Parents – Thank you for a terrific opening! The students were prepared for the first 2 days of school and this made for a smooth transition! Way to go!

**SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY**

School Safety and Security are high priorities at Island Creek. As a security measure all staff members and workers display school ID badges. All individuals entering Island Creek must sign in at the front office, and receive a visitor’s badge each time they enter the building. Please be prepared to leave your picture ID when you sign-in. This allows our staff to easily recognize you, and for security to be able to identify all adults in the building at any given time.

To properly account for students, parents who bring their students to school late or check them out early must sign their children in/out in the main office. As part of our safety plan, all outside doors are locked throughout the day.

**FALL PICTURE DAY**

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

- Wednesday, September 10, for Kindergarten and Grades 1-3
- Thursday, September 11, for Preschool and Grades 4-6

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 PICTURE DAY. Visit www.lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, grooming tips, and more.
EMERGENCY CARE FORM, HEALTH FORM & STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAGE

Thank you for returning your completed emergency care form, health form & Student Rights and Responsibilities acknowledgement page. If you have not turned them in, please do so ASAP.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Mark your calendar for upcoming Back to School Nights!

- September 22nd - Preschool through 2nd grade
- September 23rd – 3rd through 6th grade

Both evenings will have a general session starting at 7pm. You will then be dismissed to the classrooms where teachers will speak to you about grade level expectations. You will be released from the classroom at approximately 8pm. Once leaving the classroom you will have the opportunity to meet specialists who will be available in the Library until 8:15pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

TAKE HOME COMMUNICATIONS

For the upcoming 2014-2015 school year, we will continue to look at reducing our paper and ink use, as well as other “consumable” resources. We see this as an opportunity to reduce our ecological footprint, model more responsible use of materials for our children, and increase our ability to invest in more lasting and powerful resources of technology.

Please expect most communications will come to you via Blackboard (a.k.a. FCPS Learning 24/7), Keep in Touch, and email. These communications will be sent to the email address(s) you provided on your student Emergency Care Form. Please contact Theresa Painter at tepainter@fcps.edu for questions/concerns about electronic communications.

PARENT VIEW

Register for a Parent View account now! Access all of your children's class sites, review and update emergency information in weCare, and access Family Connection for your high school students by registering for your own FCPS 24-7 Learning account! Keeping your email information up-to-date in weCare ensures that you will receive Keep in Touch notifications. There will be stations set up at Back to School Night for you to activate your Parent View account. http://fcps.blackboard.com

If you already registered in Parent View last year, your account is still active.

PARENT HANDBOOK

Please take a moment to look at the Island Creek Parent Handbook. The handbook is located on our school website at: www.fcps.edu/islandcreekes. Please refer to the handbook to obtain important information such as our birthday treat policy, discipline policies and much much more. For individuals who do not have access to the internet, a printed copy of the handbook can be obtained in the office.