Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful first month of school! Our kindergarten parents enjoyed their Boo Hoo Breakfast, students brought their best smiles for our Fall Picture day, and we’ve had our weekly fire drills along with a lock down and bus evacuation drill. All of our students executed each task above and beyond expectations. Way to go Crocs!

Thank you for joining us at our Back to School Nights. It was a great opportunity for us to reconnect with returning families and to build relationships with our new families. You can find all staff members’ email addresses on the Island Creek website should you need to contact them during the school year.

The month of October has numerous events and activities planned. Please refer to our calendar page. I do want to point out a couple of dates: Friday, October 9th is a student holiday and Monday October 12th is the Columbus Day holiday. In addition, Friday, October 30th is the end of the 1st grading period and students will dismiss two hours early.

We look forward to another successful month.

Michael G. Macrina
Principal

School Forms

Please ensure that all forms that were included in the back to school packet have been filled out and returned to school. These forms are essential for emergency contact information during school hours, as well as, mandatory for any out-of school activities such as field trips.
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- **October 2015**
- **Columbus Day**
- **Student Holiday**
- **Hayfield Homecoming**
- **1st Grading Period Ends**
- **1:15-Two Hour Early Release for Students**
Dear Island Creek Families,

Last year our students checked out nearly 38,000 books from the library. One of my goals is to teach students how to choose just-right books. Sometimes a student may pick a book that is too easy, or perhaps, too challenging because they are following their interests. I encourage you to share with your child the kinds of books you would like them to check out.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Woodall

Remember to return your library books!

Did you know?

Students may access electronic books that have been purchased by the county. Password and user name information is available from @ The Library with Mrs. Woodall, 2015-2016 Blackboard site. All students are enrolled in my Blackboard course. Please contact me if you have any questions about accessing electronic books, online databases or the library catalog.

Volunteers Welcome!

If you are interested in helping in the library, please contact Jill Woodall at 571-642-6319 or Jill.Woodall@fcps.edu.
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. 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
9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code to Your Health

To encourage student wellness, FCPS Elementary Schools are promoting 9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code to Your Health the week of October 19 – 23, 2015. Students will learn about healthy eating and exercise through this daily message. This program is a partnership with the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition. Teachers are invited to highlight the daily message in the classroom.

What’s on the Menu Today?
Healthy Choices!

Parents - did you know? Today’s school lunch includes:

- Fresh fruits and veggies
- More whole grains
- Less sodium and fat
- Nonfat or low-fat milk

LUNCH APP

Interactive monthly school breakfast and lunch menus can be accessed via the free FCPS mobile app (Android or Apple) or through the web version of the lunch app, http://fcps.nutrislice.com/. Both options provide quick and easy access to menu choices and nutrition information, so parents and students can learn more about the variety of healthy foods available in their school. The web version features a link to MySchoolBucks.com, making it easy to add money to a student’s lunch account or check a student’s school meal selections. Other widgets connect customers to ingredient lists, allergen information, and resources and services provided by the FCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services.

9-5-2-1-0 Código Postal para tu Salud


Que hay hoy en el menú? Opciones Saludables!

Padres - ustedes sabian? Today’s school lunch includes:

- Más frutas y vegetales
- Más granos integrales
- Menos sodio y menos grasas
- Leches sin grasas o grasas reducidas

EZ MENU APP

Menús mensuales interactivos son accesibles en el sitio web the FCPS y es llamado APP de Menú de EZ. El sitio web y las opciones de los móviles proveen acceso rápido para su elección de los menús e información de nutrición, esto hace aun más fácil para los padres y estudiantes el entender la variedad de opciones de comidas saludables disponibles. Esta aplicación también lo conecta rápidamente a páginas de información de ingredientes y de alergénicos, como también a centros de consultas y servicios brindados por FNS.

La aplicación móvil oficial de FCPS está disponible en iTunes Store y en Google Play sin costo. Esta aplicación también incluye al acceso a la página MyLunchMoney.com para añadir dinero a la cuenta del almuerzo de los estudiantes.
Island Creek Elementary will be holding the yearbook cover contest again this year.

If you are interested in entering this year's cover contest, please submit your entry on 8 1/2 X 11 Unlined paper. Your drawing should be aligned vertically on the page. No pencil please—we need color!! Turn your entry into the office no later than November 13th. GOOD LUCK!

Grand Prize—Your design will be on the front cover of the Yearbook.

1st-2nd Place Winners—Your design will be on the back cover.

TIPS:
- Use your imagination
- Be Creative
- Use lots of color
- Have Fun!!!
WHAT’S HAPPENING ON THE ISLAND?

Ms. Strauss’ class enjoys Storytime!

Ms. Markon’s class celebrated the launch of their Writer’s Notebook!

Students working with math manipulatives.

Student’s in Mrs. Jackson’s class learn about the different branches of Government.