

FHES "Principal" News March '08

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In like a lion...

It certainly doesn't feel like March is coming in like a lion. However, based on the weather report, things may change and it's hard to predict if it will "go out like a lamb." Please make sure your child continues to dress appropriately for school. Also, we've had a number of students that have misplaced or lost their coats. It definitely helps if you put your child's name on the coat, jacket, or sweater. We also ask that students not leave these items on the floor by the cafeteria or on the playground; they should keep it with them during lunch and recess. It is so easy to not remember what it looks like, or sometimes that you even brought one. If your child has taken home the "wrong" coat, jacket, or sweater, please return it to the Lost & Found so the original owner may find it. Please note: we usually donate the L&F items during Spring Break so make sure to look for your things. Thanks for your help.

Colds, strep, and other illnesses

We've been experiencing an unusual amount of children being ill. It will really help if you discuss with your child personal hygiene habits that will help them not get ill. Daily showers, routine washing of hands, and using tissues will definitely help students when it comes to colds. Also, teach them about coughing and sneezing into their sleeve. It doesn't sound very appealing but coughing or sneezing into their sleeve helps stop spreading germs! Visit www.coughsafe.com for a video showing proper ways to "cough into the sleeve." It will show you the correct way...and make you laugh!

Virginia School Census

The 2008 Virginia School Census forms have been mailed! The Census will be conducted between March 1 and July 15, 2008. For every child counted, FCPS will receive approximately \$3,000 in state sales tax dollars that will be given directly back to the schools. Help us bring our state sales tax dollars home.

Budget

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Jack D. Dale has proposed a school system budget of \$2.3 billion for FY 2009 that reflects cuts of \$45.6 million and approximately 521 positions throughout FCPS and includes no new programs. This proposed budget represents a 3.3 percent increase over the FY 2008 approved budget. The budget includes an increase of .5 for pupil teacher ratio. This potentially means Flint Hill could go from 24 classroom teachers in grades 1 to 6 to 23. Keep informed...visit www.fcps.edu and click on the budget link.



Faithful Falcons for February

This month we would like to recognize the following "leader" students as Faithful Falcons of the Month for February. Students recognized will receive a Joey Card from our business partner Outback Steakhouse in Vienna, will have a popcorn party with the principal, and have extra time to explore the climbing wall. Thanks to Outback Steakhouse in Vienna for supporting this program. We will meet for our celebration on Wednesday, March 26th at 2:30 pm in the gym. The students are:



- K Werner: AM- Michael Crespy & Caroline Simpson
PM: Stephen Desmarais & Rebecca Seltzer
Gage: AM- Katie Noel & Kaylan Moradi
PM- Ellis Miscavage & Keegan Sweeney
- 1st Bechtle - Cristina Javens & Jonathan Headrick
Kaneshiro - Kyle Wu & Talia Thompson
Sharp - Jen Kacher & Bradley Wharton
Wilson - Lynsey Wolfe & Blake Batchelor
- 2nd Hoak - Ryan Anderson & Seahee Kim
Ennis - Nick Buttecali & Emily Stevens
Spengler - Jason Bookstaver & Marlie DeSantis
Talty - Ryan Brown & Natalie Skigen
- 3rd Reynolds - Annabel Bentley & Andrew Javens
Hughes - Andrew Ferrari & Melissa Olson
Tarr - Jordan Gamarra & Sami Pabley
Coffey - Jackie Stein & Joe Davis
- 4th Wolters - Zarmeen Najeeb & Andrew Metz
Gripka - Quin Tamburo & Kenzie Hines
Fahey - Juliana Sebolt & Allyn Kessler
Trainor - Maura Forde & Douglas Andre
- 5th Bailey - Patrick McNerney & Ali Toloczko
Dickenson - Virginia Moore & Owen Socher
Hargrove - Caroline Campbell & Dylan Cass
Prentice - Ben Forde & Paige Karp
- 6th Cowles - Tommy Schefer & Alexa Bilidas
Caruso - Nick Brown & Risham Najeeb
LeClerc - Ben Andre & Ellie Bentley
Marder - Ian Anspach & Hannah Eaton

Kiss & Ride (revisited)

Getting to and from school is an important part of a student's day. For the safety of all children please load and unload children on the RIGHT side only of the vehicle. Vehicles should NOT pass other vehicles in the Kiss & Ride lane.

Additionally, vehicles should not make a left turn into the Kiss & Ride driving north on Flint Hill Road. Please proceed to Vale Road, go west and enter through the Vale Road access road. This procedure will allow smooth traffic flow. Thanks for your help.