WEEKLY WORDS ON THE ISLAND
FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT FLU PREVENTION

Please click here for an important message from the Fairfax County Health Department.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE AT ISLAND CREEK

Students are now permitted to register a personal computing device at school to use in support of their learning. There is a great deal of information for you to read and understand before making a family decision for a child to bring a personal device to school. For more information please go to http://www.fcps.edu/islandcreekes/byod.html

SILVER DINER – “Eat Well, Do Well”

Did you know you can support our school by eating out? You can obtain an “Eat Well, Do Well” card at the Silver Diner. Then register your card online at http://www.silverdiner.com/eat-well-do-well and link the card to Island Creek Elementary School. Every time that you eat at Silver Diner and show your card to the server, our school earns a percentage of your total bill. How great is that?

IT’S NOT TOO LATE – GET YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY

Get your yearbook now! 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 by calling 1-800-875-7088.

WHAT ARE THOSE FUNNY LOOKING SQUARES ON THIS NEWSLETTER?

On this week’s newsletter you will find several QR Codes. QR (short for “Quick Response”) Codes are two dimensional barcodes. QR codes can be encoded with either a web address or a unique code. These codes can be scanned with any device that has a QR Code reader installed (i.e. Android phones, or iPads with a camera.) If you don’t have a reader installed on your phone you can install one easily by going to the android market and downloading one (search for tag reader). Scan the codes you find to see where they lead you. Be looking for more of these codes in the future!
WHAT DO THE MARKS/GRADES MEAN AGAIN?

In light of 2nd quarter report cards being recently sent home, you may have renewed questions about the new standards-based progress report. Beginning this year, Fairfax County Public School parents will be able to learn more information about their child’s learning through a new standards-based progress report. With input from parents and teachers, FCPS has redesigned the elementary progress report to provide:

• Better communication between parents, teachers, and students.
• More exact and consistent assessment.
• More specific information about the important concepts and skills your child needs to learn in each subject for the particular grade.
• Information on your child’s progress based on FCPS and Virginia curriculum standards.

The diagram below may help to clarify “What the Marks/Grades Mean”.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your child’s teacher or refer to the following website:

http://www.fcps.edu/is/elemprogresreport/index.shtml