Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

I hope all of you, who were able to attend, enjoyed the Block Party last Friday evening as much as I did. What a special evening for our families and students! Last week’s grade level coffees allowed me to meet and get to know the parents who asked very thought provoking questions. Thanks to our very supportive and active PTO for helping us begin to create and build a unified community.

Our K-3 Back to School night was a wonderful success and we look forward to our grade 4-6 grade parents attending Back to School Night tonight. Each year there are changes in curriculum and expectations and you are encouraged to attend.

Please see below for tonight’s schedule:

**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 go to the small pod

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

*America’s future walks through the doors of our schools each day!* Mary Jean LeTendre

Best regards,

Janet Funk,
Interim Principal

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.
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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 28:
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

Week of Oct 19:
Tuesday, Oct 20: 1st GR FT (Reardon, Ciullo & Gerike), River Bend Park, 9:15 am-12:15 pm
Wednesday, Oct 21: Mass Vision & Hearing, Gym, All Day
1st GR FT (Deornellas & Peters), River Bend Park, 9:15 am-12:15 pm
6th GR FT (Minutoli, Burns & Seagraves), Inner Quest, 10:25 am-5:00 pm
Thursday, Oct 22: 6th GR FT (Papathanassiou & Smith), Inner Quest, 10:25 am-5:00 pm
Friday, Oct 23: Parent University, Cafeteria, 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: http://www.fcps.edu/about/15-16cal.shtml

Lobby Safety Concerns During Dismissal

We have a large volume of parents that are waiting in the lobby to pick up their child. This is causing some safety concerns for the students going through the lobby to their classes. We are going to cordon off a section of the lobby within the next couple of days in order provide a clear and safe passage for the students. We will be using stanchions similar to what we use for visitors to direct them to the main office. They will be used only in the afternoon. All parents/visitors will be asked to stay on the front door side of the barriers leaving the library side solely for students. Thank you for your understanding of this important safety concern.

Jane Funk, Interim Principal
Rick Tritle, AP
Mike Casey, AP

Calling all new families!

Would you like to know more about the Spring Hill ES culture? Would you like to find out about the policies and procedures at Spring Hill? Please join us for our New Family Seminar to be held in the cafeteria at 2:30 PM on Oct. 1.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Attention Parents:

Due to safety and supervision concerns students may not be dropped off in the mornings before 8:20. There are no staff members here before that time to supervise them. At 8:20, students may go to the cafeteria to await dismissal to their classrooms at 8:35.

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 14**. 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 ○ 703.790.1953 ○ www.mpaart.org
Global Language Opportunity Benefiting All Learners (GLOBAL) is an approach to language learning that allows students to develop basic communicative skills in a language, using fun, interactive SMARTboard technology.

Why choose this program?

- Interactive SMARTboard activities make language learning fun!
- New 2015 curriculum provides a focus on communicative competency in the target language.
- All skill levels benefit with the GLOBAL program—from beginners to native speakers.
- Grade-level academic concepts are reinforced since they are built into the GLOBAL curriculum.
- Teachers complete a GLOBAL training program delivered by the FCPS world language office.

20 sessions @ 1 hour each – $319; Weekly classes

Course Information

GL04112–Chinese–Grade 1-3 – Wed 4:00 pm – Oct 14, 2015
GL04425–Chinese–Grade 4-6 – Thurs 4:00 pm – Oct 15, 2015
GL05125–French–Grade 1-3 – Wed 4:00 pm – Oct 14, 2015
GL05425–French–Grade 4-6 – Thurs 4:00 pm – Oct 15, 2015
GL08625–Spanish–Grade 1-3 – Wed 4:00 pm – Oct 14, 2015
GL08412–Spanish–Grade 4-6 – Thurs 4:00 pm – Oct 15, 2015

Students will have a supervised snack period before class begins. Parents should provide a healthy snack.

Register early to save $20! Must register by September 30!
http://tinyurl.com/GLOBALclasses (Use promo code GLOBAL20 for discount.)

Early Bird Discount!
Go to link below to view a 3 minute video showing a GLOBAL class in action!!
http://tinyurl.com/pbctm6y

First-come, first-served registration! Registration begins Sept 8.

For questions about registration, please contact the Spring Hill ES GLOBAL Rep, Gray Mosby at mosbywine@msn.com

Questions about GLOBAL program: Paulina Nicopoulos, GLOBAL Program Specialist, pgnicopoulos@fcps.edu

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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/]

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
Join Cub Scout Pack 1144
Proudly Serving Spring Hill and Colvin Run Elementary Schools and Our Community

Upcoming Event!

Monthly Pack 1144 Meeting

Come see us in action and get further information

Monday, October 19 at 7:00pm

Location: Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna, VA

The Adventure Starts Now!

The adventure starts with Cub Scouting, a year-round family program designed for boys in 1st through 5th grades, or 6 to 10 years of age. The program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, family understanding, character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Young boys grow up fast! Give your son a valuable gift by encouraging him to join Cub Scouting today. The time you invest in him today will make a difference in the person he becomes tomorrow.

Is your son in 1st through 4th Grade?

Find out about joining all of the adventure for this school year.

For more information please contact our Pack 1144 Registrar, Kristin Bone, at kristinbone@verizon.net


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Join Girl Scouts!

In Girl Scouts girls will:
- Make new friends
- Explore new skills
- Serve the community
- Become a leader

If your daughter is interested in Girl Scouts please join us for an important organization meeting where we will form new troops and add to existing troops. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact one of the Troop Organizers listed below prior to the meeting:

Please join our organizational meeting on October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spring Hill Elementary Cafeteria

Further questions please contact: Christina Cain primmcain@yahoo.com or Jennifer Ruscio Jenniferruscio@yahoo.com

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Visit www.gscnc.org | 800-523-7898
All abilities accommodated, financial assistance and volunteer opportunities available.

Be part of the premier leadership organization for girls.
The Gold Award: 100 years of Girl Scouts making a difference.
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!