UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday Sept 22nd**
- **Tuesday Sept 23rd**
  - PTA Red Hot & Blue Fundraiser for Grades PS-2
- **Wednesday, Sept 24th**
  - Naglieri Testing for 2nd Grade and certain 3-6
- **Thursday, Sept 25th**
- **Friday, Sept 26th**
  - Fall Picture Day

FALL PICTURE DAY

On Friday, September 26th the students will have their fall picture taken. This is the photo that will appear in the yearbook. If your student will not be in school on the 26th there will be a make-up day on Thursday, November 13th.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

On the reverse of this flyer you will find information about the FCPS Gifted and Talented Program, as well as upcoming GT Parent Informational meeting dates.
GIFTED AND TALENTED (GT) PROGRAMS—LEVELS OF SERVICE

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers a continuum of gifted services for all students in grades K-8. Learning experiences are designed to develop higher-level thinking through enrichment, acceleration, and extension of the Program of Studies. Teachers, administrators, and GT resource teachers work together to provide the following Levels of Service:

- **Level I GT services** provide lessons in critical and creative thinking skills for all FCPS students in grades K-6.
- **Level II GT services** include differentiated instruction at an advanced level for many FCPS students through collaboration between the classroom teacher and the GT resource teacher. The Young Scholars Model included in this level is designed to find and nurture gifted potential in students from historically underrepresented populations through more challenging curriculum and instruction. Middle school students who take one or two Honors classes are receiving Level II services.
- **Level III GT services** for identified students include the GT school-based program in grades 3-6; in middle school, students take three Honors classes.
- **Level IV services** are for those students found eligible for the full-time GT center program in grades 3-8 or taking full Honors at the middle school.

SCREENING

Multiple criteria are reviewed to determine eligibility for all FCPS gifted services. Formal identification begins with Level III services. The local school GT committee determines student eligibility for school-based GT services. The countywide GT Central Selection Committee determines eligibility for GT center placement.

TESTING

Each fall all FCPS second grade students, as well as students in third through seventh grade who are missing an ability test score, are administered the Cognitive Ability Test and/or the Naglieri Nonverbal Test. A second grade GT center screening pool is established using these test results. Students in the second grade pool are automatically screened for GT center placement. Parents/guardians may exercise their one-time retest option during the September/October testing cycle.

REFERRAL

Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the GT center screening process by completing and submitting a *Gifted and Talented GT Center Referral form to the local school principal no later than February 6, 2009*. No late referrals will be accepted. Second graders not in the pool and all third through seventh graders are screened only by referral. Forms are available on the GT web site and in the Parent Information Packet available at the local school.

2008 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

| October 2 | McLean High School | 1633 Davidson Rd., McLean, VA 22101 |
| October 15 | Oakton High School  | 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna, VA 22181 |
| October 22 | Annandale High School | 4700 Medford Dr., Annandale, VA 22003 |

Meetings will be held in the auditorium from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and are open to the public; no registration is required. Directions are available at [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com).

For additional information contact:
Local FCPS elementary or middle school
GT Programs at Lacey Center 703-846-8670
GT web site: [http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt](http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt)