**AUTHORS & ARTISTS DAY (HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED)**

Island Creek Elementary “warmly” welcomes families and friends to its annual Authors and Artists Day! Please join us on Wednesday, March 4th from 8:30-9:30am. Classrooms will showcase student work from throughout the year. Be sure to make your way down to the library hallway to experience art created by Island Creek’s students.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**KISS AND RIDE**

- We encourage you to use our designated Kiss and Ride area because it is monitored by staff. If you use the bus lot for arrival or dismissal, you must park in an authorized parking space and walk your student to the front entrance. We do not want students to cross the bus lot unsupervised. Under no circumstances should you let your student run/walk across the bus parking lot.

- Students should not be released from vehicles in the traffic lanes (not pulled to the curb while on Morning View).

- Do not make u-tURNS on Morning View to drop students off or after dropping students off in front of the school.

- Always use the crosswalk when crossing the street.

We realize that snow, rain and cold weather cause longer lines and wait times for our Kiss and Ride and we are aware of the frustration that this may cause, but it is critical that we keep our students safe! It is our #1 priority!

Please review the Island Creek “Kiss and Ride” procedures on the reverse of this flier and help us to keep our students safe!
**Kiss and Ride (Cont.)**

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.

“Kiss and Ride” runs from 7:50-8:10. Please make sure your student is in the building by 8:10. At 8:10 staff members will enter the building to begin their instructional duties and students will be directed to enter through the main doors.

While we understand the stress and concerns of morning routines, we ask that all families and community members respect traffic laws around the school, and be understanding of each other as our students are transported to and from school. We appreciate your support of our efforts to ensure the safety of all our students.

**Morning Drop-Off**

- Kiss and Ride starts at 7:50 and ends at 8:10. If you arrive toward the latter part of the Kiss and Ride line, there is a good chance that your child will be late. Students are not allowed to be dropped off prior to 7:50. The school does not provide before or after school supervision. Please make sure there is an adult outside before you drop your students off in the morning.
- Students can only be dropped between the two orange cones placed at either end of the Kiss and Ride area. Do not drop children off until you have reached the designated area.
- Although every effort is made by patrols and teachers to open the car door for your child, children are allowed to get out of cars themselves—as long as a teacher is present in the Kiss and Ride area.
- Please do not pass cars in the Kiss and Ride line or get out of the car.
- 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.
- You will notice red cones guiding a right hand only exit from the “Kiss and Ride” lot. The purpose of the cones is to restrict vehicles from making left hand turns from the “Kiss and Ride” driveway onto southbound Morning View Lane.
- After 8:10, if Kiss and ride is closed, parents must sign their student(s) in at the office.

**Afternoon Pick-Up**

- Please write your child’s FIRST and LAST NAME in big letters on a Kiss and Ride car tag and place it on the dashboard of your car. Kiss and Ride Car Tags are available in the office.
- You will be motioned to pull all the way to the end of the line for pickup. Your child will be called over to stand behind the patrol. After the patrol sees you have come to a complete stop, he/she will open the door and assist your child into the car.
- If your child is not outside when you arrive, you will need to drive around and re-enter the Kiss and Ride line.
- Please do not get out of your car.
- Remember, if your child is a walker, they should be coming out the front door (Door #1). Please remind your student(s) to stay on the sidewalk and to go straight home.

Special Note: The bus parking lot will be closed from 7:45-8:15 am and from 2:45-3:05 pm. Cars will not be allowed to enter or exit the lot during these times. We recommend that you utilize “Kiss and Ride” to pick up your student or that you park on Morning View Lane if you need to come into the school during these times.

Please refer to the diagram below for additional guidance:

P.S. Thank you for always maintaining a slow and safe speed in the “Kiss and Ride” lane and parking lot.

P.P.S. Thank you for always making sure your child’s seat belt is fastened.
10th Annual Special Education Conference: Parents + Educators + Students = Success

The Department of Special Services and the Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities are co-sponsoring a conference for parents and educators of students who receive special education services. The 10th Annual Special Education Conference: Parents + Educators + Students = Success will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at Hayfield Secondary School, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with Dr. Bruce Wexler as the keynote presenter.

Dr. Bruce Wexler’s presentation will focus on the science behind his work to help improve executive function skills in children. His work focuses on improving thinking abilities, especially in children with learning challenges and backgrounds that may adversely impact their learning and social skills.

Parents and educators can learn about the latest research, strategies, special education services and community resources for students with disabilities, learning challenges, and special needs.

YOUR VIEWS AND OPINIONS ARE IMPORTANT TO US

This spring a random sample of Island Creek parents will receive the Parent Opinion Survey. This survey is part of the Performance Evaluation Program and offers parents an opportunity to provide anonymous input related to our school. The topics include instructional leadership, school climate, human resources management, organizational management, communication and community relations and professionalism.

The survey will arrive in the mail in early March 2015 and will be returned directly to the Fairfax County Public Schools’ Office of Student Testing for processing. If you receive a copy of the Parent Opinion Survey, please take a few minutes to complete and return the survey. Your opinions matters.

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