchoolBucks.
- Your current MyLunchMoney user settings (Smart Pay) and profile details will transfer over to MySchoolBucks.

Questions? Contact MySchoolBucks (Heartland School Solutions) by phone (1-855-832-5226) or e-mail at parentsupport@myschoolbucks.com.

http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/serve/lunchmenus.shtml#pdfs

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

If a student forgets their instrument or homework and the parent/guardian brings that item to school, the item will be placed on the table in the office. Forgotten lunches that are brought to school will be given to the cafeteria hostess for proper distribution. The only item we will be able to deliver are glasses for students. We are not able to deliver jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves, etc. so please be sure your child has these items when necessary prior to leaving for school. It is the responsibility of the student to check in the office or with the cafeteria hostess for forgotten items. If a student forgets his homework at the end of the day and a parent/guardian brings the student back, the office will call the student’s classroom. If the teacher is still in the classroom the student will be allowed to go and get their homework. **If the teacher has left for the day, the student will not be allowed to go to the classroom.** Please encourage and work with your child to become responsible in making sure all necessary items are packed prior to leaving the classroom.
HAYFIELD ELEMENTARY
AFTER SCHOOL GEMS CLUB

WHO: Hayfield Elementary 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls

WHERE: STEM room 205

WHEN: The second Wednesday of each month from 3:30-4:30pm
(Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, *June 8 final GEMS meeting and celebration)

WHAT: Girls Excelling in Math and Science, an opportunity for our girls to hear from women in STEM-related fields.

COST: no fee

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: Mrs. McLaren-Wood, STEM Resource Teacher

**Please return permission form to school by Friday, October 2, 2015. If you need additional forms, please check the STEM page (under Programs) on the HES website.

2015-2016 GEMS Club Registration & Permission Slip

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________

Teacher: ________________________ Grade: __________________

I give my permission for my child to participate in the After School GEMS Club. I will be responsible for picking up my child in the front lobby promptly at 4:30 pm.

Parent Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Email (to receive GEMS updates) __________________________________________

Please print clearly
Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

October 7 has been designated as International Walk to School Day. This is a global effort to promote physical activity and reduce traffic congestion and pollution near schools.

The SCA and Patrols would like to encourage all those living within our communities that are eligible to walk, to get out and walk to school on Wednesday, October 7. In an effort to encourage all walkers, Mrs. Drickey and other teachers will be meeting and gathering all walking children in the Hayfield Farm community at the Hayfield Park at 7:40 AM. Together we will all walk to school that morning. We plan to take a little different route with the children; up Hayfield Road, along Telegraph Road (on the school side---never crossing Telegraph Road) and into the school along the sidewalk. We welcome any parents that would like to join our journey to school that day to meet at the Park at 7:40 AM that morning with their child/children. We welcome any students that would like to walk to school that day to meet us in the Hayfield Park also.

We also encourage any and all Kiss and Ride students from Hayfield Farm to be walkers with us that day and to continue walking with their schoolmates on future days.

We ask that any parents interested in joining us, please RSVP to Mrs. Drickey via written note, phone call (703-924-4532), or email (ruth.drickey@fcps.edu) so that we know how many adults to expect.

If there are any questions please contact Mrs. Drickey.

Again we encourage all walkers to come join our journey for International Walk to School Day, October 7, 2015. If it should rain on this day, we will cancel the walk to school.

Get Fit for Life through walking,

Mrs. Drickey  
SCA Advisor
HAYFIELD

SPIRIT DAY

Wear a Hayfield T-shirt or sweatshirt or orange and white

FRIDAY

25 September 2015