**ON Friday, April 20th** Our students and staff are encouraged to wear orange and maroon in support of Hokie Hope and respect for the VA Tech community**

- **Monday, Apr 23rd** Administrative Professionals Week
- **Tuesday Apr 24th**
  - 9:30-11:30 6th Gr. Field Trip to Hayfield Secondary
  - 9:30-11:30 5th Gr. Planetarium Presentation, Theater (Connell/Howard)
  - 3:00-4:00 Drama Group (Set Design & Cast), Theater
- **Wednesday, Apr 25th**
  - 9:30-11:30 5th Gr. Planetarium Presentation, Theater (Jackson/Markon)
  - 3:00-4:00 Chess Group, Cafeteria
- **Thursday, Apr 26th**
  - 9:30-12:00 5th Gr. Field Trip to Planetarium, Edison HS (Connell/Howard)
  - 7:00-8:30pm Mrs. Markon’s Coffee House, Theater
- **Friday, Apr 27th**
  - 9:30-12:00 5th Gr. Field Trip to Planetarium, Edison HS (Jackson/Markon)
  - 10:30-11:30 AM Kindergarten Spring Festival, K/1 Pod
  - 2:00-2:45 Mrs. Connell’s Poetry Recitation, Theater
  - 1:30-2:30 PM Kindergarten Spring Festival, K/1 Pod
  - 2:30-3:00 Patrol Officer Meeting, Gym

**AREA ORCHESTRA**

Congratulations to our outstanding musicians who participated in the Hayfield area orchestra concert on Monday; it was a wonderful evening of entertainment by these talented students:

Danielle Reardon, Jillian Silverio, Priyanka Singh, Hermela Solomon, Zaya Tsolmon, Christian Kim, Elizabeth Mekonnen, Nicholas Richardson, Tea Lanfranconi, Tertia Powell, Dominic Ithier, Haseeb Mohammed, Brandyn Newsome, Abby Power & Conner England

**SPECIAL NOTE FROM DR. OWNER**

The Island Creek learning community along with the rest of the nation has been deeply affected by the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Be assured that our staff is vigilant of the affects of this on our students. Our teachers and counselors are monitoring children and addressing issues that arise. We have reference materials available to families to help discuss this crisis with children. Do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any of this supportive information, or have specific concerns for your child.

Fairfax County Public Schools has increased its security detail and police presence at all schools. Island Creek has a comprehensive emergency response plan that was developed using FCPS guidelines. We review the plan and provide training each year to our staff and students, running simulated events periodically to keep abreast of any development which may enhance our responses. We each value the priority of safety at our school.

Island Creek Elementary has a history of caring for one another and responding to crisis with compassion and outreach. Our strong sense of community provides support in times of need. ~Susan Z. Owner