Dear Parents,

The Island Creek Elementary School learning community was delighted this week with the announcement of our inclusion as a school to offer full day kindergarten services. This initiative supports the FCPS commitment to provide additional learning opportunities for students to acquire greater literacy and math skills. With a uniform school day as offered to first through sixth graders, these young learners will have greater time to explore, practice and learn. To learn more about full day kindergarten visit http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OECFS/kinder.htm for a brief informative video (03.41)

As we bring this school year to a close, I reflect with pride on the dedication of our entire staff and I want to take a moment to publicly acknowledge the significant contributions of Island Creek Elementary teachers, specialists, assistants and staff, to the lives of the children in this community. These dedicated professionals have tirelessly demonstrated their strengths, skills, talents and character. It is such an honor to be counted among this elite group.

I also take this opportunity to express our shared appreciation for the critical parental support you give your child. Your participation in your child’s education, so essential to the success of each child, makes a difference. Those of you, family and friends, who make time in your busy lives to help us in so many, visible and invisible ways, throughout our school, we extend you a special thanks. Your efforts are appreciated, we know how this extra help contributes to our everyday lives here at Island Creek. Finally, to our PTA Board, Ms. Dunn, Ms. Porter Haughton, Ms. Turnbull, Mr. Wallen, Ms. Kim, and Ms. Kappeler. Please accept a heartfelt thank from our entire community for the time and efforts you so selflessly share so that our school can be a better place for all to learn and grow.

We will say our final farewell the last day of this school year, June 18 during our annual awards and 6th grade recognition ceremony, between 8:40-10:00 in the cafeteria. This is a special time honoring our 6th grade students as they transition to middle school and the next step of their education. To families who will move to different schools next year, we thank you for adding to the quality of our school. Enjoy a restful, safe and happy summer, remember the special reading challenge this summer and….thank you for being our partner in education.

Susan Z. Owner
# June 2007

## National Safety Month

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**MUSIC OPEN HOUSE - GRADES 1-4 (SEE SCHEDULE - Page 4)**

- **Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer**
- **Read! Read! Read!**

**Last day of Preschool**

**Last day of PAC**
Due Date: June 4th

All student library books need to be returned to the school library no later than Monday, June 4th!

Library Happenings

- Mrs. Markon and Mr. Howard's classes, in a special project, researched the persons they will be for Medieval Day. They used nonfiction books, online databases, web sites and reference books to do their research.
- Kinder Crocs learned about Venn diagrams when comparing and contrasting stories, e.g., The Gingerbread Boy, Baby, Man and Cowboy stories.
- Preschoolers are great at “Shaking their Sillies Out.” This is how we start every preschool library lesson.

Rising Sixth & Seventh Graders

To encourage and promote reading, the School Board requires all students completing grades five through eleven to read at least one book this summer. A letter and suggested books will be forthcoming.

6th Grade Book Club

The final 6th Grade book club meeting was held on Thursday, May 17th. Over the course of the school year, we read and discussed many wonderful books including Turnabout, Double Identity, Hatchet, The Lightning Thief, Molly Moon's Book of Incredible Hypnotism, Peter and the Starcatchers and Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery.

You can access the library catalog from home: http://libcat.fcps.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi/x/0/0/57/49?user_id=429WEB
MUSIC OPEN HOUSE

Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8, we will be hosting our annual Music Open House at Island Creek E.S. for parents and family members of students in grades one through four. We hope you will be able to join us for this very special event. Each of the classes will be presenting musical selections from each of the four quarters we have been in school to showcase the skills our students have gained during this school year.

Mrs. Kraft’s Classes – Rm. 149
- Ms. Coburn – 6/5 12:40-1:10
- Mr. Flint – 6/5 10:30-11:10
- Ms. Garrett – 6/6 10:30-11:10
- Ms. Krentz – 6/7 1:40-2:10
- Ms. Leech – 6/6 2:10-2:40
- Mr. Morris – 6/6 12:40-1:10
- Ms. Trudeau – 6/8 11:10-11:40
- Ms. Valent – 6/8 12:40-1:10

Mr. Pettis’ Classes – Rm. 242
- Ms. Asbie – 6/5 11:10-11:40
- Ms. Fay – 6/8 12:40-1:10
- Ms. Grenwis – 6/5 2:10-2:40
- Ms. Herold – 6/8 10:30-11:10
- Ms. Krasberg – 6/7 10:30-11:10
- Ms. Pikul – 6/7 2:10-2:40
- Ms. Spiro – 6/6 12:40-1:10
- Mr. Stillions – 6/4 11:10-11:40

PICTURES AND PRINT NIGHT

June 7th, 2007
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Please join us for Pictures and Print night at Island Creek Elementary School on Thursday, June 7th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Our hallways will be adorned with students’ art work and writing.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

June 12th ~ 7:00 pm

Island Creek Elementary School Cafeteria

The ICES Drama Club presents The Wizard of Oz. The production is open to friends and families of ICES. Admission is Free.
Internet safety has been at the forefront of our attention recently and with good reason; you have only to read the newspaper or watch the news to realize how pervasive this problem has become in our society. Our young people are at a very high risk to be the victims of on-line predators. Just this week during a sting operation a pedophile was arrested in Maryland when he was traveling to meet what he believed was a young child. It does happen in our backyard! During April we spoke with the students at Island Creek Elementary about Internet Safety and found that some of our students have already posted photographs and personal information about themselves on line. While there are many BLOG (short for Web Log) sites available on line now, one of the sites that I have heard mentioned repeatedly is MySpace. MySpace is supposed to be limited to a certain age limit, but there is no way to enforce that limit. Students and parents have told me that they were unable to close their MySpace accounts once they learned the dangers of their on-line postings. With the help of Mark Moran, our Technical Specialist, we are able to provide the directions for you to cancel any MySpace accounts that have been opened by your children. The directions are as follows:

To cancel MySpace Account:

1. Under where it tells you “hello”, click Account Settings.
2. Click the small red words that say “Cancel Account”.
3. In the Confirm Cancel Account box, click “Cancel My Account”.
5. MySpace will then send you an email to make sure you want to cancel. Go to your email and look for the “MySpace account cancellation request” email they sent you. Open it.
6. Click the first blue link. A new page will pop up.
7. Click the red “Cancel My Account” button.

Cancellations take 48 hours to be completed.

Please continue to be vigilant with your children concerning their on-line activities. Their activities may seem harmless, but it is very easy to use the slightest bits of information to track someone online.

Virginia Hulke
Stephanie Shelesky
School Counselors
Read to your child. Try to establish a daily routine that includes a time to read together. Bedtime is a traditional favorite but anytime will work.

Provide your child books to read. Help them select books on topics they are interested in and on their reading level. A rule of thumb for helping your child choose “just right” books is to have them choose a page in the book and read it. If they don’t know 5 or more words, then the book is too hard for pleasure reading.

If you are planning a vacation this summer, find books about the places you will visit. It will help them build some background knowledge about the place before you get there. Read maps of your vacation spot and show your child where you will be visiting.

Get your child his or her own library card. Make regular visits where your child can choose books to read.

Allow your child to choose their own books. This will encourage them to read and allow them to pursue their own interests.

Keep paper, pencil, and crayons on hand to give your child opportunities to write. They can write letters to friends and relatives, keep a journal of special events, or write stories and poems for fun. Writing practice helps develop reading skills.

Play word games such as scrabble, boggle, trivia games etc.

Find books that tie into experiences that your child has. If you are going fishing or boating, find a book on the subject to share. This will help them to learn more about a new experience and develop an interest.

If you need any book suggestions please feel free to email me

Pamela.barton@fcps.edu
Sixth Grade Happenings

June 8  -  Channel 8 News Presentation

June 14  -  Bowling at Bowl America

June 15  -  Mock Trial
  -  Hidden Pond Nature Center Presentation

June 18  -  Awards Ceremony

This is a dress up affair. All parents are encouraged to attend.
Students will be dismissed at approximately 10:50

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF CURRENT 5TH GRADERS

Effective July 1, 2006, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entering sixth grade, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTP, DTap, DT or Td).

Please check your child’s immunization records carefully. If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, we ask that you check it receive it and that you provide documentation to the school prior to June 18, 2007. This documentation can be a copy of your child’s immunization record, or a note from your physician listing the date of their most recent Tdap booster shot.

The Tdap booster can be obtained from your child’s physician. Immunizations required for school are also available at the Fairfax County Health Department at no charge. Clinic locations and walk-in hours are listed on the back of this letter and are available online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/hdclinicsite.htm. Students receiving immunizations at the Health Department must be accompanied by an adult, and students should bring their immunization records to the Health Department with them.

It is most important that you attend to this matter soon. Sixth graders cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster or having had a tetanus-containing vaccine within the past five years.

Please contact Gail Acker, the school public health nurse, at 703-704-6100 or gail.acker@fairfaxcounty.gov, if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.