



The Eagle Express

A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FOR BRADDOCK ELEMENTARY

Where diversity is respected

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Dear Braddock Families,

We hope to see you on Tuesday evening, February 7th, for our PTA meeting and fun *Family Math Night*. The math team and our wonderful volunteers have been working hard to make “math games” for you to bring home and play with your children.




Please take a few minutes to go over our Title I School-Home Compact with your child and return it in your Friday Folder. Thanks so much for taking the time to complete this for us.

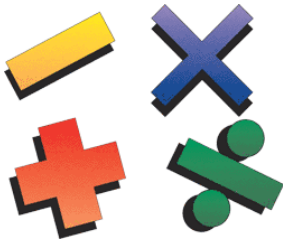
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FEBRUARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6	7 PTA Meeting Family Math Night 6:30 - 8pm	8	9	10  College Gear Day
13	14	15 2 nd Grade Field Trip (Riverbend Park) Parent Coffee 10 am	16 Headstart Field Trip (Mason District PD) 2 nd Grade Field Trip (Riverbend)	17  Stuffed Animal Day
20 President's Day STUDENT HOLIDAY	21	22	23	24 Flag Day 
27 Kindergarten Fire Safety Puppet Show (Kim, Allen, Eliff) 9:30am	28 Kindergarten Fire Safety Puppet Show (Pitler, Caballeros, Rauer) 9:30am			



FAMILY MATH NIGHT:

Join us for an evening of fun and explore the wonders of math with your family, friends and community. There will be a variety of math activities and games for all grades! Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. All school age children who attend **will take home a game. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Una invitación para que su familia participe Escuela Elemental Braddock
NOCHE FAMILIAR DE MATEMATICAS:

Acompáñenos para una noche de diversión para explorar las maravillas de las matemáticas con su familia, amigos y comunidad. Habrá una variedad de actividades y juegos de matemáticas para todos los grados! Martes, 7 de febrero, 6:30 p.m, Cafetería Braddock Elementary
Todos los niños en edad escolar **recibirán un juego. ESPERAMOS VERLOS!**

NEW SPANISH PARENT LIAISON:



Her name is Rosario Carrasco, and a new Parent Liaison for Braddock Elementary. She speaks Spanish and English and is the parent of two children at Braddock.

Since we now have two Spanish Parent Liaisons at Braddock, Mrs. Castilla and Mrs. Carrasco have decided to share the grades in the following way:

Mrs. Carrasco will be in charge of **Head Start, Kindergarten and First Grade.**

Mrs. Castilla will be in charge of **Second Grade, Third Grade, Fourth Grade and Fifth Grade.**

However if one of us is not here you still may contact the Parent Center and we will be happy to help you.

Mrs. Carrasco's hours are:

Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm.

Wednesday and Friday from 12pm to 3pm.



Fairfax County Public Schools
Family and Early Childhood Education Program

FECEP/Head Start

Apply Now! Free Preschool Program For income eligible families.

**** Spaces are Limited *** ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM BASED ON NEED (NOT "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED")**

For additional information or to start the process, please contact the FECEP/Head Start office: 703-204-6700

www.fcps.edu (search: FECEP/Head Start)

Presenten su solicitud ahora!! Programa preescolar Gratuito Para familias elegibles de acuerdo a sus ingresos

***** CUPO LIMITADO** A LOS ALUMNOS LOS ACEPTA AL PROGRAMA DE ACUERDO A SUS NECESIDADES**

Para obtener información adicional o para iniciar el tramite por favor llamen a la oficina de “FECEP /Head Start al 703-204-6701

تقدم بطلبك الآن! برنامج ما قبل المدرسة للأسر المؤهلة من ناحية الدخل

الأماكن محدودة يعتمد القبول في البرنامج على مدى الحاجة وليس على أساس "من يتقدم أولاً، يُخدم أولاً"

بمكتب البداية المبكرة/برنامج التعليم المبكر للطفولة والعائلة: يرجى الاتصال ب لمزيد من المعلومات أو للبدء في تنفيذ الإجراءات
703-204-6700

NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

Telling the stories of architecture, engineering, and design



Discover Engineering Family Day at the NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM:
401 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Saturday, February 18th / 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Families, scout groups, and all curious visitors are invited to be an engineer for a day and learn how to turn ideas into reality! Celebrate National Engineers Week by participating in this free, hands-on, and fun-filled festival for all ages.

- **EXPLORE** what happens when you put a mini race car through a wind tunnel.
- **MIX** slime and learn about liquids and solids.
- **DESIGN** a building and see if it survives a tsunami wave tank.
- **FLY** gliders, parachutes, and soda straw rockets while learning the basic principles of aerodynamics.
- **BUILD** catapults for ping pong balls and learn about simple machines.
- **INTERACT** with LEGO® Robots and control them through a maze of paths.
- **SPECIAL THIS YEAR:** See a giant dance pad in action. PBS demonstrates how a large dance pad gets assembled and how it works with music. Learn the technology behind this sound and light show while cast members dance.

Click on the following link to visit the Discover Engineering Family Day web page:

[DEFD Information](#)



WINTER “OPEN” CLUBS:

A new round of clubs will be coming in March. More information will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

Be sure to park your car and come to the cafeteria (enter through door 3) to pick your kids up in the cafeteria. Clubs end at 4:50pm, except the Robotics Club on Wednesdays which is from 4:10-5:10pm.

Any clubs scheduled for January 31st and February 7th (Tuesdays) will be extended by two additional weeks. January 31st is a student holiday. February 7th is PTA Family Night. A letter was sent home early this week to clarify club dates.

ADULT ESOL CLASSES and TESTING:

Classes and testing are held at Annandale High School. For further information please call (703) 658-2777 or check their website below for further information:
www.fcps.edu/is/ace/adultesol.shtml



ADVANCED ACADEMICS PROGRAM INFORMATION:

REMINDER: All referrals for Level IV services for current 2nd-5th grade students are due in the Braddock office no later than February 3. The sooner you can get them in, the better! You can find more information in the Parent Information Packet:

<http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/packet/ParentInformationPacketFCPS.pdf>

Please be sure to check out Braddock's Advanced Academics 24/7 Learning site. Your children can help you get into 24/7 learning! The site has information for both students and parents as well as information about some upcoming competitions. You can get there by clicking here:

<http://fcps.blackboard.com/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp> Some new Brainwork activities were just posted for January. Check them out!

If you have questions about the Advanced Academic Program, please don't hesitate to contact me at kswiteck@fcps.edu or 703-914-7300. Kim Witeck AART

RAVENSWORTH/BRISTOW HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS:

For your information the Ravensworth/Bristow newsletter is posted at the link below:

http://www.fcps.edu/BraddockES/images/FridayFolderdocs/NEIGHBORHOOD_WATCH%20SCHEDULE_Jan_April2012.pdf

FREE PARENTING CLASSES:

Free Parenting classes are offered though the county.
The classes are in English and Spanish. Please contact the
counselors if interested.
Nikalette Lee and Nancy Henderson.



Look What FUN Events are Coming?

- Feb 7 – PTA Meeting / Family Math Night
- Mar 16 – Family BINGO Night & Silent Auction
- Mar 27 – PTA Meeting / Science Fair
- Apr 20 – Spring Social
- May 8 – PTA Meeting
- May 12 – EAGLEMANIA (Rides, Games, Entertainment, & Food)



Always bring your Photo Identification when picking up your child at school.
Attention Parents:

**If you move or change telephone
numbers please remember to let Ms.
Soteriou in the office know.**



If your child will be absent from school please call and let the office know by
9am each day. 703.914.7300



The Fairfax County health department's "Fight the Flu" campaign information is now
available on the website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/FLU. Let's all stay healthy. Please keep

sick children at home. Coughing, sneezing, fever, and vomiting don't belong at school. Remember to wash your hands!

Interested in Volunteering? Please click on the link below for more information!

http://www.fcps.edu/DHR/applicants/volunteers_mentors/faq.htm

Make WTOP Radio your first choice in announcing your School's closings and delays. WTOP is broadcast on three powerful signals 103.5 FM, 103.9 FM and 107.7 FM, reaching from Frederick County Maryland to Stafford County Virginia and beyond.



Purchasing School Meals - Parents may prepay for school meals for the month, week, or day. Elementary school students use Personal Identification Numbers (PIN). Parents may specify how payments are to be used by their children - lunch and breakfast only, or lunch and a la carte snacks.

Meal Payments

Online, Check, Cash

- **Online** myLunchMoney.com
Easy-to-use, convenient, private, and secure. There is a convenience fee. Parents can check the fund account and usage anytime from the home computer or phone.
[Flyer](#) (pdf)
- **Check** written to (*school name*) Food and Nutrition Services. A detailed printout of student purchases is available upon request

Parents are encouraged to prepay for their child(ren)'s meals so lunch money is always available.

We are working hard to keep our school community clean and free of litter. If you notice trash, lights out in the parking lots or any suspicious activity, please call the **Fairfax County Public Schools ANONYMOUS TIPLINE AT: 703.658.3636**

1. **Boxtops for Education** – Please keep sending your boxtops to your child's teacher. Braddock receives 10 cents for every boxtop.

2. **Bonus Bucks** – Please register your grocery store cards for the 2011-2012 school year. You can also register online at the following sites:

Safeway www.escrip.com The school code is 6645021

Giant www.Giantfood.com Click on A+ bonus Bucks and our school code is 01823

Harris Teeter www.Harristeeter.com Scroll down to *Together in Education* and our code is 6132

Target Take Charge of Education and our code is: 103588

LINKS:

<http://www.fcps.edu/BraddockES/> (Our website includes a link to the PTA Website)

<http://www.fcps.edu/PoeMS/>

<http://www.fcps.edu/AnnandaleHS/>

<http://www.fcps.edu/index.shtml>

<http://www.responsiveclassroom.org/>

<http://theparentpages.com/>

Looking for some information about advanced learners and their needs? Check out these websites:

www.nagc.org National Association for Gifted Children

www.vagifted.org (Virginia Association for the Gifted)

www.sengifted.org (SENG-Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted)

www.fcps.edu/is/aap/index.shtml (FCPS Advanced Academics)

www.figurethis.org/index.html (Math Challenges)

