UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, Jan 19th**
  Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday – NO SCHOOL

- **Tuesday, Jan 20th**
  Inauguration Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL

- **Wednesday, Jan 21st**
  9:15 6th Gr. Field Trip to Bldg. Museum  
  7:30-8:15 Curriculum Collaborative, ¾ Pod  
  1:00-1:30 Mrs. Saccoccia’s Class Fire Safety Presentation  
  3:15-4:00 GEMS, Rm. 245

- **Thursday, Jan 22nd**
  7:30-8:15 Writer’s Block, ¾ Pod  
  8:30-9:30 Advanced Band Rehearsal, Café  
  3:15-4:15 Helping Hands, Theater

- **Friday, Jan 23rd**

NIGHT OF THE ARTS CONCERT

On Thursday, January 29, 2009, musicians from Island Creek’s Beatmasters, Chorus, and intermediate and advanced Orchestra and advanced Band will perform in the gym at 7:00 PM. The musicians have been working hard to bring you a variety of musical selections. All are invited to attend.

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF CURRENT 5th GRADERS

Effective July 1, 2006, all students in Virginia 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).

Please check your child’s immunization records carefully. If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, please do not delay in getting the immunization. The Tdap booster can be obtained from your child’s physician. Immunizations required for school also are available at the Fairfax County Health Department at no charge. 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.

Documentation must be provided 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 Tdap booster shot. If your doctor will not administer the shot until your child’s 11th birthday, we need a note from the doctor so stating. **Sixth graders cannot begin school next year without documentation.**

Please contact Gail Acker, the school public health nurse, at 703-704-6100 or gail.acker@fairfaxcounty.gov, if you have any questions.