Mustangs on tour!

Our Chorus students had several wonderful experiences as they spread holiday cheer at Tysons Corner and Zoolights! Under the direction of their fabulous music teachers, Mrs. Haberland and Mr. Reeve and support from Mr. James, the students were able to showcase their talent and hard work. They did a great job, and we are so proud of our Mustangs! Thank you for your support as we spread joy throughout the community!

And the winner is. . .

We are very proud to announce that Mosby Woods is the GRAND PRIZE winner in the Michael and Son Sing-Off Contest! We will receive a check for $5,000 this month. We thank you and your families for showing fantastic Mosby Woods spirit and support! We couldn’t have done this without you. Great job, Mustangs!

Advanced Academic Program Level IV Identification Process

The Level IV Advanced Academic Program for students in grades 3rd-8th offers identified students a full-time, highly challenging instructional program. Each spring FCPS uses the results of the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) to select a second grade pool of candidates for the Level IV Advanced Academic Program. Parents of these students will receive a letter of notification this week stating their child will be screened for possible placement in Level IV AAP. Parents of students in grades 2-6 may also submit a Level IV referral for eligibility consideration to the Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, Mrs. Linehan.

Testing is only one component of the screening and selection process. Mrs. Linehan prepares a screening file for each student being considered for AAP Level IV services. The file consists of the student’s ability test scores, achievement test scores, progress reports, work samples, and a Gifted Behavior Rating Scale with Commentary (GBRS) completed by teachers who work with the student. Parents may also submit a Parent/Guardian Questionnaire, up to four samples of student work, and/or up to five awards (all must be no larger than 8 ½ x 11).

Parents and guardians of students currently in grades 2-6 are invited to learn more about the Advanced Academic Program screening process and parent referral deadlines for the 2016-2017 school year. Detailed information will be provided during a meeting on January 7th, 2016 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the library.

Referrals for Level IV/Full-time AAP services are due on January 15, 2016 and eligible students will begin receiving services in the fall of 2016.
Additional information is available on the FCPS AAP web site:
http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/index.shtml
To download the parent information packet:
http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/forms/fcps.shtml
For more information please contact:
Carole Ann Linehan, Advanced Academic Resource Teacher at calinehan@fcps.edu

Do YOU Know a SUPER Teacher?

Does your child's teacher go above and beyond classroom duty to inspire students? Does he/she lead them to new understanding and knowledge breakthroughs? Does he/she motivate them to reach higher and achieve their potential?

Answering "yes" to any of these questions means your child may know the most amazing of all super heroes - a Virginia Lottery Super Teacher! Help us identify and recognize these education heroes!

Between now and February 15, 2016, nominate your child's Super Teacher at www.vasuperteacher.com. Out of the nominees, eight Virginia educators will be selected in 2016 as Super Teachers, winning $2,000 from the Virginia Lottery and $2,000 in classroom supplies from The Supply Room Companies. Let's show our outstanding teachers how super-thankful we are for their hard work. Nominate a Super Teacher today!

Inclement Weather

The FCPS website has information about how weather-related school opening/closing decisions are made. The weather decision process website address is: www.fcps.edu/news/weather.htm. Weather-related announcements will also be available from local radio and television stations, the Channel 21 bulletin board and through the Keep in Touch email notification service. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL.

Attention: Visitors and Volunteers
All visitors to Mosby Woods are required to enter through the front door (Door 1) and report directly to the office. We have procedures for signing in volunteers and verifying identification for parents we do not yet know who wish to pick up their children. All outside doors are locked during the school day. We ask that parents waiting for their children at dismissal wait outside the school doors. We know this may be an inconvenience compared to our past practice but this is used as another level of security. We appreciate your cooperation.

Dates to Remember

January 7th – Parent information meeting about AAP screening process 6:30 pm
January 12th – PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
January 14th – Colonial Day 4th Grade
January 15th – AAP Level IV referrals due
January 18th – Martin Luther King Holiday
January 19th – Teacher Workday- students: no school
January 29th – PTA Chili Cook-Off 6:00 p.m.
February 4th – 2 hour early release
February 5th – Teacher Workday- students: no school

Mark Your Calendar!

January 18th and 19th
No school for students!