New Elementary School Progress Reports Coming Next Year

Dear Parents,

In tomorrow’s Thursday folder, please refer to a brochure with details about a new format for elementary school progress reports for the 2012-13 school year. The program has been piloted by 25 Fairfax County elementary schools, and will be in all elementary schools next school year. Here are some key points I have been invited to share with you:

FCPS developed standards-based progress report with research-based best practices in student grading and reporting and fine-tuned it with input from teachers and feedback from parents and teachers. It is a better tool to determine where each student is in their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum that is taught.

The new progress report is informative for teachers, parents and students as the year progresses. The focus of a standards-based teaching and grading environment is whether the student meets the standards and demonstrates knowledge and skills associated with the standards. It provides parents with comprehensive information about how well their child is learning.

The standards-based progress report uses numbers rather than letters to communicate student progress:
1= seldom demonstrates concepts and skills of standard taught this quarter
2= sometimes demonstrates concepts and skills of standard taught this quarter
3= usually demonstrates concepts and skills of standard taught this quarter
4= consistently demonstrates concepts and skills of standard taught this quarter

There is no correlation between the achievement levels on the standards-based progress report and letter grades on the current progress report. The numeric marks communicate the degree of mastery the student has reached in meeting a specific standard. Letter grades are more qualitative in nature and do not convey what a student knows or is able to do within a given subject.

Life, work, and citizenship skills will be reported separately from academic achievement. In addition, all curriculum areas have an effort mark to separate achievement from effort.

We encourage everyone to visit the FCPS website for the new standards based report cards at the link below. You will find a schedule listed for several community meetings on the subject:
http://www.fcps.edu/is/elemprogreport/index.shtml

2012-13 Class Placements

In preparation for the 2012-13 school year, we will attempt to continue our tradition of informing current students before summer begins who their classroom teacher will be for next year. The last day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 and from approximately 9-9:20 am, children who are returning to Spring Hill next year will spend about 20 minutes with their “new” teacher and “new” classmates in their
“new” classroom. The idea is that the possible angst and anticipation children have over which teacher and classmates they will have next year will no longer be an issue. Instead, children and teachers will be able to get acquainted briefly before our school year ends and all involved will have a more peaceful summer. In years past, several new friendships have developed over the summer as well.

I do ask, however, that parents keep in mind that FCPS is fickle when it comes to elementary school staffing formulas. The possibility does exist for a teacher to be added or taken away in August or September. It could also be that a teacher will be hired for a particular class closer to the beginning of the school year rather than in the summer as the process to hire new teachers is very thorough but time consuming.

Again this year, parents who have a desire to provide me with information about their child’s personality and learning style, to assist us in providing the best possible fit for their child regarding next year’s classroom teacher, may do so during a specified time period. Please note that between Wednesday, March 21st and Friday, March 30th, I will be accepting letters or e-mails on this subject. Please understand that requests for specific teachers by name will not be considered. In addition, we do our best to place children with a few familiar faces but please understand that placing children with “best friends” is a very low priority in our placement continuum.

After this limited time expires, I ask that you please trust our process without your specific input. We will continue to provide the same care in placing children as we have always done in the past.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Sincerely,

Roger D. Vanderhye, Principal
E-mail: Roger.Vanderhye@fcps.edu

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Dear Spring Hill Families,

This year, we have once again partnered with our neighbors at Hybla Valley Elementary School to help them meet critical needs over school breaks. Specifically, we have launched a food drive to help fill their pantries over the Spring Break holiday. While most of our children look forward to school vacations and the fun and excitement they afford, many of the children of Hybla Valley ES worry that they will spend school vacation hungry. We can make a huge, positive difference to the children of Hybla Valley with compassionate donations from families like you. Please consider making a non-perishable food donation between now and Fun Fair (3/24).

Send your donations in to school with your child this week or BRING YOUR DONATION WITH YOU TO FUN FAIR!

Drop off bins have been placed in the front lobby. All non-perishable food items are welcome, as well as grocery gift cards.

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Encourage your children to help you shop and pick their favorite items to share! Our students will also help sort and box the donations for transport to Hybla Valley.

THANK YOU for your compassion and generosity!

Any questions contact PTO Community Service co-chair: amy@cottreau.com.
Friday March 23:
No after School activities and NO CHESS CLUB due to Fun Fair set-up

Fun Fair CARES

Fun Fair is fast approaching next Saturday, March 24th from 10am-3pm. Gear up for a great time and an opportunity to give back to our community. See page 4 & 5 for details

While most of our children look forward to school holidays and the fun that they afford, many of our neighbors at Hybla Valley Elementary School worry that they will spend Spring Break hungry without school breakfast and lunch. We are launching a food drive to help fill their pantries.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to school next week (March 19-23) or to Fun Fair. Ideas include: cereal, granola bars, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, crackers, rice, soup, peanut butter, etc.

Calendar

See a full school calendar at our website:
http://www.fcps.edu/SpringHillES/calendar/WebsiteCalendar9_2010.htm

Please schedule your family vacations during FCPS designated holidays / breaks, which you can see at this link: http://www.fcps.edu/about/11-12cal.htm Be aware that missing school for extended periods of time negatively impacts your child and your child's teacher.

Plan Ahead:
April 2-6: Spring Break, No School
April 9: Teacher Work Day, No School
Monday June 18: 6th Grade Graduation, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, June 19: Last Day of School

Week of March 19, B Week:
Wednesday, March 21:
● 2nd Gr. Field Trip, Seussical, Lisner Auditorium, 9:15-11:30 a.m.
Thursday March 22:
● 4th Gr. Field Trip, Jamestown, 6:15 a.m.-7 p.m.
● 5th Gr. Field Trip, Newseum, Ms. Zuerner & Ms. Dewispelaere, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Friday March 23: No after School activities and NO CHESS CLUB due to Fun Fair set-up
Saturday March 24: Fun Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Week of March 26, A Week:
Monday March 26:
● 2012-13 Kindergarten Roundup, 1:30 p.m., cafeteria
● 6th Gr. County Chorus Rehearsal, 12:50-2 p.m., music room
Tuesday, March 27: 5th Gr. Field Trip, Newseum, Mr. Seagraves & Ms. Isue, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Friday, March 30:
● Deadline for placement letters to Mr. Vanderhye
● Deadline for Panthology submissions

April 2-9: Spring Break, No School

Week of April 9, B Week:
Tuesday, April 10: 5th Gr. Field Trip, Newseum, Mrs. Bulford & Ms. Manning, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 11:
● Last PTO Meeting, big pod, 9:15-11:00 a.m.
● 6th Gr. Field Trip, National Building Museum, Smith, Burns & J.Haynie, 9:45 a.m.-noon
● Cultural Arts, Silver Trout Arts, cafeteria:
  Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade - 8:50-9:20 a.m.
  3rd and 4th grade - 9:30-10:00 a.m.
  5th and 6th grade - 2:00 – 2:55 p.m.
Please Volunteer for a shift at the Fun Fair!
There are so many people who put in a great deal of time to organize an event of this size!
Please help your room parents staff the various shifts by saying “yes” when you are called to help. It is a small time commitment for the year, but such a fun way to help out and meet families in the community! For more information, call Mary Welch (maryswelch@verizon.net) at 703-893-1153, Betsy Shomaker (shomaker.jb@verizon.net) at 703-790-2611. Please stop by the front office while you are at the Fun Fair if you have some time to volunteer.

FUN FAIR’S FRIDAY CAKE DECORATING CONTEST

“To Do” List:

1. Plan Cake Design
   This year’s theme is “Grooving to the 70’s.

2. Go Shopping
   - Cake Ingredients
   - Cake Decorations
   - Disposable aluminum cake pan (available in grocery stores), disposable platter, or cake board and cake box (available at Michael’s, etc.)

3. Bake and decorate a GROOVY CAKE
4. Label Cake
   - Name
   - Grade
   - Teacher
   - Whether the cake includes common allergens like nuts or chocolate

5. Bring cakes to the Stage on Friday morning, March 23

6. Win COOL PRIZES!
Prizes will be awarded in all grade levels, plus the 4th-6th grades will enjoy an awards assembly hosted by Mr. Vanderhye, Mr. Tritle and Mr. Casey.

Please note: The cakes will be used as prizes for the Fun Fair’s Cake Walk the following day. Cakes, platters, pans, etc. will not be returned.

If you have any questions, please email the Cake Walk volunteers, Irene Chun at jayil-chun@yahoo.com or Karen DeFilipps at kudefilipps@msn.com.

Get ready… Get Set…BAKE!!!
8TH GRADE VOLUNTEER HOURS
Available Saturday, March 24th, 2012 Spring Hill Elementary School Fun Fair

If you have an 8th grader in need of volunteer hours, The Spring Hill Fun Fair needs your child’s help with games and activities.

Shift Times:
9:45 am – 11:35 am
11:25 am – 1:15 pm
1:05 pm – 3:00 pm
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm (clean up)

Please check your availability and if interested e-mail us at: shfunfairvolunteers@gmail.com
Please provide your name, school, grade, contact info (home phone number and e-mail address so you can receive future updates from us), and the shift times that you are available.

We will send you an acknowledgement that we received your request and can participate.

Come join us on this fun day! Please call or email if you have any questions.

Thanks for your help!

Chrissie Lavin (703) 626-8029

Bake Sale
Sweet treat donations for this sale is a fun and easy way to contribute to the success of the Fun Fair. We welcome all family choices or if you are out of time, something from the bakery of your choice would be great as well. Please remember to label your baked goods if it includes peanuts or tree nuts. Please say "Yes!” to your room parents when they ask if you can bring something for the Bake Sale. Collections for the bake sale will be taken March 23rd (Friday before Fun Fair) in the car lines at both Kiss and Rides during morning drop off and afternoon pick up, and in the office. For more information, please contact Tina Zhao (Tinaok@yahoo.com) at 571-641-6035 or Sue Yoon (sooy817@yahoo.com) at 703-667-0007.

Donate Your Homemade International Foods!
Spring Hill’s large international community is rich in culture, language and cuisine. Nowhere is that more evident than at the International Foods sale. Every year, Spring Hill families donate their favorite traditional meals to provide us all with the delectable tastes of their heritage. Our goal is to offer specialties representing all the rich backgrounds that make our school so special. Please bring in your dishes to the Cafeteria the morning of Fun Fair, ready to serve. Please label your dishes with the name of the dish and major ingredients. The side door to the Cafeteria will be open for your convenience. Thank you! Call Julia Leigh (jleigh1001@verizon.net) at 703-893-0930 or Helen Kim (david99kk@yahoo.com) at 571-287-0286.

Lace Up for the Hess family
The one year-old daughter of Mr Hess (a beloved Langley High School Math teacher and Varsity Boys Basketball Coach) was recently diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of pediatric cancer. LHS students will be selling neon yellow shoe laces at the Fun Fair. Proceeds will benefit the Travis Hess’ Helpers and Go 4 the Goal Foundation. Join the many students across McLean who are sporting these cool, bright laces in honor of Gianna Hess.
FUN FAIR
Spring Hill Elementary School
Saturday, March 24th, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fun Fair Chairpersons, Michelle Reed (michelleareed@yahoo.com) 703-862-4009
Christina Nazarian (Christina.nazarian@gmail.com) 703-748-6006

Tickets
Buy your tickets early and save! Discount tickets will be sold in the front lobby, 5 tickets/$1.00 the week before the Fair:
Monday, March 19th – Friday, March 23rd.
M-F (before school) – 8:00 – 8:25 a.m.

Please make checks payable to “Spring Hill PTO”. We strongly encourage buying tickets in $5, $10 or $20 dollar increments.
*At the Fun Fair on March 24th, tickets will be sold in the front lobby and at the entrance to the gym for 4 tickets/$1.00.

Fun Fair Raffle
The Fun Fair Raffle is your chance to win awesome stuff from dozens of selections. The kids go crazy when they hear the
winners! Tickets for the Raffle prizes may be deposited in the Raffle boxes Thursday and Friday, March 22nd and 23rd from
8:00 to 8:25 in the large pod and during the day on Saturday. Remember to put your name and telephone # on the back of
EACH ticket! Check out the Raffle Room (Room 112) during the Fun Fair. All winners will be announced during the Fun Fair, you
need not be present to win.

T-Shirts
“Feeling Groovy” is the theme! Deck your kids out in official Fun Fair wear! Only $15 a t-shirt! These groovy tie-dye T-shirts
will be for sale next to Ticket sales Monday through Friday, March 19th – 23rd from 8:00 – 8:25am and, of course, the day
of the Fair! For more information or if you have any questions please contact Amelia Steiner at 703-847-2564 or
ameliasteiner@gmail.com.

Groovy Spa
A cool place to get a crazy hairdo for Fun Fair. There will be several stylists to give you a quick “makeover” in the Groovy
spa, the perfect place to sit and relax. Take a quick break from all the games and crafts and walk out with a new look!

Arts and Crafts Corner
Fun for all ages in the Arts and Crafts Corner! We will have SANDY CANDY, SPIN ART, BEADING CRAFTS AND PHOTO
STOP. Come back to the ever-popular Sandy Candy to make delicious big straws filled with brightly-colored powdered
candy, or show your artistic side and create unique works of art using a spinner and paint. Boogie into GROOVY crafts and
make a beaded masterpiece, and don’t forget to have your picture taken at PHOTO STOP.

Games
Your favorite games are back! This year, we have added the ”Groovy Game Room". In this room we will have Wii & X-
Box games for the children to enjoy. Please come and play ALL the fun games located in the large pod (first and second grade classrooms) and the Gym.

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**Old Favorites**
Once again you can count on the old favorites to be there for you to enjoy. No Fun Fair would be complete without Zoo Dip (Rooms 116 and 117), Cake Walk (Room 123), Face Painting (Art Room) and a classic favorite, Karaoke (Music Room)!

**Beverages**
While having fun at the fair or enjoying lunch at the cafeteria, don't forget a drink!! This year we offer bottled water, cans sodas, Gatorade and Juice pouches at the cafeteria and outside the hallway.

**Coffee and Tea Corner**
Avoid the crowds and escape for a few minutes (or more!) of peace and quiet in this “Parents Only” haven located in the library. Enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea and a wonderfully delicious treat that you don’t have to share with your kids! You can come right in at 10 a.m. and get that hot java flowing through your veins. Or pop in around mid-day for a snack. Then, go out and take on the world, or at least your kids and the Fun Fair!

**General Store**
Groovy girls and boys need gear and accessories! Check out where the “groovesters” shop! Inflatable gear, jewelry, massive candy and much, much more awesome stuff! Start Shopping in Room 113!

**Karaoke**
Come get groovy to your favorite song! Karaoke is back and will be as enjoyable as ever. We will be in the same room as previous years, Ms. Rudd’s music room. Come sing the classics or sing your new favorite song. You can come show us what you’ve got or just come watch and cheer others’ on. Those of you who have seen Mr. Vanderhye and Mr. Tittle sing in the past know their performances can’t be missed so listen for the announcements of when they’ll make their appearances.

**Cake Walk – Are You Ready for Some Baking?**
The Fun Fair Cake Walk relies on the talents of Spring Hill’s students to bring in their homemade cakes! **So bake a groovy cake for this year’s Fun Fair Cake Decorating Contest!** After the contest, the cakes will be used as prizes for the Cake Walk at the Fun Fair. The theme of Fun Fair is Grooving to the 70's. Contest prizes will be awarded in every grade level (K-6), plus the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will enjoy an awards assembly hosted by Mr. Vanderhye, Mr. Casey and Mr. Tittle on Friday, March 23rd during the school day.

*Bring your cake (on a disposable platter or in a cake box, please) to the stage on the morning of Friday, March 23rd. Please be sure to clearly note your name, grade, teacher AND if the cake includes any common food allergens, like nuts or
chocolate. If you have any questions, please email Jung Chun at jayilchun@yahoo.com or Karen DeFilipps at kudefilipps@msn.com.

Class Baskets
There is a must-have Class Basket for everyone. Check out this year’s baskets: “Saturday Night Fever”, “Groovy Disco Karaoke”, “Get Your Groove On”, Yoga basket, “Flower Power Gardening Basket”, “Cozy Nights” and many more! Come ready to bid early and often on your favorite basket in Rooms 199 and 114. Bidding starts at 10am and ends at 2pm. Winners will be announced at 2:30 and can take their fabulous baskets home by 3pm. Don't forget your checkbook!

Family Favorites Cafeteria
Refuel for more fun by stopping by the cafeteria for family favorites. We will be serving pizza, subs, hot dogs, hot pretzels, chips and fresh fruit. Come, eat and sit for awhile to recharge!

International Food Bazaar
Spring Hill’s esteemed chef’s offer an array of culinary treats and foods from all over the world. Enjoy a delicious lunch with a variety of foods! (Cafeteria)

Bake Sale
Stop by the bake sale in the cafeteria for your homemade sweet treats. Grab a snack to keep you going or take a few treats home with you for later!

Fueled Up Concessions
Get your Cotton Candy and Popcorn in the left front lobby! Popped Fresh!

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Guidance and Assistance
Are you ready to join in on the fun? Additional maps and friendly guides will be at the fair to direct you to special attractions and answer your questions along the way. Just ask any Fun Fair committee member with a tie-dye bandana on for help. In the event of an emergency come to the main office or alert one of the security volunteers in the security vests. Please remember to arrange meeting times and locations with your children if you are separated. See you there!
Parking for Fun Fair

Parking is probably the least fun part of the Fun Fair, so please do your best to help make this day a safe one by only parking in legal spots. It is likely you will get a ticket if you park illegally!

Below are parking options:

Spring Hill Elementary School
Very few available spots.

Spring Hill Rec Center
The Rec Center is hosting a tournament this weekend. There may be fewer spots than usual. If you are walking, please use the crosswalk to cross Lewinsville Road.

McLean Hamlet Pool
Hamlet Pool is providing parking in their large lot. **Directions:** Begin at school and go NE on Lewinsville Road towards McLean, make a right on Falstaff, then right on Birnam Wood, proceed thru Stop sign, then right on Dunsinane. Go to end, park in left lot, walk to school through small lot and field.
2012 FUN FAIR

Cafeteria
- Chicken Nuggets
- Pizza
- Drinks
- International Foods
- Bake Sale

Small Pod
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- Arts & Crafts
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Courtyard
- Coffee Corner
- Tickets

Gym
- Jump House
- Candy Counter
- Obstacle Course

Large Pod
- Basketball
- Soccer Kick
- Football Throw

Music Room
- Karaoke

Groovy Spa
- Spas

Face Painting
- Groovy Game Room
- Frog Whomp

Lollipop Tree
- Lollipops

Lost & Found
- Security

International Foods
- Hot Dogs
- Drinks

Entrance
- Bake Sale
- Bake Sale

General Store
- Prizes
- Soda Toss
- Frog Whomp

Basketball
- Basketball
- Baseball

10 AM - 3 PM
Please Check Lost and Found
There are jackets, coats, lunchboxes, hats and gloves on the rack in the cafeteria.

Spring Hill Nationals Day
Tickets will go on sale next week in the front lobby of Spring Hill

Join your Spring Hill friends for an afternoon of fun as the Washington Nationals take on the Cincinnati Reds at Nationals Park.

Date: Sunday, April 15, 2012
Game Time: 1:35 p.m.
Cost: $14 per ticket ($18 value)
Place: Nationals Park

Tickets will be sold in the school’s front lobby from Monday, March 26 – Friday, March 30 from 8:05 – 8:35 a.m. Tickets can be purchased with cash or check made payable to Spring Hill PTO. Tickets are limited, so buy early!

All seats are in Section 417 and normally retail for $18. All students must be chaperoned, and tickets will be sold sequentially, so buy all the tickets your family needs at the same time, and consider buying your tickets together with friends if you want to be sure to sit together.

Transportation is on your own, so consider taking Metro or carpooling, but check out all of your options here: http://washington.nationals.mlb.com/was/ballpark/directions/index.jsp

If you have any questions, contact Cindy Sullivan at cindy_sullivan@verizon.net or Kathy Swenson at kathyswenson@verizon.net.

Top Six 6th Grade Pi Day (3/14) Champions:
Owen Ricketts, Carter Bosch, Jack Gutzler, Isabel Romov, Erin Villaronga and Adam Yee
Two popular family artists from Asheville, North Carolina will entertain the students in this year’s last PTO-sponsored assembly. In their “So Many Ways to Share a Story” performances, Susana and Timmy Abell will blend puppetry, storytelling and award-winning original music on banjo, guitar, penny whistle, hammered dulcimer and English concertina. The Abells have performed at The Kennedy Center, The National Theater and numerous concert halls and schools.

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Spring Break
Horseback Riding Camp
Benefit for Gianna Hess
Tuesday, April 3rd and/or Wednesday, April 4th
8:00 am until 2:00 pm, (Rain or Shine)
Ages 7 to 15
Blacks Hill Stables, 815 Blacks Hill Road, Great Falls, VA 22066
100% of the proceeds will benefit Gianna, the daughter of Travis Hess, math teacher and head coach of the Langley Boys Varsity Basketball team, and his wife Suzanne, 5th grade teacher at John Adams Elementary.
Gianna, is battling a rare form of liver cancer called Hepatoblastoma that affects 1 in 1 million children per year.
Save the Date: Sunday, May 20 - Fun Run
Would Your Business Like to Sponsor This Year's 3K Fun Run?

The PTO is looking for local businesses to sponsor Spring Hill’s 3K Fun Run (May 20.) Sponsors have:
- Their logo on the back of the Fun Run T-Shirts (550+)
- Inclusion of their marketing materials (e.g., samples, brochures) in the registration bags
- The opportunity to showcase/sample their services at the post Fun Run breakfast/reception

We would love to hear from you! Please contact: Laura Rainey (raineyseight@aol.com) or Michele Bosch michele.bosch@finnegang.com

Next Year's Kindergarteners:
Come to Kindergarten Roundup
Monday March 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria

Parents: 1:30-3:00 p.m.:
- registration and information session in the cafeteria
Children: 1:30–3:00 p.m.:
- visit classrooms

5th Graders:
Don’t Forget to Get Your Tdap
All students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entering sixth grade. Please bring your proof of immunization to the office as soon as possible.

If your child’s birthday falls prior to the end of school, please make every effort to get the immunization and bring the documentation to school by June 21.

If your child's birthday falls after school is out but by Sept. 2, please get documentation to school by 9/2/11.

If your child’s birthday falls after Sept. 2 you must bring documentation from your child’s doctor stating the date immunization will be given (should be on or soon after 11th birthdate.)

CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COME TO SCHOOL WITHOUT THE PROPER DOCUMENTS.

FCPS 7th Annual Special Education Conference
The seventh annual Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Special Education Conference will take place on Saturday, March 24, at Lake Braddock Secondary School from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. The conference will feature Rick Lavoie as the keynote presenter. Lavoie is the author of It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Child With Learning Disabilities Find Social Success, and creator of several videos on social interaction for students with disabilities. He is a former administrator of residential programs for children with special needs. Parents and educators can attend over 30 workshops and 70 exhibits to learn about techniques, strategies, special education services, and community resources for students with disabilities. Conference sessions and registration information are available online at http://www.fcps.edu/dss/conference or by calling 703-204-3941.

Please visit the PTO Special Education Liaison website (https://sites.google.com/site/springhillspecialed/) for more information on future seminars/presentations of interest to the community. If you know of an event that isn't on our calendar but you think should be please email Betsy Vrankovich (ellizabeth.vrankovich@gmail.com) and it will be added.

If you would like to serve as one of the PTO Special Education Liaisons next school year please contact Ashley Profaizer (profaizer4@gmail.com) or Betsy Vrankovich (ellizabeth.vrankovich@gmail.com).
Rising 7th Grade News Available At:

Parent Insider: Help Your Student Thrive at Longfellow
A program for parents of rising 7th graders
Tuesday, April 17, 2012
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Longfellow Lecture Hall

If your student will be entering Longfellow next fall, join us for this critical program, sponsored by the Longfellow PTA. Hear from counseling staff about the ins and outs of life at Longfellow, from lockers and clubs to late buses and lunch. Uncover the meanings of mysterious terms such as “Yagottawannas” and “Lancer Time.” Listen in as a developmental psychologist shares what REALLY goes on in the adolescent brain. There will be ample time to ask questions of current students and experienced Longfellow parents.

Attend this free event to get the inside scoop on life at Longfellow!
Contact person:
Katie Hanusik, 703-442-9114, hanusik@msn.com

LONGFELLOW 5K FUN RUN APRIL 15
REGISTRATION click here
http://www.longfellowpta.org/sites/default/files/2012LMS_5K.pdf

Don’t Forget: Spring Hill’s 3K Fun Run on May 20
Registration coming soon!

Defiance, Peer Pressure, Parties, Academic Expectations, Homework Issues, and Parent/Teen Communication....

Do you have a teenager in your house? Are you worried about the transitions your child is making?

A six part class, using STEP/TEEN materials plus additional materials developed by the facilitators, will be offered for parents of 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th graders in the Langley/McLean pyramids starting Wednesday, May 2, 2012, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Longfellow Middle School. Offered for the fifteenth year, this popular parenting group will be facilitated by retired Longfellow counselor Estelle Brauer and former Churchill Road Counselor and retired conflict resolution specialist Marge Bleiweis.

The class will meet for six weeks. Class dates are the following Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM: May 2,9,16, 23, 30 and June 6. The location will be in the library at Longfellow MS.

Please sign up for the program by emailing Estelle Brauer at esbjewels@verizon.net. A fee of $85 includes the cost of the text, Step Teen Parent Manual, and the additional materials.
Write an Essay to Win a trip to the Family Nature Summit in Colorado
March 30, 5 p.m. deadline
Click here for details:
http://www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/What-We-Do/Craig-Tufts-Scholarship.aspx

Turf Langley

Good news — the “Turf Langley” initiative recently received an anonymous donation for $100,000! But we still have a ways to go. The deadline to get 100 percent of the necessary funding is May 15. If successful, the turf field will be a reality THIS FALL, ready and waiting for your future Saxons. To help out, please consider attending "Let's Toast to Turf!” at the Riverbend Country Club on Saturday, March 24, 2012. The list of items that will be auctioned grows daily, everything from Prom packages to fantastic vacation homes.

Langley desperately needs a turf field. Fairfax County won't fund it. Many of the other FCPS high schools have already purchased their fields with parent and corporate donations. PE classes, band, sports teams, and the student body as a whole (carnival, pep rallies, etc.) will all use the field.

HOW CAN YOU HELP
1) Attending the Turf Field event at Riverbend Country Club. It is an expensive, but very worthy cause and it will also be great fun!
http://www.langleyturf.org/

2) Purchasing a family brick with your family name on it - something that will be there for many years to come. See Donor Wall
http://www.langleyturf.org/Donor_Wall.html

3) Donating any amount of funds directly to the Turf Field initiative
http://shop.langleyturf.org/

4) Contacting a corporation that you believe would benefit by advertising/naming the LHS field, etc. The Turf Committee can give you the literature for this.
email: info@langleyturf.org

5) All of the above!

Go Saxons!
Art Teachers’ Art Show

Pictured: Spring Hill Principal Roger Vanderhye (back row) along with Spring Hill art teachers Carolyn GoreAshe (far right) and Dorothy Moon (front middle.) Also pictured are Fairfax County School Board Chair Janie Strauss, and Fairfax County Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, along with Chesterbrook Elementary Principal Robert Fuqua, and other Fairfax County elementary Art Teachers.

The event was the Mclean Project for the Arts Youth Art Show Opening reception on March 12. Many of Spring Hill's talented artists' works were exhibited.
Is stress becoming an all too common factor in your child’s life? Do you wish you had strategies to help your child find a healthier balance between schoolwork and life outside of school?

Your Langley pyramid school counselors (ES – HS) are hosting a parent information night for all levels of students where we take on the issue of stress amongst our students.

Please come to the Langley High School Auditorium on Tuesday, March 27\textsuperscript{th} from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for an informative evening featuring the following speakers:

- **Neil McNerney, M.Ed., LPC** presents, “Three Things Parents Can Do to Help Your Student Manage Stress...And Three Things to Avoid.”
  - **Dr. McNerney** is a family counselor, parenting consultant, and author of the bestselling *Homework – A Parent’s Guide To Helping Out Without Freaking Out!* Neil works with children, teenagers, and their families at his practice in Reston, VA. He is on the faculty of the Virginia Tech Graduate School and speaks nationally on topics of parenting and motivation.

- **Elisa Nebolsine** and **Catherine McCarthy, MD** present, “Stress in Youth: Nuts and Bolts of Biology and Management.”
  - **Mrs. Nebolsine** is a Cognitive Behavioral Therapist who has been in private practice work with kids and adolescents for the past fifteen years in the McLean area. In July, Elisa was named a “top therapist” in four categories by the *Washingtonian* magazine. In her practice, Cognitive Therapy for Kids, she provides therapy, consulting to professionals, schools, agencies, and mental health centers in the DC area and nationally.
  - **Dr. McCarthy** is a child and adolescent psychiatrist who has been in private practice in McLean since 2003. She attended medical school at the University of Virginia, then went on to Duke University for her residency, and completed her child psychiatry fellowship at the University of North Carolina.
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PANTHOLOGY
Entry Form

Name ___________________________ Grade ______

Homeroom Teacher ________________________

The title of my submission is:

_________________________________________________________________

I certify that this is my original work.

_________________________________________________________________

Student Signature

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 30, 2012
• Written, Illustrated, and Edited
  By Spring Hill Students

• Submissions must be delivered to:
  Mrs. Ross—Trailer 2—by March 30, 2012

• General Requirements:
  1. Limited to 2 entries per student
  2. Do not write your name directly on your work.
  3. Use entry forms to state your name, homeroom teacher, and grade.
  4. You may use any ORIGINAL work that you have created this school year.

• Criteria for Manuscripts:
  1. Prose limited to 1,000 words, typed and double-spaced on 8 ½” x 11” paper.
  2. Manuscripts must have a title.
  3. Poetry must be typed and double-spaced on 8 ½” x 11” paper.

• Criteria for Art Works:
  1. May be black and white or color
  2. May include drawings, (black fine-tipped marker only), prints, photographs, scratch board etchings, collages, charcoal, etc. NO WORK IN PENCIL!
  3. Must not be wrinkled or creased
  4. Must be totally ORIGINAL
  5. May be picked up in Trailer 2 after publication

• CREATIVITY IS ENCOURAGED!