**WEEKLY WORDS ON THE ISLAND**
**FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

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**READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK**

This year, Island Creek SCA and the Language Arts Committee invite you to celebrate children’s literacy by participating in our Seuss-themed Spirit Week.

- Monday, March 3rd - *Oh the Places You’ll Go* (wear a shirt from a place you have visited)
- Tuesday, March 4th - *The Foot Book* (wear crazy socks)
- Wednesday, March 5th - *The Cat in the Hat* (wear a crazy hat)-please consider the hat you choose, if you have pictures today
- Thursday, March 6th - *Green Eggs and Ham* (wear as much green as you can)
- Friday, March 7th - *If I Ran the Circus* (wear animal print)

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**SNOWMAKEUP DAY – APRIL 7 WILL BE A FULL DAY**

The snow makeup day scheduled for Monday, April 7, will be a full day. We will follow a Wednesday schedule from the actual missed snow day, January 22.
5th GRADE SOL TESTING

Students in 5th grade classes will be taking SOL tests on Thursday, March 6th and Friday, March 7th. It is helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school during testing. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has had a good night’s rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude.

The following are a few testing tips you may find helpful:

- Students always want to do their best. Reassure your child that testing time is their opportunity to shine and to show how much they have learned throughout this year and previous years.
- Talk to your child about the test and why they are taking it. Let your child know the test is important, but don’t be overly anxious about their performance on it.
- Children have been taught test taking strategies; ask them what strategies they use for their tests.
- Encourage your child to relax.
- Remind your child to listen up. To pay close attention to the teacher's instructions and carefully read the test instructions to make sure they understand exactly what they are supposed to do.
- If they are having a hard time with one question, remind the student to think about their test taking strategies.
- Never underestimate the importance of home support: a good night sleep, a good breakfast, and a positive send off from home!

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 571-642-6300.

SPRING PICTURE DAYS AT ISLAND CREEK

It's that time of year again – capture school memories with portraits by Lifetouch. Mark your calendars and get ready for Picture Day on Tuesday, March 4th for PS and 4-6 and Wednesday, March 5th for K-3.

Order your class picture now. Students received flyers last week in the Thursday Folders with all the detailed information. Additional flyers are available in the office. Send your payment of $11 for each class photo now. This will be your only opportunity to buy a class photo.

Individual Photos - All students will be photographed individually. No need to send money now. You will receive a picture package to preview before you buy.

Portraits offer casual, studio-style photography that gives students more freedom to create a look that’s truly their own. Visit www.lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, grooming tips, program details and more.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

It’s not too late to register for the 9th Annual Special Education Conference: Parents + Educators + Students = Success. This free conference will be held on March 1, 2014, at Woodson High School in Fairfax from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The conference will present useful information for the parents or care givers of all Fairfax County students with a focus on Special Education. It consists of three separate sessions covering a variety of discussion topics and features a keynote presentation delivered by Ellen Galinsky, President of Families and Work Institute and author of the book Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs.

Additional information on the conference including the agenda, descriptions of the workshops, and online registration can be found at http://www.fcps.edu/dss/conference/. Call 703-204-3941 for questions or to register by phone.