

Bonnie Brae Star



Bonnie Brae Elementary School
5420 Sideburn Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22032



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We dare, dream, see and do. You count on us; we count on you!

January 17, 2012



Don't FORGET!
Office :
703-321-3900
Health Room :
703-321-3910
Attendance :
703-321-3939



- 19 Mentor Appreciation
Breakfast in Library
8:15—9:15 a.m.
- 26 Career Day (1st - 3rd Grade)
9:00 — 11:00 a.m.
Classrooms
- 30th No School for Students
& Teacher Work Days
31st



- 2 Rising 7th Grade Parent
Orientation
7:00—8:00 p.m.
Robinson Secondary School
- 3 SCA Spirit Day
Wacky Tacky Day!
- 9 PTO Meeting
5:30—6:30 p.m.
Library
- 10 PTO Family Fitness Fun
Night
6:00—8:00 p.m.

Dear Parents,

The teachers and I are frequently asked what can be done at home to help their children be more successful at school. Our response is always the same. Parents who demonstrate to their children that they value education by communicating high expectations as well as providing encouragement and support usually have students who do well in school. Parents who visit the school, maintain contact with teachers, and support their children in becoming responsible and independent learners are key to their children's success.

We all know that reading is fundamental to school success. Reading at home promotes reading at school. Families need to encourage reading at home from the time their children are very young. Parents who model reading at home set a good example of students to follow.

Helping your children become involved in outside activities also promotes success in school. It is clear that students who are involved in sports, music, community activities, etc., do better in school than students who are not involved in extra curricular activities.

Students who are taken to libraries and museums, and go on educational trips gain knowledge of the world that not only broadens their general knowledge, but also gives them valuable personal experiences. This too, certainly contributes to student success.

There is no job more important or difficult than being a parent. We applaud your hard work and thank you for your support!

Fondly,

Kathy Bruce



DECEMBER GOLD STAR WINNERS



Congratulations to our Gold Star Students! December's Character Trait: Courage

KINDERGARTEN

Shania, Johnny, Abbey, Joseph, Anna, Layda, Ty, Nati,
Calvin, Imani, Rebecca, and John

FIRST GRADE

Zachary, Elise, Bennett, Chrishelle, Aaron, J.J., David,
and Rhand

SECOND GRADE

Austin, Will, Lucy, Sasha, Aiden, Bianca, Canon, Emily,
Laryn, and Jordell

THIRD GRADE

Sasith, Heela, Adyson, Ian, Jason, Mallory, Maya, Isaac,
Pedro, and Angela

FOURTH GRADE

Melissa, Juliet, Brian, Byron, India, Janae, Ben, Zayd,
and Blake

FIFTH GRADE

Christina, Nick, Michael, Sophie, Trisha, & Alexandra

SIXTH GRADE

Lauren, Jack, Laura, Daniel, Norah, Brittany, Brianna,
and YuJung



Bonnie Brae Inclement Weather Information

Due to inclement weather, a change in schedule will be broadcast over the radio and television stations will carry the news. **Do not phone the school.** You may check cable Channel 21 or the FCPS website at www.fcps.edu. To receive this information via e-mail, sign up for the **FCPS Keep-in-Touch** e-mail notification system.

Two-Hour Delayed Opening (Monday-Friday)

Grades K-6: 10:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Two-Hour Early Closing (Monday-Friday)

Grades K-6: 8:30 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

For delayed openings on Mondays, students will be dismissed at **3:10 p.m.**

NOTE: When school opening is delayed, there is no breakfast program.

NOTE: School-age child-care centers will operate from the time school closes until 6:15 p.m., whenever possible.



Parents,

Please be mindful that the office always needs a note if your child has a change in after-school transportation. For example, if your child is going home with a friend, we need notes from *both* sets of parents giving permission. Sometimes parent emails sent to teachers don't make their way to the office, which results in phone calls home. This process can take quite a bit of time. You can find a *Change in Transportation* form on our website, under the *Parent Info* tab.

Please take time to send in notes with your child...**THANK YOU!**

2012-2013 Magnet School Application and Lottery Process Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences has a broad array of programs to help each student continually grow and thrive in his or her ability to create, inquire, and connect. The school has both classroom teachers and additional specialized educators who focus on the sciences, arts, and technology so that these areas are integrated and complement one another as the child learns in all fields. Additionally, some students have the opportunity to participate in the Spanish Immersion program.

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences offers an interdisciplinary, concept-based instructional program with an added emphasis on fine and performing arts, science, and technology. Kindergarten and first grade students are assigned to multiage (K/1) classes. A science specialist, a technology resource teacher, and additional art classes provide opportunities for all students to enhance their learning. The arts team includes music, art, and dance teachers. Resource teachers collaborate with classroom teachers to coordinate and integrate learning activities with classroom instruction.

To be eligible for the lottery, a student must be on or above grade level in language arts and math, and demonstrate positive interpersonal and school behavior. Parents must complete the appropriate school application and return the form to the PreK-6 Instruction and School Support office at Fairfax Ridge. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2012. Applications will be screened for eligibility, and a lottery will be conducted in early April. The application timeline is provided below:

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences		Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences	
February 9, 2012	Information Night (7:00 p.m.) (Snow Date--February 16)	February 7, 2012	Information Night (7:00 p.m.) (Snow Date--February 15)
March 1, 2012	Application Deadline	March 1, 2012	Application Deadline
Late March 2012	Computerized Random Lottery	Late March 2012	Computerized Random Lottery
Early April 2012	Invitation Letters Mailed	Early April 2012	Invitation Letters Mailed
April 17, 2012	Open House for Invited Students and Parents (9:15-11:00 a.m.)	April 19, 2012	Open House for Invited Students and Parents (9:30-11:00 a.m.)
May 8, 2012	Parent Intent Deadline	May 8, 2012	Parent Intent Deadline

Applications and information is available at the following websites: www.fcps.edu/is/magnetschools/index.shtml, www.fcps.edu/BaileysES/SiteIndexPages/Baileysenrollementprocess.html, and www.fcps.edu/HuntersWoodsES/magnet.htm. If you have any questions regarding the Bailey's Elementary School magnet program, please contact Sofia Arias, magnet liaison, at 703-575-6804. If you have questions regarding the Hunters Woods Elementary School magnet program, please contact Diane Beers, parent liaison, at 703-262-7405.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please call the magnet information line, PreK-6 Instruction and School Support office, Fairfax Ridge, at 571-423-4652.



Strengthening Your Parenting Skills

(A parenting skills class for parents of children infant – 6th grade)

This is a parenting skills class for parents or guardians. The class focuses on basic knowledge for more effective parenting.

Topics covered include:

- Positive discipline strategies
- Keeping kids safe at home and in the car
- Child development
- Communication
- Problem solving and anger management
- Self-esteem
- Setting limits and boundaries

This class has four 2½- hour evening sessions from 7 –9:30 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2012
(This class is offered on a regular basis; call for additional dates)

Location: Dunn Loring Center
2334 Gallows Road
Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Cost: \$60.00 per person/ \$90.00 per couple

Registration/Information: Call Susie Johnson at 703-204-4343 or
Email: susie.johnson@fcps.edu

Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/cco/fam/resources/classes/index.shtml>

This class is also offered in Spanish and Korean.

Parenting Teens

Do you have a 12 to 18 year old in your home? Would you like an opportunity to meet with other parents to discuss effective parenting strategies and ways to stay connected to your adolescent? This class is based on the Active Parenting of Teens curriculum.

Topics include:

- Parent/Teen Communication
- Developing Responsibility
- Growing Independence
- Peer Pressure/Defiance
- Decision Making
- Improving Self-Esteem
- Use of Alcohol-Tobacco-Drugs
- Schoolwork
- Career Planning



Six 2-hour sessions: Evenings from 7 – 9:00 p.m.

Date: Wednesdays: January 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 8, 15, 2012

Location: Dunn Loring Center
2334 Gallows Road
Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Cost: \$85 per person/\$125 per couple (tuition price includes one book) Additional books: \$15.00 each

For more information or to register contact Susie Johnson
at 703-204-4343 or

Email: susie.johnson@fcps.edu

Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/cco/fam/resources/classes/index.shtml>

SCA News

Jolly Grams are here! Buy some for all of your friends...
Sales Begin Monday, February 6th and end Friday, February 10th.

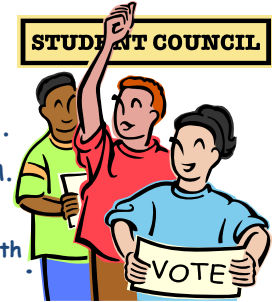
Jolly Ranchers are 1 for \$0.25 or 5 for \$1.00

All Jolly Grams will be delivered on Tuesday Feb. 14th.

Upcoming Spirit Day!

Friday Feb 3rd is Wacky Tacky Day

Mix and match your clothes and socks!



REFERRALS for FULL-TIME ADVANCED ACADEMIC PLACEMENT LEVEL IV (Grades 2–6)

Parents or guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the full-time AAP (Level IV) screening process by completing and submitting an **AAP Level IV Referral Form to the local school principal no later than February 3, 2012.** No late referrals will be accepted. Second graders **not** in the pool and **all** third through sixth graders are screened only by referral. Forms are available on the AAP website (<http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/index.shtml>) and in the Parent Information Packet available at Bonnie Brae. (Please note: Parents or guardians of students who are in the 2nd grade pool will be notified by the school. Students who are not in the 2nd grade pool will not receive notification. The benchmark score used to create the 2nd grade pool will be published on the Advanced Academic Programs website mid-January).



PARENT LIAISON NEWS...

We have three parent liaisons at Bonnie Brae who support families from many different cultural backgrounds, including Korean and Spanish:

- Mrs. Marrero and Mrs. Azimi are our Spanish speaking liaisons.
- Mrs. Hong is our Korean speaking liaison.

If you ever have any questions about our community, please contact them!

Community Learning Opportunity

Legal Services Workshop

Monday, February 13th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

First Assembly of God Church, 700 W. Braddock Road (Rear Entrance)
Alexandria, VA 22302

Learn about general legal services, legal resources, lawyers, court, and your rights as parents! Workshop is FREE. You are invited to bring your children with you to the workshop. No pre-registration required. Call Sam Poyta at 703-820-9001 for more details.



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الحاجة

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يُخدم أولاً"

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Career Day for Grades 4-6 is a Success!



On Thursday, January 12th Bonnie Brae had another successful career day for students in grades 4 through 6. We would like to personally thank all of the parent and community volunteers who helped to make this such a wonderful event for our students. The following people presented to help our students learn about the vast variety of careers that are open to them! We would like to extend a... **GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PRESENTERS!**

Presenter	Career
Stephanie Weatherbee	Pediatric Nurse
Donna Sadusky	Financial Fraud Investigator
Ronna Lee Petit Carla Castro Claure Mariam Zeratsion	Edison Academy: Landscape Design/Turf Management Hotel Marketing and Animal Science
Marilyn Schroeder	Naturalist (Hidden Oaks Nature Center)
Jorge Reyna	Long and Foster Realty
Eugenia Williford	Computers and Information Technology
Bill Amatucci	Physicist (Naval Research Lab)
Sherri Grimes	Injured Raptor Rehab (Raptor Conservatory of VA)
David Otto	Cyber Security Program Manager
Mike Pyo and his canine, Max	Program Analyst US Marshall Service
Steve Crump	US Army Soldier (Virginia National Guard)
Angie Kohler	Graphic Designer (DOD Education Activity)
John Tirpak	Editor/Journalist for Air Force Magazine
Josh Milfeit & Greg Hendershot	Arlington county Firefighters
Kimberly Nelson	Museum Exhibit Designer
Megan Bevill	Violinist/Violin and Viola teacher & Executive Director with the Rappahannock Youth Symphony
Michael Hensley	Baker/Cake decorator
Chelsea Flynn	Outdoor Adventures Education (Hemlock)
John Casto	Personal Trainer

The students got to sign up to see presentations that most interested them. Here is what some students had to say about their experiences:

“The three rooms I went to were fun, interesting and cool.” – Carleigh

“What I liked best was that I can now choose what I want to be when I grow up since I know more about it all.” – Elsa

“At first I didn’t know I wanted to be a personal trainer and now I do! — Anonymous

We are looking forward to Career Day for Grades K-3 which will be held Thursday, January 26th from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Thank you parents and volunteers for helping us create two, fun and learning-filled Career Days!

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*The Very Unmerry
Adventures of
Robin Hood*
Written By Patrick Greene and Jason Dizarello

&

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Pirates of the
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JAN. 22: 2:00

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