UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday Oct 9th**  
  Columbus Day Holiday

- **Tuesday Oct 10th**  
  3:00-4:00 Drama Club Meeting (B)  
  3:00-4:00 Field Day Parent Volunteer Mtg., Gym

- **Wednesday, Oct 11th**  
  9:15-11:30 K-3 Field Day

- **Thursday, Oct 12th**  
  9:15-11:30 4-6 Field Day

- **Friday, Oct 13th**  
  9:15-12:15 4th Gr. Field Trip to Kennedy Ctr.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AT KISS AND RIDE

As always, the safety of our students is a top priority. We are continually reviewing and assessing procedures and policies to ensure safety at Kiss and Ride. Please remember the following:

- Kiss and Ride starts at 8:05 and ends at 8:20. Students will be considered tardy after 8:20. If you arrive toward the latter part of the Kiss and Ride line, there is a good chance that your child will be late.
- If you need to have a discussion with an adult, the Kiss and Ride is not the place. Please park your car and come to the office. Discussions at Kiss and Ride hold up the Kiss and Ride line.
- Starting at 8:05 cars are not allowed into the bus lot. Only teachers with county parking tags are allowed into the lot. You can park on the side of Morning View Lane if you need to come into the school.
- When leaving the Kiss and Ride line, there is a sign that does not allow you to make a left hand turn. Only right hand turns are allowed during arrival and dismissal at Kiss and Ride.

Please make the necessary adjustments for your child to arrive on time each morning. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe at Kiss and Ride.

COUNSELOR HAPPENINGS

Our year is underway! Peer Mediators are meeting, classroom guidance lessons have started, and small groups for grades 1-6 will be starting soon. If your child would benefit from a group, please turn in your small group interest form, or call or e-mail either Mrs. Harrison (1-3rd, 5th: 571-642-6317; angela.harrison@fcps.edu) or Ms. Shelesky (4th, 6th: 571-642-6318; Stefanie.Shelesky@fcps.edu).

New group forming! **Transitions** is a group for students who move frequently and have to adjust to new schools, building new friendships, and becoming familiar and comfortable with a new environment. If your child can benefit from this group, please call or e-mail Mrs. Harrison or Ms. Shelesky.
The Office of Gifted and Talented (GT) Programs will host parent information nights, “Your Child and GT: Connections for Student Success,” at three locations on three dates in October. They will be held on **October 17 at Oakton High School, on October 25 at West Potomac High School, and on October 30 at Langley High School.** All three events will start at 7:30 p.m. This year, a Vietnamese interpreter will be available at Oakton, a Spanish interpreter will be available at West Potomac, and a Korean interpreter will be available at Langley. The information sessions will provide an overview of the continuum of GT services; screening, testing, and identification procedures; and the timelines established for identifying and placing students in the programs.

The parent information sessions will include opportunities for interested parents to ask questions and talk with staff members about the program. Parent flyers will be provided to each school. For more information, contact the GT office at 703-846-8670.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- October 16-20 Custodian Appreciation Week
- October 17-19 COGAT Testing for Grade 2 and certain 3-6
- October 19 Preschool Transition Parent Meeting
- October 19 GT Parent information Meeting
- October 20 PTA Basket Bingo
- October 27 5th Gr. Field Trip to Luray Caverns