A Message from the Administration

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy 2016! We hope you had a wonderful winter and wintery break and a happy new year. We are getting back into the routine and hope that you all are too!

You may have seen that Dr. Garza presented the FCPS Budget for next school year (FY17). Many of you have asked how you might be able to support Dr. Garza’s budget that includes zero cuts and includes a salary increase for our incredibly deserving teachers. Please visit the Terraset PTA Website to see how easily you can help. For detailed information about this budget, please check out the FCPS site at http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017.shtml.

I can’t express to you enough how much we appreciate your interest and participation in this important process.

RENOVATION UPDATE

Punch list items are being completed in the left side of the building. The right side of the building is coming along. We are awaiting a steel delivery that will allow things to really get going inside once it arrives. The hope was that completion would be this spring but as often happens with construction, that completion date has been moved to early summer. Thank you again for your patience and support of this massive project. Needless to say we are excited to have it all finished but will be patient so that it gets done right!

Kindly,

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When did you realize you wanted to become a teacher?
I have always wanted to be a teacher. I had a huge class of teddy bears and dolls when I was little and used to teach them how to read and do math.

What made you want to teach at an elementary school?
Elementary children brighten up a room and are so eager to learn. It is the perfect place to be.

Name something you would like to get better at.
I need to be a better puppy mommy and take my dogs for a walk in the mornings even when it is cold outside.

Which school/university did you attend?
I earned my bachelor’s degree in Psychology at George Mason and my Masters of Education at Marymount University.

What do you think of Terraset?
I feel very supported at Terraset. The specialists are all amazing and willing to work together to help every child be successful.

When did you realize you wanted to become a teacher?
When I was in my 20s I knew I wanted to teach, but life happened and it took me a while to get back to my dream.

What made you want to teach at an elementary school?
I love the big kids! They are such amazing people going through immense growth and learning. It’s a joy and a privilege to watch and be part of my students last year at Terraset.

Name something you would like to get better at.
There is always room for improvement! I continually strive to bring more engaging and more hands on activities to the classroom for my students.

Which school/university did you attend?
I attended George Mason University for my undergraduate studies and earned my Master of Education from Marymount University.

What do you think of Terraset?
I was a substitute teacher here about two years ago and fell in love with the students, the staff, the whole community! It’s a pretty awesome place and I am really glad to be here.
Frequently Asked Questions about DreamBox

What is DreamBox?
Terraset ES has purchased DreamBox Learning's Math Program, an online, Intelligent, Adaptive Learning program that helps all students achieve better, faster math proficiency.

Who should use DreamBox?
ALL Terraset students (K-6) are using DreamBox. This program adapts to your child's math level, so DreamBox provides math practice that is just right for each individual.

Can my child use DreamBox at home?
Yes! We encourage students to use DreamBox at home. Please limit your at home usage to 20 minute sessions, no more than 3 or 4 times per week.

Should I help my child as they work on DreamBox?
No. The adaptive feature of the program will adjust the level of questions based on the child's responses. Mistakes are an important part of the process. Please let your child work independently. However, we encourage parents to show an interest in their child’s progress on Dreambox by sometimes sitting with your child and viewing the activities with them.

How do I access DreamBox at home?
On a computer: Go to the TSET website:
http://www.fcps.edu/TerrasetES/
Scroll to the bottom of the page
Click on the DreamBox icon.
Students will log in using their Student ID and Password.

On an iPad: Download the “DreamBox Learning” app. When prompted, use code qk88/terrasete Students will log in using their Student ID and Password.
DreamBox is not available on Android tablets.

What do the lesson color icons mean?
In the K-2 environment, students may see Yellow and Green lesson checks. A Yellow Lesson check means that this lesson is a recommended lesson for new learning. A Green check appears around a lesson to indicate that this lesson has been completed. Students can choose this lesson for review. When K-2 students use DreamBox at home they can choose either green or yellow lessons.

How do I set up a parent account?

What if I have more questions?
If you have questions about getting started on DreamBox at home, please contact Ann Marie Mochen at 703-390-5678 or ammochen@fcps.edu
Superintendent Karen Garza and the Regional Assistant Superintendents invite students, parents, employees and community members to join them at an upcoming Listening Tour meeting:

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The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Dr. Garza and the Regional Assistant Superintendents will provide updates on the latest happenings in Fairfax County schools and listen to ideas, comments, and questions from the audience. For more information, visit [http://www.fcps.edu/news/listening.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/news/listening.shtml).

Chorus Students Sing at Sunrise Assisted Living

On Friday, December 11th, the Terraset Tiger Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Andert and Mrs. Bedker, took a field trip to Sunrise Assisted Living, Reston Town Center. They performed the pieces from their winter concert and three sing-a-long songs to spread some holiday cheer. The students did a fantastic job and were kind, polite representatives of Terraset. The residents really seemed to enjoy and appreciate our visit. The chorus members from Mrs. Damon’s 5th grade class distributed homemade greeting cards to the residents which really added to the experience. Thank you to the chaperones who came along, Mrs. Russell for taking pictures and Mr. Harper, our accompanist.

New iPads for the Library

Thank you for your generous support of the Book Fair! It was a great success and students are enjoying their new books. Mrs. Dueno was very pleased that she was able to purchase 10 mini-iPads with the profits from the book fair. Fifth grade students are using the iPads to create book trailers or video advertisements for the younger grades.
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