



FAIRHILL UPDATE

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- November 9 **PTA Meeting & Presentation:** Elementary Standards Based Progress Report, 6:30 pm, Library
- November 10 Kindergarten Field Trip, Riverbend Park, Kirschenbaum and Bulmash Classes, 10:30 AM
- November 12 Pumpkin Pie Run, Fairhill ES, 9:00AM - 10:00 AM**
- November 12 **PTA Book Sale, Fairhill Cafeteria, 10:00 AM-4:00PM**
- November 15 **Family Portrait Night, 5:00-9:00PM** (call the main office to schedule your time)
- November 14-18 Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Testing
- November 17 **Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, Cafeteria, 10:45 AM-1:30PM**
- November 18 Author Visit: Kalli Dakos, Thanks to PTA funding!
- November 18 **SCA Fall Movie Night, 6:30 PM**
- November 22 Falls Church High School Marching Band & Assembly, 10:00 AM-10:40 AM
- November 23 Early Release: Students dismissed 2 hours early! 1:55 PM**
- November 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday: School is closed!**

Tiger Tidbits

Veteran's Day is just around the corner! We appreciate the military and all they do for our country! **Mrs. Arman's class** has been collecting donations for our service people: used cell phones and candy (perhaps we should send toothbrushes as well). We hope our service people enjoy the class's efforts! Great job Mrs. Arman's class!

Mrs. Sadek's 2nd grade writers have been exploring informational writing, specifically how-to articles. They have been writing lots and lots of pieces on different topics, sharing their masterpieces, and making suggestions to each other about how they can make their writing better! They have also been using lots of great transition words, such as *first*, *next*, *then*, and *last*. Some of their titles have included, "How-to Bake a Cake, How-to Train a Dog, How-to Make a New Friend, How-to Carve a Pumpkin, and How-to Play Hopscotch." They are looking forward to studying fictional writing next. We cannot wait to try, practice, and perfect new crafts as writers! After all, writing is a window into all that is creative, beautiful, and fun!

In PE, the **fourth, fifth and sixth graders** have been focusing on the Virginia Wellness Fitness Test. These tests include the pacer, trunk lift, shoulder stretch, curl ups and push-ups. The Fairhill students have shown great effort and awesome results in these tests. Awesome job students!



Thanksgiving Luncheon

We still are in great need at least 15 volunteers for ticket sales, serving, drinks, and dining-room support to assist us with this very busy and popular school event. Please call us or sign up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/thanksgiving1220> if you can help ~ even for a short time!

November 17

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving lunch!

Purchase a lunch ticket for \$3.65 in the lobby.

Meet your child's class for lunch in the cafeteria.

TEACHER	LUNCH TIME
Fasser	12:30
Riley	10:45-11:15
Svercl	10:50-11:20
Suguiyama	10:55-11:25
Stephens	11:00-11:30
Baum	11:05-11:35
Barrea	11:10-11:40
Shapiro	11:15-11:45
Blakeman	11:20-11:50
Bulmash	11:30-12:00
Kirschenbaum	11:40-12:10
Romanias	11:50-12:20
Kirkpatrick	11:55-12:25
Payack	12:00-12:30
Mayes	12:05-12:35
Sadek	12:10-12:40
Cannon	12:15-12:45
Wines	12:20-12:50
Arman	12:25-12:55
Ladd	12:35-1:05
Kingsbury	12:40-1:10
Peltz	12:45-1:15
Zito	12:50-1:20
Brannan	12:55-1:25
Shoup	1:00-1:30
Jones	1:05-1:35

Schedule for Art, Music, Physical Education Rotation Days					
Weekday	Wednesday, November 9	Thursday, November 10	Friday, November 11	Monday, November 14	Tuesday, November 15
Rotation Day	6	7	8	Grade 4 participates in Music and Physical Education.	1



Attention Federal Employees!

Fairfax Elementary School PTA is designated as a charitable organization for the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of the National Capital Area (CFCNCA). Please consider Fairhill PTA when you donate at http://www.cfcnca.org/2009_charity_search
Fairhill ES PTA's Agency Code number is #81661.

Spiritwear for YOU!

FAIRHILL Spiritwear is back for the 2011-2012 school year! We have: pink and green tie dye t-shirts, green hoodies and sweatpants. All orders should be returned to your teacher **no later than Friday, November 11th.** Items will be distributed the last week of November. Contact Jennifer Buchanan jenbuchanan@marykay.com for more information.

Fairhill Elementary is having its first PTA-sponsored **USED BOOK SALE** Saturday, November 12th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm immediately following the Pumpkin Pie Run. There will be over 2000 books ranging from children's to young adult/adult fiction, non-fiction, biographies, politics, cooking, vintage, literature and much more!

Come join us in the school cafeteria to shop and get some great deals!



Charleston Wrap orders will be delivered to the school the week of November 14th. Stay tuned for further details on the exact pick-up day and time. If you would be available to assist in organizing the boxes upon arrival or distributing orders at pick-up please contact Becky Lewis at beckyblewis@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Please support the...

SCA

Canned Food Drive November 9-23



The **SCA canned food drive** is to help those in need. Donated food will be used for the upcoming holidays. Please bring in canned food only. NO glass containers or wrapped items, except pasta. Containers for the canned goods will be in the main lobby.

REPORT Student Absences

Using...

Attendance Line
703-208-8181

OR

Attendance Email

FairhillESAttendance@fcps.edu

If your child will be absent for any reason, please call the attendance line to notify the school. The attendance line is available 24 hours a day.

Absences or tardiness should be reported by 9:15 AM.

Parents who do not communicate with the office can expect a Keep in Touch phone call because the absence is unverified.



Children experience stress. Stress is usually perceived as negative, but in small amounts stress can promote creativity and help motivate. You cannot protect your children from stress, but you can help them learn healthy ways to cope.

How to Talk to Your Children About Stress

“What’s happening in your life?”

Ask your children if anything is troubling them. Listen attentively.

“What emotion are you feeling?”

The purpose of this question is to encourage your children to talk about their emotions and feelings, without judgment. Asking, “What bothers or excites you about this?” might open up areas of discussion. Continue with, “and then what happened...?”

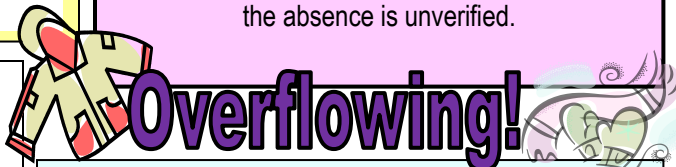
“It looks like you’re ____.” (Label the emotion you think your children might be experiencing, such as sad, angry, or frightened about this situation.)

Repeat back in your own words what your children say so they feel they are being listened to and understood.

“What are your plans?”

This question shifts attention from the emotional to the practical. It shows that you believe they are competent to find a way to handle the situation. If their plans are constructive, reassure them that right now they are doing the best they can.

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All Lost and Found items will be donated to charity November 23rd. Please stop by the school or ask your child to check the Lost and Found shelves in the cafeteria to see if any of his/her items are there. There are many sweatshirts, coats, lunchboxes and jackets on the shelves!

REMINDER: Please complete and return the annual Federal Impact Aid Survey.

This survey allows federal funds to be allocated to FCPS to benefit our students.

Kiss/Ride Reminder:
Kiss/Ride is opened from **8:55-9:10 AM** and **3:55-4:05 PM.** Parents using this courtesy service should please arrive during these times. Thank you!



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