



BRADDOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
UPCOMING EVENTS
2010

Jan 29-Teacher Workday-No School

Feb. 1-Teachers' Professional

Development-No School

Feb 16th-Rising 6th Graders-Poe Middle

school orientation for Parents of New Students (parents of GT, ESOL and Special Education should arrive at 6:00PM) at Poe Middle school

Feb. 4-PTA meeting - 7:00-In the library-Topic-Business-Childcare Provided

Feb. 5-Spirit Day-Wear Super Bowl Team Colors

Feb. 8-Talent Show Preview-1:30-3:30

Feb. 12-Spirit Day-Favorite Color Day

Feb. 15-Presidents' Day-No School

Feb. 16-Poe Middle School 6th grade orientation-6:30-8:30-at Poe Middle School-7000 Cindy Ln, Annandale

Feb 17-Parent Coffee-9:30-Topic –Move More, Eat Right

Feb 17-Nana Puddin Assembly-6:30-7:30 at Annandale HS

Feb 19-Spirit Day-Dress as your favorite Movie Character

Feb. 26-Spirit Day-Pajama Day-Wear your Pajamas to school



Greetings from the Reading Room!!

It is hard to believe we are already into our third quarter of learning! It is exciting to see our Braddock children grow as readers and writers! Thank you again for all that you do at home to help with reading and writing!

At our Fall Partners in Print/Literacy Night the upper grades spoke about testing and how to help your children at home. Since SOL's will be here soon, here is a review of some different web sites to use to help your children practice test taking and reviewing information to be better prepared for the SOL testing in the Spring!

To Find Released SOL Test Items

These are sample tests/questions that will no longer be used in a testing situation. They are marked yearly. You can go to different subjects and print out a test to let your child practice.

- 1 .Go to the Braddock website at www.fcps.edu/BraddockES
- 2 .Go to Parent Information.
3. Go down to Student Testing.
4. Find the bullet- Office of Student Testing
5. Find- Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests under Reports.
6. Go down to Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Released SOL items.

You will find the released items here. We know it seems like a lot of steps but once you go through it, it is quite easy and informational.

There is the Jefferson Lab sight. This is a great place to practice science and math. It is an interactive test with immediate feedback!

Go to: www.education.jlab.org

Click on SOL practice tests. From there you can choose a subject, grade level and number of questions.

This is not something you need to do everyday for an hour. Do activities in little bits of time. Make it enjoyable!

Please let us know if you have any questions about any of these sites!

The Literacy Team

When Fairfax County Public Schools have a schedule change (closing or delay) due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the information is communicated as soon as the [decision](#) is made in these ways:

- Posted on the FCPS Web-site
- Posted on TV Channel 21 (Cox Communications, Reston Comcast, and Verizon cable customers only).
- Sent via e-mail to parents through the [Keep in Touch e-mail notification system](#).
- Called in to area radio and televisions stations.

The FCPS Emergency hotline is being discontinued due to budget cuts.

*Attention Parents!
We need your e-mails!*

Please e-mail Tammy.Hashish@fcps.edu and give me your e-mail address (give us 2 e-mail addresses if you have more than 1). We can e-mail your Friday Folder information and save the earth by using less paper. You can also call us or stop by the office with your e-mail.

Child's Name _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Email Address _____

2nd Email Address _____

*Please return this form to the office.
Parents are welcome to check emails in
the Parent Resource Center.*



ADVANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS REMINDER

Referrals for AAP Level IV CENTER services for students in Grades 2-5 are due to Braddock **no later than February 5, 2010.**

Any additional materials including work samples, awards, or certificates are due to Braddock no later than **February 12, 2010.**

*PLEASE NOTE: A maximum of five single-sided, 8 ½ " by 11" pages of student work may be submitted and a maximum of five single-sided, 8 ½ " by 11" pages of certificates, awards, honors, letters of commendation, etc. may be submitted.

You can download a referral form at:

http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt/packet/Fillable_AAP%20Level%20IV%20Referral%20Form.pdf

You can download a Parent/Guardian Questionnaire at:

http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt/packet/Fillable_Parent%20Guardian%20Questionnaire.pdf

Or, if you would like a referral form and parent/guardian questionnaire sent home please request one by emailing Ms. Sonberg at clsonberg@fcps.edu.

If you would like more information about the screening and identification for the Level IV CENTER program, please check out the FCPS website <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt> or the Parent Information Packet on Ms. Sonberg's Blackboard site.

Fairfax County School Budget

Fairfax County is projecting a significant budget deficit for FY 2011 (beginning July 1, 2010). We are in the midst of a multi-year, cyclical downturn requiring that county decision-makers continue to make expenditure and revenue adjustments. Our ongoing challenge is to develop a budget with an appropriate level of

services that are both sustainable and acceptable to the community. We encourage you to submit your comments and suggestions via [online form](#), budget hotline at 703-324-9400 or directly to your respective Board of Supervisor or School Board representative.

More information can be found in **The Bottom Line**, a new publication that will be sent to all FCPS parents and employees every two weeks while the budget for next school year (FY 2011) is proposed, discussed, and approved (in May 2010). It contains the latest budget news, facts, dates, and rumor busters to help the FCPS community better understand the budget and the budget process.



Winter Weather - Reminder to dress your child for the very cold weather. Most classes continue to go outside for recess throughout the winter. We have some brand new coats waiting for a good home. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in obtaining a coat for your child.

PTA NEWS

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 2009-2010 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/DIS/gt/faqs.html> (Advanced Academics)

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

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

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

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

<http://theparentpages.com/>