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Principal's Message

Oct. 9
Mini-Walk for
Homeless

Treat Night is Monday, October 26. We are asking each family to donate one bag prepackaged candy so our Lee High School students can fill the treat bags next week. The high school students will be dressed as “bugs or animals” for their theme this year. They are eager to plan, decorate, and participate with the games and activities for our students. A special part of the night will include the Haunted House for 3-6 graders and the Fun House for K-2nd graders. The Lancer Dancers will perform on the gym stage that night too. Children may wear costumes, but please no masks.

Oct. 19-23
Bush Hill
Book Fair

Oct. 20-21
Book Fair open
until 8:00 p.m.

The ticket to enter Treat Night is a canned food item. In keeping with our commitment to help our community, the food will be donated to the Koinonia Foundation. Koinonia has been working for 42 years to better the lives of those in need in the Franconia neighborhood.

Oct. 26
Treat Night
6:30-8:00 p.m.

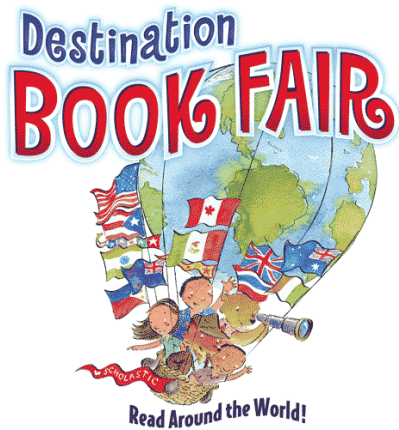
We have one more request for Treat Night. Our cake walk is a favorite activity for our students. However, we need families to donate store bought cakes for that event. Please bring them to school on Monday, October 26.

Nov. 2-3
Parent conferences
student holidays



Nov. 3
General Elections

Thank you for all of your support to make Bush Hill a school where learning and fun go hand in hand. We are truly here to make a positive difference in the life of every child at Bush Hill.



Library News

The first month of school has been wonderfully busy in the library. We hope you have enjoyed the books your children have been checking out. One way we increase our budget to provide additional materials to support our students' informational and pleasure reading is through our two book fairs. Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair, with the theme "Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World!", will take place from October 19 - 23. The book fair offers families the opportunity to purchase books for their home collections, as well as supporting classroom libraries and the Bush Hill library.

Students will preview the fair with their classes on Monday and Tuesday. Purchasing begins on Tuesday after school. For the convenience of families, we will be open until 8:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We will continue the "One for Books" program where families may make a donation which will be used to purchase books for children who are unable to participate in the book fair. Scholastic will once again match the "One for Books" donations with a donation of books to three nonprofit organizations: The National Center for Family Literacy, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, and Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. There are still a few times when we need help if you are able to volunteer. If you have any questions, please feel free to email PBFreer@fcps.edu or call us at 703-924-5600.

Thank you for your support of our library program.

Pam Freer, Librarian
Ellen Franklin, Media Assistant

TIDBITS

We encourage all parents to sign up for Keep In Touch and 24-7. These are FCPS online programs that allow you to receive emails about school activities and system events as well as to keep current with the events in your child's classroom. Keep In Touch is very valuable in the winter as a means of keeping current in regard to weather related closings. You can register for Keep In Touch via the FCPS website (www.fcps.edu). The link is on the left side of the webpage in the grey banner area. You can also sign up for 24-7 online, but you will have to come in to school for ID verification as 24-7 does involve information about your child.

HOMELESS WALK

Our 6th annual mini-walk for the Homeless was a huge success! October 9th was a beautiful fall day and our Bush Hill panthers enthusiastically walked to help generate the donation from Fannie May to New Hope Housing.

KISS AND RIDE

Our Kiss and Ride procedures are going well. Thank you to all of the parents who safely bring your children to and from school. Just a reminder: Please place your child in the back seat on the passenger side of the car. This makes for a safer exit from the car. Remember there is a crosswalk in the Kiss and Ride lane. Please be attentive to any walkers that are using the crosswalk.

RESPONSIBILITY

We are happy to see our Bush Hill students coming into the building by themselves each morning. Thank you, parents, for helping to teach responsibility to your children as they say their goodbyes to you at Kiss N Ride or at the outside doors.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On October 21 our Family Fun Night will be held at Johnny Rockets in Kingstowne. 15% of all purchases will go to Bush Hill. Our bookfair is open that night until 8:00 p.m. too.

Counselor's CornerNancy Baker

Happy October! This month coincides with Bullying Prevention Awareness Week (Oct. 4-10) so guidance lessons will focus on practicing de-bugging techniques and I- statements throughout the school. I will be reading "The Recess Queen" to students in grades K-2. Older students will be learning how to recognize subtle forms of bullying that may happen throughout the day and finding ways to help one another in these situations.

What are the five steps of de-bugging?

1. Ignore the person bugging you.
2. Walk away.
3. Tell the person nicely using an I-statement (I don't like it when...) to tell them to stop.
4. Tell the person firmly to stop

Tell an adult.

New student groups are starting to meet at lunch time and small groups are forming on the topic of friendship for the month of November. Please contact me at 703-924-5619 if you should have questions or concerns.

FITNESS FUN

"Let's Get Moving!" is our fall movement theme. All of our Panthers started off the new school year developing their ability to work together as they participated in fun cooperative activities. Building upon that foundation of cooperation, the students in grades K-2 moved on to games which enhance moving with control while the 3rd/4th graders moved on to soccer. The 5th/6th graders learned a new game, "speedball". It incorporates both soccer and football skills.

Rounding out our "Let's Get Moving" theme, the children in grades K-2 are currently enjoying "beanbag golf" and our 3rd/4th graders are playing "Frisbee golf". Thanks to our PTA, we were able to purchase equipment for Australian Rules Football (aka "Footy")! Our 5th/6th graders have learned (modified) game skill components and are now getting a great workout as they play this action packed international sport.

Our physical fitness testing has a new look this year. Rather than testing for one month in the fall and again in the spring, each week throughout the school year we are highlighting one fitness component. The children are now establishing their baseline scores and will be setting personal fitness goals to work toward during the year.

Our "Forever Fitness" happy face heart is posted at the gym doors. It reminds all our Panthers to focus on fitness as they get moving!

Ms. Cramer and Mr. Kagarise