UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, January 25
  Student Holiday

- Monday, January 28
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- Tuesday, January 29
  7:30am  Writers’ Block (Grades 2-3), room 237

- Wednesday, January 30
  NO DRAMA

- Friday, February 1
  9-10am  Family Workshop “Living a Writer’s Life”
  Yearbook orders due

YEARBOOKS

Announcing the Island Creek 2007-2008 Yearbook. The yearbook is priced at $17.00 and is available for ordering until February 1st. Order forms are available in the office.

SOL TESTING

Grade 5 – March 4th, March 5th and May 19th through June 10th
Grade 3, 4, 6 – May 19th through June 10th

Please take these dates into account when scheduling appointments or absences.

Attention: PRESCHOOL PARENTS

The non-categorical preschool special education program at Island Creek is looking for typically developing peers to join our classrooms for the 2008-2009 school year.

We are looking for children aged 2-5 who live in Fairfax County and meet basic requirements:

- Must be toilet trained
- Speak English relatively well
- Parents must provide transportation

Community children will attend 3 days a week for either morning or afternoon sessions. There is no tuition, but families will be expected to pay monthly snack fees. Parents may be asked to contribute their time to help out in the classroom or with projects at home.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the Island Creek preschool staff (571-642-6345) or stop by the school office for an application. Applications will be due by March 30, 2008.
NO PARKING IN FRONT OF SCHOOL

Please help us maintain a safe environment for our preschool bus riders. The curb in front of the school is painted yellow and designated a “no parking” zone. Drivers should not leave vehicles parked on the curb between 3:05 and 4:00 p.m. while they pick up students from SACC or other after-school activities. Drivers should park in parking spaces in the lot and walk to the school to meet their children.

Our preschoolers are dismissed each day at 3:45 p.m. Many of these children are in wheelchairs and ride handicap buses. Vehicles which are blocking the curb and ramp in front of the school mean that the buses which come to pick up the children and the staff who walk the students out must negotiate a safe route around them. Please leave the front of the school clear of vehicles so that our preschoolers can be safely put on buses and sent home.

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

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

S.M.I.L.E Program

Saturday/Sunday Morning Integrated Leisure Experience program serves pre-school aged children (3-5 years old) with and without disabilities. Deadline for applications is January 30th. Cost is $55 to register. Therapeutic Recreation Services S.M.I.L.E. program provides an integrated play experience for children ages 3-5 with disabilities and their non-disabled peers. The location is currently planned for Cherry Run Elementary, but is subject to change. The office has application forms if you are interested in registering.