Mustangs on Tour

Our Chorus students had a wonderful experience as they spread some holiday cheer to one of our business partners. Students from 5th and 6th grades performed at the Lockheed Martin office on December 17th under the direction of their fabulous music teachers, Mrs. Haberland and Mr. Reeve. The students were able to showcase their talent and hard work. After the performance, Lockheed Martin treated the students to a snack. They did a great job, and we are so proud of our Mustangs!

FanQuest – Special Olympics

Special Olympics Virginia, Oakton High School and McLean High School are partnering to present FanQuest. FanQuest is an exciting event promoting inclusion and community involvement. Come out and cheer, be a part of the fun and enjoy a night where everyone is respected, differences are celebrated, and the community is made bigger and better through the transformative power of sports.

FanQuest:

When: February 7th
Where: Oakton HS
Time: Doors open at 6:00 pm

Save the date!

International Night is the event in which we celebrate the strength and beauty of our school’s cultural diversity. Please join us as we experience the many flavors of our community! We will have country displays, music, dancing, crafts, food sampling, and a fashion show.

Date: Thursday, February 19th, 2015
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: Mosby Woods Elementary School

Parking will be very limited. Please walk or carpool!

Important information for the evening:
- Please have dinner at home; food will be limited to 8 free samples.
- Get a program at the door with your 8 free tickets for food tasting.
- Easy to serve snacks or “appetizer-size” foods are best; no serving utensils will be provided.
- Children must be accompanied by parents AT ALL TIMES.

Sign up to cheer at www.volunteer2cheer.com
Congratulations!

We have Mustangs achieving success in so many different ways! Congratulations to the Quintrobots team of Mosby Woods students who competed in the First Lego League State Championship Tournament at James Madison University on the 6th and 7th of December and won the trophy for the “Best Research Project Presentation” in the State!

Ayush Sundararaman
Dhruv Sundararaman
Pesandi Gunasekara
Tarun Sivanandan
Vihini Gunasekara

We also have fifth grade students in our Math club who are rocking the tests! Rachel Kwon received a perfect score for Continental Math League meet 1 and 2 and Brianna Son scored a perfect score for Continental Math League meet 2. Pesandi Gunasekara and Qiyang Yu were also school winners in the American Mathematics Competition!

Elementary Magnet Schools

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is currently accepting applications for its elementary magnet school programs for Bailey’s Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences for students who, during the 2015-16 school year, will enter grades K-4, and for Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences, for students who will enter grades K-6 during the 2015-16 school year. Selection for available magnet school spaces is based on a lottery.

To be eligible for the magnet school lottery, students must be working at or above grade level in language arts and math, and demonstrate positive interpersonal and school behaviors. Students who will enter kindergarten in 2015-16 should have attended preschool during the 2014-15 school year.

An information night will be held for families interested in the elementary magnet school program at Bailey’s on Tuesday, February 3, at 7 p.m. at the school; the snow date is February 10. An information night will be held for families interested in the elementary magnet school program at Bailey’s on Wednesday, February 4, at 7 p.m. at the school; the snow date is February 11.

More information about both programs, including application forms, is available online. Applications, currently available in all FCPS elementary schools and on the Bailey’s and Hunters Woods websites, must be postmarked by March 3, and submitted to the Office of PreK-6 Instruction and School Support, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax Ridge, 3877 Fairfax Ridge Road, Fairfax, Va., 22030.

Parent Discussion Groups

Free Parent Discussions will be held this Wednesday at Club Phoenix Teen Center (Vienna Community Center).

January Parent Discussion Group Mental Health Wellness: Let’s Talk About It!
Wednesday, January 7, 2015
Meet and Greet- 6:30 pm
Presentation– 7:00 pm

Stigma continues to be a huge problem for people living with mental illness. It undermines a person's sense of self, relationships, well-being and prospects for recovery. Take steps to increase awareness and understanding of mental illness. Every positive step can make a big difference. Find out about the value of supporting your children and their friends today. Join our conversation with us as we discuss these issues and more with experts in the field of mental health from The Women’s Center and CrisisLink. To register contact Tammy Funk at 703-255-5736 or tfunk@viennava.gov.

Our next workshops are:
PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING: HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
Wednesday, February 18th
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Healthy Relationship parent discussion group meeting is designed to help parents understand what a healthy relationship looks like; discussions on relationships such as family bonds, peer friendships, adult-child relationships and healthy dating. Parents will have a chance to learn some of the warning signs that may lead their child to an unhealthy relationship. One of the featured speakers will be Allison Medina, LCSW, Domestic and Sexual Assault Program Manager from the Women’s Center. This program requires pre-registration; to register contact Tammy Funk at 703-255-5736 or tfunk@viennava.gov.

Advanced Academic Center

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 2015-2016 school year. Detailed information will be provided during a parent meeting on January 8th, 2015 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the library.

Referrals for Level IV/Full-time AAP services are due on February 3, 2015 and eligible students will begin receiving services in the Fall of 2015.

Additional information is available on the FCPS AAP website and in the Parent information packet.

For more information please contact Carole Ann Linehan, Advanced Academic Resource Teacher at calinehan@fcps.edu.
Middle School Transition Activities for our 6th Grade Students

We have 6th graders living within the boundary areas of 5 different middle schools. Below are the dates and times of upcoming activities scheduled by your child’s future middle school. Please contact school counselor Bridget Kraft if you are not sure which school(s) your child is eligible to attend. Additional info will be sent home when available. All course selection forms are returned to Mosby Woods Elementary and we forward the forms to the appropriate school (each school has a different deadline in late February or early March).

Frost
Thursday 2/5—Parent Orientation Night (snow date: 2/12)
Thursday 2/19—Frost Family Festival Night
Week of 2/23—daytime student fieldtrip to visit Frost (carpools will be arranged)

Lanier
Thursday 2/5—Parent Information Night (snow date: 2/10)
Thursday 2/11—daytime student fieldtrip (by bus)
Monday 3/9—course selection forms due to Ms. Kraft at Mosby Woods

Luther Jackson
Monday 2/23—Parent Information Night (snow date: 3/2)
Week of 2/24—daytime student fieldtrip (by bus)

Rocky Run
Wednesday 2/4—daytime student fieldtrip (by bus)
Thursday 2/5—Parent Information Night (snow date: 2/12)

Thoreau
Early to Mid-February dates and times will be sent home via Wednesday folder

Contact Bridget Kraft, 703-937-1679 or blkraft@fcps.edu

Dates to Remember

January 8th – AAP Parent Referral Night at 6:30 pm
January 15th – 6th Grade Field Trip to American Art Museum
January 16th – 6th Grade AAP Field Trip to American Art Museum
January 19th – Martin Luther King Holiday
January 20th – PTA Meeting at 6:30 pm
January 22nd – Colonial Day (4th Grade)
4th Grade Arts Integration Night at 6 pm
January 29th – 2 hours early release
January 30th – Teacher Workday- students no school
February 2nd – Teacher Workday- students no school
February 19th – International Night at 6 pm