WEEKLY WORDS ON THE ISLAND
FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

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Week of January 20 – January 26

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<td><strong>Martin Luther King Holiday</strong>&lt;br&gt;No School</td>
<td>3:00-4:00 PTA FLEX French</td>
<td>2:50-4:15 WISE Guys&lt;br&gt;PTA Spirit Night at Red Hot &amp; Blue for PS, 1, 3, 5</td>
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BLACKBOARD PARENT VIEW (FCPS 24-7 Learning)

Your child’s teacher uses FCPS 24-7 Learning*, an Internet-based learning system, to post homework, assignments and other communications with your child. Each student is given their own FCPS 24-7 Learning account.

Parents also have the opportunity to create an FCPS 24-7 Learning account of their own. The parent’s access into FCPS 24-7 Learning is called Parent View. The Parent View account gives parents the opportunity to view their children’s assignments and other information online. Parent accounts will also give parents access to other important features like weCare@schools. weCare@schools is the online system that allows parents to submit emergency care information for their children online.

The following is a brief summary of the features and benefits of FCPS 24-7 Learning Parent View:

- Parents are able to access their children’s courses using a single login. Parents need only register once and add all of their children to their account, even if their children are in different FCPS schools.
- Parents no longer need to share their student’s login and ID.
- To keep information secure, the Parent View registration process has two separate checkpoints: Online Registration and Onsite Verification process.
- Using their Parent View account, parents can enter and update children’s emergency care and parent contact information online.

To get your own FCPS 24-7 Learning Parent View account, please follow these steps:

1. Online Registration
   - Using your Internet browser, go to [http://fcps.blackboard.com](http://fcps.blackboard.com)
   - Log on using username: **parentreg** and password: **newuser**
   - Under the Parent Portal Registration heading, click on **Click here**.
   - Fill out the online form and follow the prompts (information should match that already in FCPS databases, i.e. no nicknames).
   - At the end of the process, print or write down your unique registration key.

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January 17, 2013
2. Onsite Verification
   - Bring a photo ID and the unique registration key to the front office your child’s school. Do not send this with your child. You must do this in person.
   - Validation is done during regular office hours between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, Mon.–Fri.
   - The school will give you your FCPS 24-7 Learning Parent View username and your password will be emailed to you.

3. Log in to the FCPS 24-7 Learning Parent View (Blackboard) Portal
   - Using your new username and password, you can log in to the FCPS 24-7 Learning Parent View and have access to all of your children’s Blackboard accounts. If you need assistance contact the FCPS 24-7 Help Desk at 1-866-434-8880.
   - Thank you for participating. We hope you will make use of this new opportunity to be involved in your child(ren)’s academic life in Fairfax County Public Schools.

*FCPS 24-7 Learning is also referred to as “Blackboard”.

**RISING 7TH GRADE REGISTRATION SCHEDULE 2013**

- **January 28**
  - Curriculum Night 6:00-8:30 PM
  - Open to parents and students to learn about core course offerings and elective choices for the 2013-2014 school year

- **February 1**
  - Registration: Course Selection with Hayfield Counselors at Island Creek

- **Feb 20**
  - Parent Coffee 8:00-9:00 AM - Hayfield MS Media Center
  - *Please RSVP @ Martha.campbell2@fcps.edu or 703-924-7627
  - Meet the Director of Student Services and Hayfield administrators

- **March 20**
  - Parent Coffee 6:00-7:00 PM - Hayfield MS Media Center
  - *Please RSVP @ Martha.campbell2@fcps.edu or 703-924-7627
  - Meet the Director of Student Services and Hayfield administrators

- **April 17**
  - Rising 7th Grade Parent Workshop
  - “Transition Tips” 6:30-7:30 PM (Auditorium)

- **April 25**
  - Island Creek Elementary Tour of Hayfield Middle School

**YEARBOOK SALE**

It’s not too early to start thinking about purchasing a yearbook. It’s easy to order online at www.ybpay.com. Simply click on the “locate school” link and find Island Creek to begin the order. You can also order by phone using your credit card.

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