March 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thoreau Middle School is excited to offer our Excellence in Action program to rising 7th grade students. This program is designed by Thoreau staff members to provide students with the essential background knowledge and skills that will help them have a successful transition to middle school.

Due to the ongoing renovation at Thoreau, Excellence in Action will be held at Madison High School. Two sessions of the program will be offered this summer July 27th-31st and August 17th-21st from 9:00 am to noon each day. Students may only register for one session.

Even though the program will be in a different building, students will still be able to develop the skills they will need to have a positive middle school transition. These skills include: time management, test-taking strategies, organizational and study skills, team building, and cooperative learning. Thoreau’s teachers, counselors, and administrators are running the program and will be on hand to assist your child in developing their level of comfort at Thoreau. Students will be introduced to the four core curriculum areas and will have a preview of some of the academic topics covered throughout the school year. Lastly, students will be given the opportunity to take an interactive virtual tour of Thoreau as well as practice opening lockers. Please keep in mind that the program is designed for rising 7th graders; however, new 8th graders are welcome to attend. Please indicate your child’s grade on the registration form.

Cost:
- The cost of the program is $100. If paying by check, please make it payable to “Thoreau Middle School.” In addition to the actual program, the registration fee will cover the cost for lunch each day and a Thoreau t-shirt. Space for the program is limited so please register early. Scholarships are available in cases of financial hardship.

How to Register:
- To register your child, please fill out the attached registration form and mail it back to Thoreau with your payment no later than Friday, June 5th. You may also drop your child’s registration off in the main office at Thoreau. You will receive a confirmation email within 3 weeks once your form and payment are processed. In addition, a more detailed email will be sent a week prior to the program start date.

Transportation:
- Parents will need to arrange transportation to and from Madison High School. Carpooling, walking, or biking is highly encouraged. We have limited seats on one shuttle bus which will depart from Cunningham Park Elementary (not Thoreau Middle School). Please indicate on the registration form how your child will arrive to and depart from the program.

Attendance:
- Students are expected to attend all 5 days of the program. We will not accept partial enrollment or payments. If your child cannot attend a specific day, needs to arrive late, or leave early, please notify the Program Manager.

We look forward to working with your child this summer. We are confident that your child’s experience in the Excellence in Action program will lead to a positive and successful middle school experience.

Amanda Rollison will serve as the Program Director. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact her at atrollison@fcps.edu.

Sincerely,

Thoreau’s Excellence in Action Faculty & Staff

Mail registration to:
Thoreau Middle School
Attn: Excellence in Action
2505 Cedar Lane Vienna, VA 22180

Registration Deadline: June 5th
Excellence in Action
Registration Form

Please indicate which session your child will attend:

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Student Information:

**Please be sure to print legibly and include an email address (if available).**
You will receive an email confirmation after your registration has been processed.

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________ Male/Female: ________

Please circle ➔ Rising 7th grader Rising 8th grader

Elementary School: __________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________

Parent Phone: ______________________________________________

Emergency Contact: __________________________________________

Emergency Contact Phone Number: ______________________________

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _________________________________
(please write clearly)

Please circle how your child will be transported to and from Madison High School:
Parent drop off, car-pool, walking, biking, shuttle from Cunningham Park, other (please specify) ____________.

Please circle your student’s adult t-shirt size: S M L XL

Please list any additional information that will help us understand your student during this program:
(Special Education Needs, Allergies, Medications needed during the program, etc.)

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