Dear Parents,

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 phenomenal parental support you provide our school community. Your participation in your child’s education, which is so essential to the success of each child, makes a difference. To so many of you who make time in your busy lives to help us in many, visible and not so visible ways, throughout our school, we extend you a special thanks. Your efforts are appreciated; I know how this extra help contributes to our everyday lives here at Island Creek. Finally, a big thank you to our PTA Board: Ms. Lisa Jacobs, President; Ms. Nancy Hervey, Vice President; Ms. Cherie Rogers-Mazyck, Treasurer, and Ms. Lorie Kappeler, Secretary. Island Creek Elementary is indebted to you for the time, effort and caring you so selflessly share so that our school can be a better place for all to learn and grow. A warm welcome to our 2009-2010 PTA board members; President – Lisa Jacobs, Vice President – Nancy Hervey, Treasurer – Dawn Nelson and Secretary – Andi Caulfield.

We extend to the Island Creek community, wishes for a safe and restful summer break. You will help prepare for the fall by enjoying your family time together and reading together. I challenge your child to a special homework assignment this summer. Ask your child to write a post card to me, a teacher, or favorite staff member at Island Creek. Remember our address is 7855 Morning View Lane, Alexandria, VA 22315. This will be a wonderful surprise and thank you for that teacher and great writing practice for your child!

Thank you for being our partner in education.

Susan Z. Owner
Principal
# June 2009

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- **July 7 - Aug 12** - PAC Preschool Summer Session
- **Sept 1 - 3-4pm** - Kindergarten Orientation
- **Sept 3 - 2-3pm** - School-wide Open House
- **September 8** - First Day of School
- **September 14, 7-8:40 pm** - Back to School Night
Check-it Out at the Library

LIBRARY BOOKS: All student library books need to be returned to the library by Thursday, June 4th!

As a final activity for the year, the primary classes are writing lists poems about what they learned in library

**What I Learned in Library**
By Mrs. Fay's Class

- Dictionary
- Definitions
- Guide words
- A to Z Veteran's Day
- Gooey Macaroni dude
- Nonfiction & Fiction
- Atlas
- Virginia Readers Choice
- Poems
- Book Fair
- Bad Boys Get Cookie!
- Mr. Crumb's Secret
- Duck at the Door
- Encyclopedia
- Alphabetical order
- Vote to Read
- Once I Ate a Pie
- Library Lion
- Learned how to use the online catalog

- Read lots of books
- The Great Fuzz Frenzy
- I Saw an Ant on the Railroad Tracks
- Mammoths on the Move
- Stars Beneath Your Feet
- Numerical order
- Haiku
- Cinquain
- Biopoem
- Concrete poem
- Diamante poem
- List poem
- Two word poem
- ABC poem
- Sensory poem
- Circular sequence story
- Venn diagram
- Everybody books
- Little Lost Bat

**Book Fair**
**Buy One Get One Free!**

Book fair hours are:
- Monday, June 1st, 8:00AM to 1:30PM
- Tuesday, June 2nd, 8:00AM to 4:00PM
- Wednesday, June 3rd, 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Enjoy your summer and remember to read lots of great books!

**6th Grade Book Club**
**Back by Popular Demand**

Book club decided to meet one more time before the end of school. We will get together on WEDNESDAY, June 17th at 7:30 AM in the library. We are reading *The 39 Clues: Beyond the Grave* by Jude Watson.

You can access the library catalog from home: [http://libcat.fcps.edu/uhthin/ejisirsi/x/0/0/57/49?user_id=429WEB](http://libcat.fcps.edu/uhthin/ejisirsi/x/0/0/57/49?user_id=429WEB)
Counselor’s Corner
General Safety Reminders

We have two months at Island Creek Elementary to emphasize the safety precautions we use all year. Last month we focused on stranger safety. This month we will talk about general safety tips.

Help your student memorize their address and telephone number.

Always leave emergency instructions for them in the home.

Teach them when and how to call 911 for emergency situations.

Fire Safety: Call the fire department from another unattached building or cell phone well “away” from the burning building.
If you are inside during a fire, feel a door for heat before going through the door.
Do not run back into the home for anything, fires accelerate at a rapid rate.

Do not open the door for anyone when Mom and Dad are not home.

Do not answer the telephone if you do not know who is calling (caller ID).

When out of the home: do not talk to strangers
do not take candy or gifts from strangers
do not help adults or unknown children search for lost pets
do not give directions, or walk with another person to help them find a building (such as a library, grocery store.)
Adults should be able to find directions without the assistance of children.
do not accept rides from stranger

If a stranger makes you feel uncomfortable, yell STRANGER!! STRANGER!! and run away to a safe location that has been chosen by your family or towards groups of people for safety.

When you are out of the home, travel a route that is known by parents and by doing that if something happens they will know where to look for you.

Discuss a “code word” to use with your family. For example: In the event you need to send someone to find/pick up your child in an emergency, use a pre-determined word or phrase. A video we use in school uses the phrase “purple goldfish” – choose your own unique word and never divulge the word to anyone. Once you have used the code word, switch to a new word/phrase for safety purposes.

For school purposes, a written note is needed to have your student picked up by another person who is not already on the list.

Car Safety: Always wear your seatbelt
Keep your hands and feet inside the car at all times.
Sit in the back seat of the car.

When crossing the street: STOP! LOOK BOTH WAYS!!
CROSS AT A CROSSWALK OR TRAFFIC LIGHT!!

In general, as we always comment, the most important aspect of safety is spending time talking with your child, but for safety, sometimes it makes a stronger impression to role play these safety tips. It helps your child be better prepared for an emergency and makes the discussion more fun for all involved.

Keep up the great parenting.

Virginia Hulke
Stefanie Shelesky
School Counselors
**Strings Concert**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ISLAND CREEK STRINGS SPRING CONCERT**
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th**
**AT 7PM**
**ISLAND CREEK CAFETERIA**

**Band Concert**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ISLAND CREEK BAND SPRING CONCERT**
**THURSDAY, JUNE 11th**
**AT 7PM**
**ISLAND CREEK CAFETERIA**

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**MUSIC OPEN HOUSE FOR KINDERGARTEN - THIRD GRADE**

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Congratulations to all Project LIFT participants! Remember to enjoy your books and mail your postcards—I can not wait to hear from you.

Happy Reading!
Ms. Tashima

Every minute that you spend reading and talking with your child nurtures him/her as a reader. Ask questions and explore the world together. You may find yourself enjoying a museum, nature center or library. Your conversations and investigations will be wonderfully unique; and will have a lasting effect on your child’s language and literacy development. I encourage you to record your adventures together in a special summer journal. I have made several of these over the years with my family, and still love to have a look back at the summer stories that we created together.

Enjoy a wonderful summer full of great conversations and wonderful books!

GREAT READING WEBSITES

www.bookadventure.org
www.cbcbooks.org
www.education.com
www.icslbooks.org
www.childliteracy.com

www.readtogether.co.uk
www.sillybooks.net
www.rif.org/summerreading
www.thereadingtub.com
www.booktrusted.com

www.firstchoicebooks.org.uk
www.lovereading.co.uk
www.whichbook.net
www.barnesandnoble.com
This month the kinder crocs have learned lots of exciting new things. We learned about ants. We watched them create tunnels in our ant farms.

This month we also learned about American Symbols. We have Courtney Speaker come in from the White House Historical Association to do a lesson with each class. The kinder crocs were detectives and looked for clues in pictures and other objects you find in the white house. The students were able to use a quill feather to trace George Washington’s signature and one student from each class got to dress up like George Washington!

First graders in Ms. Sullivan’s class have been busy studying poetry.

They recently had a poetry reading and each child read two poems, 1 they composed and 1 by a published poet that we have studied as a class.

Girls on the Run is a life-changing learning program for girls in grades 3-6. The program combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with healthy living education. The mission of Girls on the Run is to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

The spring season training started in March and continued through May. While training we learned about sportsmanship, the importance of community, respect for one self, and how to work together through a variety of fun activities. All girls successfully completed the New Balance Girls on the Run 5k race!

Congratulations to: Celine, Nicole, Jessica Z., Jessica T., Catherine, Casey, Tristan, Melanie, Reghan, Janee, Andrea, Diana, Lydia, Becky, Lauren, Sabeen, Roha, Isabel, Theresa and Khari.

Mrs. Markon, a fifth grade teacher at Island Creek Elementary School, was recently nominated for teacher of the year. We congratulate her on this well deserved recognition.
IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION!

Rising Sixth Graders

BEFORE STARTING SIXTH GRADE,
all students must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine
if at least five years have passed since the last dose of
tetanus-containing toxoid.
A medical exemption is also acceptable.

The Tdap booster is available from your physician.
OR
The Fairfax County Health Department
provides school immunizations at no cost.

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STUDENTS CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL
WITHOUT REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS!

¡INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE VACUNAS!

Alumnos promovidos al 6º grado

ANTES DE EMPEZAR EL SEXTO GRADO,
todos los alumnos deben recibir una dosis de refuerzo de la vacuna Tdap
si en los últimos cinco años no han recibido una dosis de una vacuna
que contenga el toxoide tetánico.
También se acepta una exención médica.

Puede pedirle a su médico la dosis de refuerzo de la vacuna “Tdap”.

O

El Departamento de Salud del Condado de Fairfax ofrece, sin
costo alguno, las vacunas necesarias para asistir a la escuela.

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¡LOS ALUMNOS NO PUEDEN ASISTIR A CLASES
SIN LAS VACUNAS EXIGIDAS!