UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, Nov 3rd**: Teacher Workday – No School
- **Tuesday, Nov 4th**: Teacher Workday – No School
- **Wednesday, Nov 5th**: eCART Testing (Reading) – Gr. 3-6 (Morning)
- **Thursday, Nov 6th**: 7:30-8:15 Writer’s Block
  eCART Testing (Math) – Gr. 3-6 (Morning)
- **Friday, Nov 7th**: FALL PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

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On Thursday, November 13th students will have the opportunity to have their fall picture retaken or taken for the first time if they weren’t here, or forgot their money on portrait day. For retakes be sure to return your original portraits. To purchase new portraits, pick up a flyer in advance from the school office. You will bring this, along with your payment on picture retake day.

**THURSDAY COMMUNICATIONS GO ELECTRONIC**

We will now be sending the Weekly Words and the monthly Croc Courier home electronically for those who requested it on the technology survey. This will save both time and money. Parents of over 500 students have already signed up to receive these communications electronically. If you have not yet, but want to receive this electronically, please send an email to: theresa.painter@fcps.edu

**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.
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 14th. 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!!!