Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

All of the schools in Fairfax County will be working toward a successful implementation of the POR-Trait of a Graduate. The Student Achievement Goals are to Pursue Academic Excellence, Develop Essential Life Skills, and Demonstrate Responsibility to the Community and the World. The FCPS graduate will engage in the lifelong pursuit of academic knowledge and interdisciplinary learning by being:

- Communicator
- Collaborator
- Ethical Global Citizen
- Creative and Critical Thinker
- Goal-Directed and Resilient Individual

The teachers at Spring Hill meet weekly in their Collaborative Learning Teams (CLT) to ensure that they work together in order to ensure that the needs of their students are met. Some staff members attended training prior to the opening of school to learn more about Project Based Learning which you will hear more about at Back to School Night (BTSN).

Two evenings have been scheduled next week for BTSN:

Please note that the BTSN evenings are designed for parents, not children, so no daycare or babysitting is available and you are asked to keep your children at home for the evening.

September 29, Grades K-3 (6:30-8:00p.m.)

6:30 to 7:00  All grade levels: Meet & Greet in Cafeteria, Meet Specialist Teachers in Library, Sign-Up Outside Teacher Classrooms, Sign-Up for PTO and other organizations

7:00- 8:00  Kindergarten parents go to child’s classroom
7:00-7:30  First grade parents go to child’s classroom for 1st half of meeting
7:30-8:00  First grade parents go to Big Pod for 2nd half of meeting

7:00-8:00  Second grade parents go to child’s classroom
7:00-8:00  Third grade parents go to child’s classroom, AAP will switch among themselves

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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](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](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](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.

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**September 30, Grades 4-6 (6:30-8:00p.m.)**

6:30-7:00    All grade levels: Meet & Greet in Cafeteria, Meet Specialist Teachers in Library, Sign-Up Outside Teacher Classrooms, Sign-Up for PTO and other organizations

7:00-7:30    Fourth grade Regular ED go to child’s classroom

7:30-8:00    Fourth grade Regular ED move to Large Pod

7:00-8:00    Fourth grade AAP parents go to child’s classroom will switch among themselves

7:00-8:00    Fifth grade Regular ED parents go to Gym, AAP parents for to small pod

7:00-8:00    Sixth grade parents stay in cafeteria

You are highly encouraged to attend as this provides you with the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and learn about the curriculum, and expectations of the grade level.

Best regards,

 Janet Funk
Interim Principal

**Label your children’s outerwear and lunch boxes.** We have already collected many very nice coats, fleece jackets and sweaters.

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School Picture Day
Monday Sept 28

Lifetouch will be our photographers this year. School pictures are provided as a service to our families and are also a valuable fundraiser for the school. These portraits will also be used in the school yearbook. Picture Order Envelopes will go home in tomorrow’s Thursday folder. If you would like to place an order, please complete the envelope and have your child bring it to his or her teacher before picture day.

Visiting Classrooms

Please visit classrooms only by pre-arranged invitation of the teacher. Unexpected visits interrupt quality time between children and their teachers. You must sign in at the front office and wear a badge while in the building.

Any forgotten lunches, homework, or music instruments must be left in the front office. By request, the office will e-mail the teacher to let them know the item is waiting for your child to pick up.

Please remember our teachers’ first priority is attention to your children and classroom instruction rather than checking e-mail. Encourage your children to check the office for forgotten items. Thank you!

Calendar

Time Out of School

Please schedule your family vacations during FCPS designated holidays / breaks, which you can see at this link: http://www.fcps.edu/cal.shtml Be aware that missing school for extended periods of time negatively impacts your child and your child’s teacher.

Week of Sept 21:
Thursday, Sept 24: Class Coffees (PTO), 5th & 6th GR Parents, Courtyard, 8:40-9:40 am
Friday, Sept 25: SHES BLOCK PARTY

Week of Sept 28:
Monday, Sept 28: Fall Photos, Gym
Tuesday, Sept 29: BTSN, K-3, 6:30-8:00pm
Wednesday, Sept 30: BTSN, 4-6, 6:30-8:00 pm
Thursday, Oct 1: New Family Seminar, Cafeteria, 2:30-3:30 pm

Week of Oct 5:
Friday, Oct 9: Student Holiday, No School

Week of Oct 12:
Monday, Oct 12: Columbus Day Holiday, No School
Tuesday, Oct 13: Yabe Assembly, Cafeteria, 9:15-10:15 am
Wednesday, Oct 14: 4th GR FT (All), Kennedy Center (NSO), 9:30-Noon
Friday, Oct 16th: PTO Meeting, Lg Pod, 8:45-10:30 am

Plan Ahead Dates:
Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 26 & 27
Spring Break: March 21-25
Last Day of School: June 23

Full 2015-2016 calendar: click here:
I. Did you know you can do a lot of one stop shopping regarding Advanced Academics AND see what your children are doing in the HOT Spot by visiting the SHES AAP webpage https://msbersonshotspot.shutterfly.com/ ? HOT is an acronym for Higher Order Thinking. Skills involved in higher order thinking involve creativity, analysis, evaluation and synthesis (creation of new knowledge). Higher order thinking involves the learning of complex judgmental skills such as critical thinking and problem solving. While the HOT Spot has many purposes, one of the primary ones is teaching these skills to ALL STUDENTS through the use of strategy games as well as through the AAP creative and critical thinking lessons. For more information click the HOT Spot and Adv Acad for All links at the top of the HOT Spot webpage.

II. REMINDER: AAP Parent Information Meeting - October 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Calling ALL Parents (K-6)!

Did you know, FCPS is committed to providing challenging learning experiences for ALL learners that build on individual strengths and optimize academic potential. Please join me on October 2 at 8:30 a.m. to learn more about this continuum of advanced academic services and how they are implemented at SHES in order to meet the needs and develop the potential of advanced learners. Our agenda will cover:

- Understanding the continuum of AAP services at SHES (K-6)
- An introduction to the screening process (2nd-6th) for fulltime Advanced Academic Services (Level IV)

Please use this link to RSVP that you will be attending. http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9a82aa6fa7-aapparent

It will assist us with setup for that morning. Thank you in advance for RSVPing.

I look forward to meeting everyone!

Erica Berson
AART

Global Language Opportunity Benefiting All Learners (GLOBAL)

This is an after school language enrichment program offered at Spring Hill by FCPS. Early Bird Registration (Save $20 with promo code GLOBAL20) runs September 8th - September 30th on a first come first served basis. Class sizes are limited to 15 students and ARE FILLING FAST. 20 weekly one hour classes begin mid-October. Course offerings include Chinese, French and Spanish languages and are by grade 1st – 3rd and 4th – 6th. Professionally taught language classes, at a reasonable price, conducted in the safety of our school by teachers screened and hired by FCPS. Supervised snack time prior to class with classes running from 4 - 5pm. Parent must pickup at 5pm. No walkers allowed and no bus transportation provided.

For an excellent video explaining the program and its benefits: http://www.ebmcdn.net/fcps/fcps_video_viewer.php?viewnode=15004a63050d8
To register: http://www.fcps.edu/is/ace/worldk6.shtml#global
Questions r/e GLOBAL class registration? Contact SHES GLOBAL Rep, Gray Mosby at mosbywine@msn.com
Keep in Touch (KIT) Subscribers

Please make sure the contact information we have for you is accurate so you can be reached in case of emergency and to receive school news. If the information is not accurate, you will not receive school messages and news. Please note that long distance phone numbers are difficult for the school to reach. We appreciate local phone numbers if at all possible.

This is also the time to add an e-mail address so you can receive news updates from school to your e-mail account, including this newsletter.

You can also update your child’s emergency care contact information via weCare@School at http://www.fcps.edu/kit/.

WANTED
Parent volunteers for the clinic

1) Immediate need for administrative help: This is a one-time opportunity to assist alphabetizing for 1 to 3 hours convenient to your schedule. No experience necessary.

2) Urgent need for Vision and Hearing Screening helpers. The annual screening of all Kindergarteners, Third graders and New-to-county students is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21. You may volunteer for morning and/or afternoon sessions (times TBD). No experience necessary. Refreshments provided!

3) Occasional need for Health Room coverage to provide care to sick and injured students when the School Health Aide cannot be present. A mandatory 4 hour training class in FCPS school healthcare protocols is scheduled for Wed., Oct 14th. No previous medical experience is necessary. Spring Hill currently has one trained volunteer, but it would be wonderful to have a pool of trained parents who could step in when Karen is out.

Please contact Health Aide Karen Larkin at 703-506-3410 for details on any of these opportunities to support your children and their school.
Come See artwork by your students at MPAartfest—
McLean’s only outdoor arts festival!

A community-wide celebration of the visual arts, MPAartfest transforms McLean Central Park into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and selling the work of acclaimed artists from the Mid-Atlantic region. MPAartfest also offers arts activities to captivate art-lovers of all ages:

View the work of young artists from McLean area schools as you stroll through the Children’s Art Walk, sponsored by the McLean Community Foundation. Budding artists may create their own artwork at MPA’s Hands-On Art Studio, sponsored by TTR SOTHEBY’S International Realty.

Picnic on delicious selections from local restaurants, and enjoy a great day with your family outdoors! Parking is easy and free with shuttle buses running all day from designated parking lots near the park.

NEW! A host of STEAM (STEM + Art) experiences offered throughout the day will engage creative minds—

- **STEAM Tent**—provides young people with visual arts experiences applied to robotics, science, math and engineering, in collaboration with the Children’s Science Center. Sponsored by The Dominion Foundation and other generous supporters.
- **Art In Flight**—a kite designing and flying opportunity developed with the College Park Aviation Museum, combines arts and aeronautics for an uplifting event for kids of all ages. Sponsored by McEnearney Associates and other generous supporters.
- **Pixel My World**—an innovative community mural-making event, combines the world of art and technology.
- **The Art of Architecture**—demonstrates visual arts principles applied to creating structures. An accomplished architect and instructor will lead this engaging experience.

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is a nonprofit visual arts center dedicated to connecting art and community by bringing museum-quality contemporary art and arts education to McLean. MPA partners to make kids successful learners by increasing their access to the visual arts. MPA’s ArtReach program supports schools with STEAM (STEM + Art) learning throughout the school year and through its dynamic summer camp program. MPA’s year-round youth art classes support its partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools and STEAM education.

MPA presents this community-wide celebration of the visual arts in collaboration with lead community sponsor McLean Community Center, and other supporters including: Arts Council of Fairfax County, Capitol One Bank, Deirdre Maull Orthodontics, Starr Strategies, Virginia Commission for the Arts, The National Endowment for the Arts, and many others.

McLean Project for the Arts. 1234 Ingleside Avenue  McLean, Virginia 22101
Ò  703.790.1953  www.mpaart.org
Please review the map below illustrating our traffic pattern for Kiss n’ Drop. All Kiss n’ Drop students and SACC students will enter the school at DOOR #9. Please understand that it is up to each driver to insure the effectiveness of our system. Traffic is eased when you pull your vehicle up to where our staff member on duty waves you to stop, deliver your children out of the passenger doors quickly and depart safely.

This school newsletter will be issued every Wednesday during the school year on our website, under “News and Events.” You will receive an email link to the newsletter if we have your current email address. Deadline for submissions are Mondays by Noon. Email nelda.hirji@fcps.edu Please include Panther Press in the subject.
Please join us for conversation over coffee and refreshments.

Korean Coffee
Spring Hill Korean parents are invited!

When: Friday, Sep. 25th, 10a.m.
Where: SACC room

For questions, please contact Aejin Lee (aejin.lee1@fcps.edu).
Non profit flyers may be sent home in Thursday folders on the following days this school year: October 2 and May 19. In the interest of saving paper, we encourage electronic flyers which may be included in our weekly newsletter on these dates.

During the 2015-2016 school year and according to regulation 1367.3, the following will be in effect.

**Newsletters** will announce events or activities sponsored by the school, P.T.O. and governmental agencies only.

**Fliers for Non-Profit Organizations:**
Flyers can be displayed in the front foyer literature rack for community review and pick up.

Flyers may be distributed at Back-to-School Night via a non-profit organization’s staffed table.

Flyers can be distributed via student take home folders **twice per year – October 2, 2015 and May 19, 2016.**

**Directions for non-profit flyer distribution on designated weeks in October and May:**

All fliers must be submitted in advance to the principal for review.

All non-profits are treated the same, regardless of the view they express.

Fliers and other community materials must be related to the school’s educational mission, be directed to students, not be harmful to children, be age-appropriate, and not be violations of the current versions of Regulations 2601 and 2612 (Student Responsibilities & Rights).

At least 48 hours must be allowed for the principal to review the flier.

**All fliers must contain the following disclaimer:** “These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or this school.”

Fliers must be collated into 38 sets of 35 fliers.

Fliers must be delivered to the school office by 10 a.m. Monday, September 28 or May 16 for inclusion in these take-home folders.
Box Tops!

Contest ends 10-20-15 - Individual students are eligible to win!

Kids, scour those drawers and cabinets at home for products from these big brands: Ziploc, Cheerios, Chex Mix, Fiber One, Hefty, Green Giant, Kleenex, Land O'Lakes, Mott's, Nature Valley, Pillsbury, Totino's, Yoplait, etc. [http://www.boxtops4education.com/](http://www.boxtops4education.com/)

Then clip and submit!

Our “TOP 10” submitters will be recognized in the Panther Press.

Prizes: The “TOP” submitter will also win a $20 Target gift card. Plus, a $15 Target gift card winner will be chosen via a drawing on the “Morning Show.”

Rules:

- Box Tops must be complete, and include visible & valid (11/1/15 or later) expiration dates.
- Put the box tops (torn or clipped) in a Ziploc bag.
- **Include your name, teacher's name and grade**

Deadline: Please give them to your teacher or leave in the main office’s box by October 20, 2015.

Questions? please email Kim Saxenian at [springhillboxtops@gmail.com](mailto:springhillboxtops@gmail.com)
Thank you for joining us at our Cooper MS Band, Orchestra, and Choir Fundraiser!

Please bring this flyer to Pulcinella- The Italian Host

6852 Old Dominion Dr., McLean

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Time: 5 - 9 pm

Dine-in or Carryout! 703-893-7777

Enjoy Southern Italian Cuisine, and their famous wood-burning oven pizza!

Our thanks to Pulcinella-The Italian Host for hosting our fundraiser, and for donating 20% from our dine-in and carryout orders!