Dear Parents,

Wow! Can you believe that November is already here? We have done so much in the first two months at Island Creek. Here are just a few of the things we have done:

- Focused on learning in our classrooms
- Built relationships with your children
- PTA meetings and events
- Back to School Nights
- Field Days
- Parent Conferences
- Field trips
- After school programs
- Practiced our fire/lockdown drills
- Opened our doors to new parents with a “Parent Coffee”

As we look to November, we will continue with some of these programs and also add to this list. This month you will be meeting with your child’s teacher. Take the time to see how your child is doing in class and what you can do to support your child at home. The recent election day is a great opportunity to share the voting process with your child. Be sure to check out the attached November calendar for upcoming events.

Thank you for being a partner with us in your child’s education.

Michael G. Macrina
Principal

Fall Picture Make-up Day November 16th
Don’t forget to bring your payment envelope or your unwanted photos to the camera (extra forms available in the office)

Student-Parent Survey Forms
Please sign and date the form and fill out any of the sections that apply to you. (Directions are on the back). Return it to Island Creek Elementary by November 6th. This is a yearly form that is used for Federal Impact Aid grants. All information is kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions please call 571-642-6300.

FIELD DAY That’s A Wrap!
The Island Creek 1st-6th grade students had a fun-filled field day.

Thanks to our volunteers for your amazing support of our PE program.

We have an awesome group of parents here at Island Creek and we truly appreciate your help!

Stop by the Kingstowne Library to check out Island Creek Elementary student artwork on display during the month of November!
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**SCA Canned Food Drive**

- 7:15-8:15 YMIM
- 3:30-4:30 PTA Global French & Spanish
- 7-8:30 PTA Mtg., Library
- 8:45-10:15 PTA Veterans Day Breakfast
- 3:30-4:30 PTA Global Spanish

**Picture Re-take Day**

- Naglieri Testing - Gr. 2-6
- 7:15-8:15 YMIM
- 3:30-4:30 PTA Global French & Spanish

**4th Grade Field Trip**

Celebrating the Decades - 50th Day of School

3:30-4:30 PTA Global Spanish

2:45-3:05 Distinguished Student Ceremony, Cafe

**YMIM Turkey Trot; Vienna, VA**

- PTA Box Tops Collection Day
- 3:30-4:30 PTA Global French & Spanish

**1:15 Two-hour early release**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

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**ICES STUDENT ARTWORK WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE KINGSTOWNE LIBRARY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

SCA Toys for Tots Collection - November 30th - December 10th
**Check-it Out at the Library**

**Island Creek News Network (ICNN)**

Congratulation to everyone who applied to be on ICNN. This year we have forty-three 5th and 6th grade students who will learn the workings of a daily morning news show.

Did you know... in September students checked out 4817 books from the library. We are a school of readers!

**Britannica** is an online database new to Fairfax County. All students have access to the articles, images and videos whether at school or home. Password information can be found on my Library Blackboard course. Check it out!

From July through September students at Island Creek read 1,692 books on myON from beginning to end! Updated password information for this school year is located on my Blackboard Course “@The Library with Mrs. Woodall, 2015-2016. Click on the “Electronic Books” tab.

**Library Catalog**

You can access the Island Creek library catalog from home: [http://libcat.fcps.edu/blastbin/cgi/start?x/0/657497?user_id=120WEB](http://libcat.fcps.edu/blastbin/cgi/start?x/0/657497?user_id=120WEB)

**Library Staff**

Librarian
Jill Woodall

Library Assistant
Leslie Scully
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 2016 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 Laura Lux, the school public health nurse if you have any questions. She can be reached at 703-704-5203 or by email at Laura.Lux@fairfaxcounty.gov
VETERAN’S DAY ACTIVITIES

Island Creek will honor Veterans on Wednesday, November 11th. Each grade level and classroom will honor Veterans in their own special way, so please check with classroom teachers.

A Wall of Fame will be located in the lobby. The PTA will be constructing and coordinating this project. We invite all Island Creek families to send in non-returnable photographs of Veterans, past and present, to post on the wall.

A refreshment table will be provided by the PTA. Please stop by the table and enjoy coffee and camaraderie.

Thank you for serving our country.

SCA TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

The SCA will be collecting new unwrapped toys. Toys will be donated to the local Toys for Tots drive. Donations will be accepted from November 30th through December 11th.

50th Day of School

We will celebrate on November 19, 2015

We will begin our day doing many activities counting to 50 and participating in other fun activities. Children should try to dress in 50’s attire.

For girls: poodle skirts (full skirts) or capri pans, button-up sweater, bobby socks, pony tails, ribbon in hair

For boys: rolled up jeans, white t-shirts, leather jackets, and slicked back hair.

*They may come to school wearing their outfits.*

PTA Special Order Spirit Wear is ONLINE

To view the catalog and place your order go to: http://store.cci-screenprinting.com/category_s/164.htm

SCA FOOD DRIVE

The SCA will be collecting non-perishable foods from November 9th until November 20th. All items will be counted and a food train will be made with all the boxes. The class that brings in the most number of items will win a class-wide celebration, so let’s get collecting!! All collections will be donated to a local food bank.
Today, childhood obesity is a major national health crisis affecting about 25% of all students. Poor diets and lack of exercise are the major causes of this epidemic.

Parents are role models who must take an active role in guiding their children’s food selections and encouraging physical activity. It is recommended that children exercise at least 60 minutes a day and spend less time in front of the television or computer.

**Family Exercise Tips**

- Be an active family.
- Plan a daily exercise routine.
- Wear a pedometer
- Limit TV and computer time.
- Adults and children should exercise 60 minutes a day.

The goal is 10,000 steps per day
2,000 steps = 1 mile

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Los padres son los modelos a imitar, quienes deben tener participación activa guiando a sus niños en la selección de sus alimentos y alentando sus actividades físicas. Es recomendable que los niños hagan ejercicio por lo menos 60 minutos al día y pasen menos tiempo en frente de la televisión o la computadora.

**Consejos para hacer ejercicios en Familia**

- Sea una familia activa.
- Planee una rutina diaria de ejercicio.
- Use un podómetro.
- Limite el tiempo en la TV y computadora.
- Adultos y niños deben hacer ejercicio 60 minutos al día.

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Island Creek Kindergarteners are flourishing into a wonderful community of learners. They have learned the many routines of Island Creek and are learning to be awesome Croc Citizens. During the month of November, they learned how ants work together in communities. They even got to see what it was like to "BE" an ant. Then they became "FIRE DOGS" and learned about fire safety - even meeting some firemen. Finally, they enjoyed a wonderful morning at the end of the month exploring pumpkins during our annual Pumpkin Palooza. Someone from Nall's Produce, located on Beulah Street, came in to teach them more about pumpkins and their life cycle. We can't wait to see what excitement the month of November brings!!!

Preschool students were busy learning about leaves.

Field Day
We Are Writers!

This month, we saw our first round of writing celebrations. Students in grades K-6 have been drafting up a storm and getting their ideas onto the page. Several grade levels planned an end of unit celebrations to celebrate our many, talented writers!