Thank You Vienna Rotary Club

The Vienna Rotary Club recently gave new dictionaries to all of the Mosby Woods 3rd graders. The students were excited and grateful to receive such great gifts!

Back to School Nights

Thank you for joining us for two very successful back to school nights. We were very excited to see new faces as well as welcome back so many members of our Mosby Woods family. A significant goal for our school is to foster ongoing positive communication. Our staff is committed to providing timely information that will help support student learning. Communication is a two-way street and so we invite you to also provide any information that you feel will help us support your child’s learning. Please, don’t wait until there is a problem. Consider starting off the year by conveying positive messages as well. Teachers love to hear that students are enjoying the year, a special day or a particular lesson.

Advanced Academics

A parent information meeting will be held at Mosby Woods Elementary School on Thursday, October 8, 2015 in the library from 6:30-7:30. Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Pietzman will provide information about levels of Advanced Academic services and examples at Mosby Woods, as well as explain and answer questions about the screening processes for part-time school based and Level IV services. The meeting is open to all interested K-6 parents. Please contact Mrs. Karen Woodworth, part time AART, at karen.woodworth@fcps.edu with any questions.

GOOD news, BAD news

Congratulations to Mr. Jeff Lonnett, MW art teacher, for a fantastic promotion! Mr. Lonnett will be joining Instructional Services as an Educational Specialist for Advanced Academic Programs at Fairfax Ridge. He is already a teacher leader at Mosby Woods and now he will share his knowledge with so many teachers across the County! We will miss Mr. Lonnett and thank him for years of outstanding work at Mosby Woods.

Mr. Lonnett’s last day will be Oct. 15th.
Dealing with Back to School Routines

As school begins you may have noticed your child’s energy level change. Many parents report their children are quiet when they get home or are not interested in physical activities. They are going through an adjustment period and learning new school routines. They may seem exhausted, but keep in mind they have been mentally challenged for 6 1/2 hours. The good news is that children are resilient and they do adjust. There are a few ways you can help to make that adjustment even smoother.

By setting up consistent routines at home, they will quickly learn expectations and responsibilities that will continue through the school day. Here are a few tips for implementing routines at home:

1) Make homework a priority: Set a specific time and place for doing homework each day. Homework should be a review of concepts as well as reading. If your child is having great difficulty completing their homework, contact their teacher to set up a conference and together find a solution.

2) Plan regular meal times: Sitting together at the dinner table gives children the opportunity to share their day's experience and get support for whatever they're feeling. It also is an ideal time to introduce routines that give children responsibility, such as setting or clearing the table. Older children can be pre-dinner helpers and washer-uppers.

3) Limit activities: It is wonderful to provide opportunities for students to do activities after the school day, but limit the number of activities so that they do not become overwhelming and interfere with a student’s academic priorities. Having a laundry list of after-school activities defeats the purpose of enjoying extracurricular experiences.

4) Wind down before bedtime: Consistent nightly rituals are soothing and take the battle out of bedtime.

5) Be consistent: Routines are essential, and only work if they are consistent. It is often tempting in our busy lives to skip routines and procedures because of time. Remember that the time you spend now is an investment in your child’s future.

Mark Your Calendars!

October 30th is a 2 hour early dismissal!!