Dear Parents,

I would like to provide some background on the Standards of Learning (SOL) test results for students in grades 3-6 (results enclosed).

This year, students took the English (grades 3-6) and Science (grades 3 and 5) SOL tests based on the 2010 standards. The 2010 standards assess students on new content and are more rigorous than previous years. These tests require students to demonstrate critical thinking skills, as well as their knowledge of English and Science. Last year, students were tested on the 2010 standards in mathematics for the first time.

This is also the first year students took all SOL tests online. Students wrote responses to questions using a computer. In addition to increased rigor, the tests include technology-enhanced items that required students to apply what they have learned in ways not possible with traditional multiple choice questions. Due to the increased rigor of these new tests, technology-enhanced questions embedded within the tests, and students adjusting to taking all tests online, Fairfax County Public Schools anticipate that schools may experience a temporary drop in pass rates as curriculum and instructional strategies are adjusted to meet higher expectations for learning and achievement. Lower pass rates indicate that we are expecting more of our students – not that students are learning less.

As a school, we will take the opportunity to review and analyze our results closely, celebrate the areas in which our students excelled, and design and implement strategies to help our students continue to grow and achieve in those areas that presented the most difficulty.

We anticipate that the standards of learning results will come home on the last day of school. For more information about Standards of Learning tests, go to [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/index.shtml).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or the school.

Enjoy your summer!

Michael G. Macrina
Principal

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**WHAT TO EXPECT THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18th**

- 8:10 School will begin
- 8:30 6th Grade Awards Assembly begins
- 10:40 Dismissal Time (APPROXIMATE)

Please call the attendance line if your child’s last day will be sooner than the last day of school.

Report cards and other items for students who do not attend the last day of school will be available beginning June 19th in the school office.
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√ Check-it Out at the Library

LIBRARY BOOKS: All student library books need to be returned to the library Now!

What Kindergartners Learned in Library

- Check out books every week
- Like choosing our own books
- Read on the rug after check out
- Like to bring books home to read
- Enjoy having Mrs. Woodall read us books
- I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More
- The Great Fuzz Frenzy
- Blue Chameleon
- Dinosaur vs. Bedtime
- Punk Farm
- Underground
- Soccer Mom From Outer Space
- Dinosaur vs. Library

City Dog, Country Frog
Say Hello to Zorro
I Want My Hat Back
myON books on the SMART Board
Nonfiction text features
Wrote captions for animal photographs
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Enjoy your summer and remember to read lots of great books!

Library Highlights for May

- Preschool students had lessons about farms, picnics, and frogs in library this month.
- As a final activity, all kindergarten, first grade and second grade classes wrote lists poems about what they learned in library this year. They are insightful!
- First grade classes reviewed reading comprehension strategies that they have learned and used this year in library.
- Second grade classes learned about the authors Cynthia Rylant, Kalli Dakos and Seymour Simon and how they get their ideas for their books, the research that goes into them and the writing process that they use.
- Upper grade classes have checked a lot of books this month!

You can access the library catalog from home: http://libcat.fcps.edu/uh/htbin/cgiisirsi/x/0/0/57/49?user_id=123WEB
Counselors’ Corner

Summer Safety

Happy Summer Break! As we do each year at this time we focus on summer safety.

RAZORS, RAZOR RIP SKATES, GENERIC SKATES, BIKES, SCOOTERS OR SKATE BOARDS
Wear your safety gear, helmets, knee and elbow pads, goggles
Ride together with friends/family members
Follow a safe route
Avoid the street when possible

WALKING TIPS
Ask your parent/guardian before you go walking
Be sure your family knows which route you are taking
Remember, to look left, right and left again before crossing the street
Walk in familiar, safe areas that are approved and known by your family
Walk with friends

POOL SAFETY
Do not swim alone! Always swim with another person present
If you are at a public pool please listen to the lifeguards
Do not run poolside as you can fall and injure yourself and other people

Remember to play outside; exercise is very important for you
These are just a few ideas for outdoor games
Jump rope
Use the playground equipment at a park
Play tag or Freeze Tag
Play softball or baseball
Hide-and-Seek – Kick the Can
Hopscotch
Jacks
4 Square
Marbles
Run or skip

Your partners in Character Education,

Virginia Hulke
Stefanie Shelesky
School Counselors
It’s not too early to check!

As a parent of a current 5th grader, you need to know that all students in Virginia schools 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).

This is a State regulation that all schools must follow.

Please -- check your child’s immunization records carefully. If you need a copy of your student’s record call the school office and we will provide you a copy.

If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, we ask that your child receive it as soon as he or she is old enough, and most importantly that you provide documentation to the school office. 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. If your child won’t be old enough for the shot until a specific date, we need a note from the doctor stating that.

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 online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/HD/HDClincisite.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.

Please, plan ahead to attend to this matter at your earliest convenience. When the 2013 school year begins, sixth graders for whom the office has no documentation of the Tdap shot will not be assigned to a teacher.

If you have any questions about this immunization requirement, you may contact Deborah Jackson, the school public health nurse, at 703-704-6100, or email her at deborah.jackson@fairfaxcounty.gov. You also can call the school office at 571-642-6300.
NUTRIFAX

TIPS FOR A HEALTHY SUMMER!

During the “fun” time of summer vacation it is very easy to forget our healthy school year practices. Remember to make the following healthy tips a part of each day.

- Eat Breakfast
- Limit consumption of soft drinks and candy
- Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables
- Drink at least eight glasses of water
- Make wise snack choices such as crackers, cheese, milk shakes, yogurt and pudding
- Exercise at least 60 minutes each day
- Wear sunscreen

GET OUTSIDE AND PLAY FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR EACH DAY!

NUTRIFAX

¡CONSEJOS PARA UN VERANO SALUDABLE!

Durante el tiempo "de diversión" de vacaciones de verano es muy fácil olvidar nuestras prácticas sanas del año escolar. Acuérdese de hacer los siguientes consejos sanos parte de cada día.

- Coma desayuno
- Limite el consumo de refrescos y caramelo
- Coma por lo menos 5 porciones de frutas y vegetales
- Beba al menos ocho vasos de agua
- Haga selecciones de meriendas sabias como galletas, queso, batidos de leche, yogur y budín
- Haga al menos 60 minutos de ejercicio cada día
- Use protección en contra del sol

GET OUTSIDE AND PLAY FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR EACH DAY!
Kindergarten learned all about community helpers during the month of May. They identified the community helper and the different services they provide to us. On Friday, May 24th, several community helpers came to visit our classrooms. The students had the opportunity to meet a doctor and his sidekick Slim, a Marine Corps Drum Major, a pilot from the US Air Force, an officer from the DEA, and a dentist in the military. It was a fun morning and the students really enjoyed learning and seeing the various tools that community helpers use. We now have aspiring doctors, veterinarians, pilots, builders, nurses, firemen, police officers and more in our classrooms!

Author of several series of children’s books, Jessica Day George visited students in Mrs. Barton’s and Mrs. von Kolnitz’s classes on May 22. She shared her discovery to the key to writing. Write about what you love.