Spring Musical—Beauty and the Beast

Come see a tale as old as time.

Disney’s Beauty and the Beast Jr. opens tonight at Thoreau MS. The award-winning animated film and stage play comes to life in this romantic and beloved take on the classic fairytale.

Show dates: April 7-9 at 7pm
Saturday Matinee: April 9 at 2:30pm
Tickets: $8 at the door. Ticket sales will start 1 hour prior to performance.

Parent/Teen Book Club

The second Parent/Teen Book Club (PTBC) will take place on Thursday, May 26 from 6-7:30pm. The last day to register is tomorrow, Friday, April 8! PTBC Registration

The PTBC is a forum for parents and students to read together and to discuss books. When discussing books, parents and students can learn from each other’s perspectives and begin to understand and appreciate the similarities and difference among themselves. This is a great opportunity to communicate with your teenager as he/she moves forward in shaping an identity and in making good choices for the future. You and your student may choose to read one of the following titles:

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
Trash by Andy Mulligan
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, April 21—2 hour early release and Crosstown Hoops at 7pm at Madison HS
Friday, April 22—Student Holiday
Summer Programs

Registration is now open for Thoreau’s Rising 7th Grade Excellence in Action summer program. Due to construction, the program will be held at Madison HS.
Session 1—July 25-29 from 9AM-Noon at Madison HS
Session 2—August 8-12 from 9AM-Noon at Madison HS

Click HERE for more information on how to register. The registration deadline is June 3. Contact Mr. Loht at tmloht@fcps.edu for more information.

This summer, Madison HS is hosting a Bridges Program for their Rising 9th Graders! This program at Madison is designed to help bridge the connection between middle and high school through a summer camp type program similar to Thoreau’s Excellence in Action. There are two sessions:
Session 1—July 27-31 from 8:30-11:30AM
Session 2—August 17-21 from 8:30-11:30AM

For more information, please contact Tim Buckley, counselor, at tcbuckley@fcps.edu or 703-319-2332 or click HERE for the registration form.

Thoreau Journalism and Student News

Thoreau students worked on an online newspaper this quarter. To see the first issue of ThoreauNews, click https://thoreaunews.wordpress.com.

The last day for students to purchase a yearbook online is May 7th at www.jostons.com. All students will be able to purchase a yearbook on distribution day in June. The cost of this year’s yearbook is $45.

Thoreau Night at Warhawk Baseball

Tuesday, April 19 is Thoreau Night at Madison HS Baseball!

Admission to the game is free to any Thoreau student who attends with an accompanying paying adult.

The game on April 19th at 6:30pm at Madison and is against Yorktown HS.

Thomas Jefferson HS Open House

The Open House for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology is this Saturday, April 9 from 9am-12 noon at Holmes MS.

This event is directed toward 7th grade students who are interested in applying to TJHSST in the fall of 2016. During the Open House, parents and students will learn about the academic programs and the admissions process. They will also have the opportunity to talk to current students, teachers, parents, alumni, and admissions staff.

For more information, click HERE.
The 5th Annual Make the Cut! Event will take place on Tuesday, April 12th!

This is a very special event that the Thoreau SCA hosts along with Marshall Academy each year. This event started 5 years ago when a student in our school was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma, a type of cancer, and was undergoing chemotherapy treatments while attending school.

Chemotherapy is a very harsh treatment for the human body to undergo. Typically patients who undergo chemotherapy lose all of their hair. As a middle schooler, it is hard enough to fit in on a regular day, but imagine having to come to school and not having any hair on your head.

Wigs make it possible for people who have lost their hair due to treatments such as chemotherapy to feel normal and to feel like they fit in.

Make the Cut! allows our students to donate their hair to make real hair wigs for patients undergoing cancer treatment.

The Annual Lip Sync Competition is coming up on May 6 at 7pm. Students interested in participating should attend an interest meeting after school on Thursday, April 14 during the 1st session. Students do not have to attend the interest meeting to participate.

There is a sign-up on the wall outside the cafeteria for groups.

Crosstown Hoops!

Thoreau and Kilmer will battle it out on the court on Thursday, April 21, at Madison High School! Doors will open at 6:15pm and the games will begin at 7pm. The event will be comprised of four 20-minute games, 7th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 8th grade girls, and finally 8th grade boys.

If you are interested in helping out with the event, please contact Beth Eachus at betheachus@yahoo.com.

Tickets and t-shirts will be sold during lunch in the weeks leading up to the event.

FCPS Academies and NOVA SySTEMic Solutions Present Annual STEM-H Expo

Fairfax County Public Schools along with presenting sponsor, NOVA SySTEMic Solutions, will host this year’s STEM-H (Health) Expo on Saturday, April 9 at the Ernst Community Center on the Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College. This year’s event will feature business and education exhibits, student demonstrations and performances, breakout sessions and a STEMtastic Kick-Off Celebration starting at 10 a.m. Participant registration check-in starts at 9:30 a.m. This event is open to interested elementary, middle, and high school age students, parents, teachers, former academy students, and community members. For complete schedule information. All participants are asked to register.

For more information about the conference, contact STEMHExpoFCPS@gmail.com
News and Noteworthy

Where are you going next Fall? If you will not be attending Thoreau MS (rising 8th graders) or a Fairfax County high school (rising 9th graders) next Fall, please let Student Services know now. Please click HERE and fill out this form. Student Services will make sure all transcripts are forwarded to your student’s new school so their file is complete. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Schwandt at 703-846-8003 or dschwandt@fcps.edu.

Eagles Who Serve—This is our newest after-school club. This activity is for our country's youngest heroes, our military children. The club is open to all students who have parents serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, or National Guard. We will have a brief meeting during Eagle Time on Thursday, April 14 in A-205 to meet the students and develop an after-school club schedule. If your student is from a military family, please encourage him/her to attend this Eagle Time meeting! If students have questions or cannot make the Eagle Time meeting, please have him/her see Ms. Berry in A-205 or Ms. Ginty in A-204.

Madison Girl’s Lacrosse Clinic—Madison is hosting a clinic for girls in grades 1-8 on April 22 from 9am-1pm. The cost is $50. For registration, click HERE and hollow the link to Warhawk Youth Girl’s Lacrosse Clinic. For more information, contact Nancy Socher at nancy.socher@gmail.com.

PTA NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA Meeting—The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 9:30am

Looking for next year’s leaders! Volunteering with the Thoreau PTA is as fun as it’s rewarding! We’re beginning to recruit next year’s officers and committee chairs. A general list and descriptions can be found here. We’ll discuss specific needs in greater detail during next week’s PTA meeting, but in the meantime, let us know if you’re interested in something special! Contact any of our officers for more information:

Jane Miscavage, president@thoreaupta.org
Beth Eachus, vice president, vицеpresident@thoreaupta.org
Monica Cramer, Treasurer, treasurer@thoreaupta.org
Corrine Bowen, Secretary, secretary@thoreaupta.org

PTA Chipotle Fundraiser—Tuesday, April 12 from 5-9pm
Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Thoreau PTA. Have dinner at the Chipotle at 213 Maple Avenue East in Vienna on April 12th from 5-9pm. Bring in THIS FLYER, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you’re supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the Thoreau PTA.

For a complete list of Thoreau events and activities, please visit the calendar on our website: click here.