WEEKLY WORDS ON THE ISLAND
FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – 2012-2013 Testing Schedule

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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

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE AT ISLAND CREEK

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 you 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 positive send off from home!

Special Note: It is helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school during testing.