WEEKLY WORDS ON THE ISLAND
FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

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Week of September 16-22

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TECHNOLOGY TIDBITS

Please visit the Island Creek Website at: http://www.fcps.edu/IslandCreekes for tons of useful information including, lunch menus, staff email addresses, upcoming dates, FCPS calendar and much more.

Each teacher at Island Creek maintains a Blackboard 24/7 Learning site on the Internet. The teachers use Blackboard 24/7 to keep parents and students informed of classroom activities, projects, field trips, curriculum objectives and web sites. Fairfax County offers parents their own account called “Parent View” that permits parents to set their own password and to view all of their children’s accounts with just one login. Parents with this account are also able to update their emergency care information on-line. If you already have an account you will not need to re-register each year. Your password will be the same as last years. For new registrations, go to: http://fcps.blackboard.com and follow the directions for Registering a New Parent Account.

FALL PICTURE DAY

It's that time of year again – capture school memories with portraits by Lifetouch. Fall Picture Days will be held:

Tuesday, September 18 for Preschool and Grades 4-6
Wednesday, September 19 for Kindergarten and Grades 1-3

All students will have their picture taken for the yearbook. An order form for “Individual Student Photos” came home in this week’s Thursday folder. If you wish to order pictures, please return the order form, along with payment on picture day. PICTURE PACKAGES WILL BE PRINTED ONLY FOR STUDENTS PAYING ON PICTUE DAY. Visit www.lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, grooming tips, and more.

KINDERGARTEN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Island Creek welcomes our new Kinder Crocs! We invite all kinder Croc families to join us in the Island Creek Cafeteria on Friday, September 21 from 6-7 p.m. for an ice cream social! Come out and meet other Kindergarten families, teachers and staff! Please be sure to return your RSVP sheet if you plan to attend. We can't wait to see all of our new Kinder Croc families!
**KISS AND RIDE**

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. Please remember the following:

### Morning Drop-Off
- Kiss and Ride starts at 7:50 and ends at 8:05. 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 had 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:

![Diagram of campus layout](image)

We appreciate your support of our efforts to ensure the safety of all our students.

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.