Dear Parents,

What an honor and a privilege it has been to serve as Principal of Island Creek this past year. I am humbled as I think of all the work that has gone into this school to make it a strong academic institution, as well as a fun and caring community.

When I think back and reflect on this 2011-2012 year, I see a year of dedication to our students.

I first want to thank the teachers and staff for their many contributions. They continue to develop relationships and inspire students to do their best each and every day. They have made such a difference in the lives of our children! It is an honor to work with this fantastic group of professionals.

Also, I must thank our parent community for the contributions and support that they provide our school. Your efforts to keep academics the focus for your students are amazing. Do you know that you have clocked over 2100 hours of volunteer service this school year? Thank you!

Another important contribution would be that of the PTA. Their ability to put forth a collaborative effort to help meet the needs of the students and teachers is so important. Their caring and hard work has made us a stronger community. It is truly a family effort here at Island Creek. Thank you PTA and the Board. I would also like to share a special thank you to Terri Maben for her leadership and for making my transition so smooth.

I extend my thanks to all who participated in this year’s wonderful journey!

Your partner in education,

Michael G. Macrina
Principal
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Have a Safe and Happy Summer Break!

UPCOMING DATES:
- Jul 5 - Aug 9 PAC Program resumes
- Jul 2 - Aug 17 Summer SACC
- Aug 29 at Noon Class Assignments Posted
- Aug 30 2-3pm School-Wide Open House
- Sep 4 First Day of School
√ Check-it Out
at the
Library

LIBRARY BOOKS: All student library books need to be returned to the library by Friday, June 1st!

What I Learned in Library in Kindergarten

- A Isn’t for Fox
- The Big Elephant in the Room
- What Pet to Get?
- How Rocket Learned to Read
- Harry and Horse
- We Are in a Book!
- Punk Farm
- Listened to the music from Punk Farm
- Testing the Ice
- The Odd Egg
- Oils
- Machines Go to Work
- Virginia Readers Choice books
- Voted using SmartBoard
- The Lion In the Library
- Library Manners
- Learned about story ropes
- Setting
- Retell the story

What I Learned in Library in First Grade

- Character
- Gingerbread Man in the Library
- Ain’t Gonna Paint No More!
- Listened to “Ain’t Gonna Rain No More!”
- Learned about reading
- Nonfiction books have true things
- Storytelling
- Predictions
- Photographs
- Labels
- Headings
- Bold Words
- Table of Contents
- Caption
- Spine
- Front Cover
- Back Cover
- Title Page

Library Highlights for May

- Preschool students used the SMART Board every week as part of their library lesson. They love it and are great at using the touch technology.
- As a final activity, kindergarten classes wrote list poems about what they learned in library this year. They are insightful!
- First grade classes have been reviewing reading comprehension strategies that we have used this year in library.
- Second grade classes are learning how to access and integrate encyclopedias, online databases, electronic resources, nonfiction books when doing research.
- Fifth grade students finished their Global Awareness research and are learning how to cite their sources.

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

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

Library Staff:

Jill Woodall, Librarian
Debi Poole, Library Asst.

June 2012
Come and visit your child’s classroom to see what amazing math activities and games they have been creating. Also, get some summer math ideas on how to prepare your child for the next grade level.

Monday, June 11th
8:45-9:45 am
Counselor’s Corner

Happy June

In June we can’t think about anything except "Summer Break" but along with that break we do talk about "Summer Safety." Our children are out walking, biking, on scooters and other mobile equipment, and using swimming pools - private or public.

WALKING TIPS
- Always cross the street at the corner.
- Remember, to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Walk with friends or family members. Be sure to go the way you have told your family you are going, don’t change routes without telling someone. Your family needs to know where to find you.
- Walk in familiar, safe areas that are approved and known by your family.

BIKE RIDING TIPS
- Bike with a friend, and make sure your parent knows where you are going.
- Always keep both hands on the handle bars.
- Wear your helmets; they protect your head from injury.
- Ride in a safe area, avoid the street whenever possible.

POOL SAFETY
- Always swim with an adult.
- If you are at a public pool, follow the rules and listen to the lifeguards.
- Remember to walk.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you all back here at Island Creek in the fall.

Your partners in Character Education

Virginia Hulke
Stefanie Shelesky
School Counselors
**Rising 6th Graders – Don’t Miss Out in September!**

Rising 6th graders must have received a booster dose of the Tdap vaccine if more than 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTP, DTap, DT or Td) and the school needs a copy of the shot record to document the immunization.

**Sixth graders will not be assigned to a teacher if the school has not received a shot record when the 2012 school year begins on September 4, 2012.** 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 office before the end of the school year. 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 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.

Please, plan ahead to attend to this matter so your student will not miss out at the beginning of the 2012 school year. Call the school office if you have any questions.

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**Are you moving?**

The school needs to have current addresses for all our students! If you have moved, please call the school office so we can update our records. If you are planning to move away from Island Creek, also be sure you let the school office know. We really hate to see you go, but there are important 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, especially if you are moving away from Fairfax County.
Congratulations to all the girls who participated in Girls On The Run this spring! On Sunday, May 20th the team met at the George Mason University Campus for the 5k run. The goals of the program are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, and physical development while integrating running. Go Girls!!

Poetry was brewing during Mrs. Markon’s Coffee House on May 11th! Her fifth graders shared their original poems with the audience and then enjoyed refreshments afterwards! It was a magical night our students will never forget!

Thanks to all the parents for their help and to Starbucks on Frontier Drive for supplying the coffee!

Fourth grade students and parents participated in “Are You Smarter Than A Fourth Grader” as part of SOL review.

And the results are in………………………………………………The students are smarter!!!