Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I want to personally thank you for all the treats, candy, and gifts the school has been given during this holiday season. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive and generous community.

I hope you had an enjoyable break, and are ready to tackle the New Year with renewed vigor. We are looking forward to many fun experiences here at Island Creek in the new year. Know that we continue to keep safety as a top priority, along with providing a supportive and enriching environment for our students.

Thank you for being our partners in education!

Michael G. Macrina
Principal

PS...Please make sure your child is prepared to go outside during recess with a jacket, gloves, and a hat.

Attention Parents of Students in Grades 2-6
There will be an

Advanced Academics Parent Information Meeting
About the 2015 Level IV AAP Referral Process

WHEN: Friday, January 16, 2015 from 8:15-9:15AM
WHERE: ICES Theater
WHAT: Mrs. Neyland, the Advanced Academics Resource Teacher, will explain the 2015 Level IV Referral timeline and procedures to parents interested in referring their child for Level IV AAP services. No reservations needed.

Are you moving?

We really hate to see you go! If you are planning to move away from Island Creek, please be sure you let the school office know. There are documents that need to be filled out by parents in order for a smooth transition to take place and for school records to be sent to your child’s new school.

Lost and Found

If you or your child have not had the opportunity, please stop by and check the lost and found bins located just outside the cafeteria. All remaining items will be donated to charity at the end of each quarter.

Please be sure and put names on coats and lunch boxes!
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VRC encourages young readers to become better acquainted with contemporary books with outstanding literary appeal. Each year ten books are selected for primary grade students to vote on. This school year the books are:

- “Again” by Emily Gravett
- “Crankee Doodle” by Tom Angleberger
- “Brief Thief” by Michael Escoffier
- “Each Kindness” by Jacqueline Woodson
- “Good News, Bad News” by Jeff Mack
- “Lucky Ducklings” by Eva Moore
- “My First Day” by Steve Jenkins
- “Oh, No!” by Candace Fleming
- “That is Not a Good Idea!” by Mo Willems
- “This Moose Belongs to Me” by Oliver Jeffers

ICES students in the primary grades will vote late February or early March for their favorite VRC book.

Online Databases

FCPS students have access to numerous online databases that have been paid for by the county. “Biography in Context” and “World Book Early World of Learning” are just a few that are available. Students can access all of these databases from the FCPS Homepage. Click on “Students” followed by “Library Online Databases.” The databases can be viewed by subject, alphabetically or by level. Username and password information can be found on @The Library with Mrs. Woodall, 2014-2015 Blackboard site.

Library Catalog

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

**80th Day of School**

We will celebrate on

January 13, 2015

We will begin our day doing many activities counting to 80 and participating in other fun activities. Children should try to dress in 80s attire.

*For girls:* More casual clothing like jean jackets, stonewashes and oversized wear.

  *Jelly-style clothing like jelly shoes, bracelets and other accessories*
  *Workout clothes like jumpers, and trainers*
  *Bright, neon clothing was also paramount*
  *Leggings rose to their height of popularity during this period*
  *Let’s don’t forget shoulder pads!*

*For boys:* Casual t-shirts under designer jackets (which may have shoulder pads)

  *Suits in white, pastel, or bright colors*
  *Loafers or boat shoes, minus socks*
  *Men often wore pushed-up sleeves and open jackets.*

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF CURRENT 5TH GRADERS**

It’s not too early to check!

Effective July 1, 2014, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entering sixth grade.

- If your child is 11 years old, he or she must get the Tdap immunization and provide documentation to the school.
- If your child is still 10 years old, he or she may receive the Tdap vaccine, Boostrix, which is approved for 10 years old, or you may wait until the 11th birthday to receive the vaccine approved for 11-year-olds.
- If your child’s 11th birthday is after the first day of school, your child must have a medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap immunization in order to attend school.

Please check your child’s immunization records carefully. If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, we ask that your child receive it and that you provide documentation to the school as soon as possible. This documentation can be a copy of your child’s immunization record, or a note from your physician listing the date of his or her 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](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 clinic 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.

Please, plan ahead to attend to this matter at your earliest convenience. When the 2014 school year begins, sixth graders for whom the office has no documentation of the Tdap shot will not be assigned to a teacher.

Please contact Sandy Campbell, the school public health nurse if you have any questions. She can be reached at 703-704-6671 or by email at sandra.campbell@fairfaxcounty.gov.
NUTRIFAX

GIVE ME 5! COLORS THAT JIVE!
Eating at least five servings of different colored fruits and vegetables each day is important for better health. No one color provides all the needed nutrients. Select and eat fruits and vegetables from the rainbow --

red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and white.

Research shows families with children under 12 years of age eat less than five servings of fruits and vegetables per day. Fruits and vegetables are easy to prepare and taste good. They are low in fat and calories; high in minerals, vitamins, and fiber; and cholesterol free.

Each month the Energy Zone menu highlights fruits and vegetables from the

GIVE ME 5! RAINBOW!

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GIVE ME 5! COLORS THAT JIVE!
Es importante para tu salud consumir por lo menos 5 porciones de frutas y vegetales de diferentes colores. El consumir un solo color no podría proveer todos los nutrientes necesarios. Seleccione y consuma frutas y vegetales del arco iris.---

rojo, naranja, amarillo, verde, azul, lila and blanco.

Investigaciones muestran que familias con niños menores de 12 años de edad consumen menos de 5 porciones de frutas y vegetales al día. Las frutas y vegetales son muy fáciles de preparar y tienen buen gusto. Son muy bajos en gorduras y calorías; altos en minerales, vitaminas y fibra; además de ser libres de colesterol.

Los menús mensuales de Zona de Energía resaltan frutas y vegetales de

GIVE ME 5! ARCO IRIS!