### Week of September 25-October 1

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### HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR YOUR PARENT VIEW BLACKBOARD ACCOUNT?

Schools in Fairfax County are relying more each day on electronic communications. You already receive weekly newsletters and updates from Island Creek via the Keep In Touch system, but are you getting all the available information from your children’s teachers? By signing up for a Parent View Blackboard account (it’s free), you have access to all the teacher web pages your children have access to. Announcements, information about assignments, and classroom materials are available along with photo galleries, videos, student work displays, and recommended websites for home enrichment. Additional resources include access to WeCare (update your emergency contact info), Technology @ Home (purchase software and hardware at discounted prices), and Family Connection (supports academic and career planning). Registration entails a simple two part process (enter info at home, get validated at school) and information is found here: [Blackboard Parent View](www.fcps.edu/IslandCreekes)

### INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY OCTOBER 5, 2011

Many FCPS schools will be participating in the International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5, in an effort to promote physical activity and reduce traffic congestion and pollution near schools.

All walking eligible students should are encouraged to walk or bike (grade 4 and up) to school or bus riders are encouraged to walk to their bus stop on October 5. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children to school, and to work with their school.

### CHILD SAFETY

At the beginning of each school year, Fairfax County police department provides additional presence at all Fairfax County schools. This is in conjunction with the National Child Passenger Safety Week September 21-27. Please ensure that you are helping to keep your child(ren) safe by following the rules of safety including making sure your child is “Buckled Up” for safety.
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 8:20 and ends at 8:35. 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 8:20. 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 hand turns from the “Kiss and Ride” driveway onto southbound Morning View Lane.
- After 8:40, 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 8:15-8:40 am and from 3:15-3:35 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:

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.S.S. Thank you for always making sure your child’s seat belt is fastened.