

From The Edge

Forest Edge Elementary School for Communications and Technology



Up Coming Edge Events

Tuesday, November 15
PTA Meeting—5th Grade Pod
7:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, November 16
Dining for Dollars
Brix Restaurant
1025-I Seneca Road
Great Falls, VA
All Day

Friday, November 18
Individual Picture Make-ups

Monday, November 21
South Lakes Pyramid FLE/HGD
Grade Parent Preview Night for
4th, 5th and 6th Grade Parents
7:00 pm Terraset ES

Wednesday, November 24
Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm

Thurs/Fri, November 25 & 26
Thanksgiving Holiday
No School

December 6th– 8th
RIF Book Distributions

Wednesday, December 14
PTA Meeting– Cafeteria
9:00 am– 10:30 am

Thursday, December 15
Chorus Concert—Stage/Gym
7:00 pm

Thursday, December 22nd
Last day of school before Winter
Break– **FULL Day for students**

December 23-January 2
Winter Vacation

Tuesday, January 3
School resumes from
Winter Break



November 2011



Happy Thanksgiving

Principal : Ms. D. Kim Price

Assistant Principals: Mrs. Emily Cope

Ms. Sabra Lowery

Message from the Principal

November is a special time of year. A time when we often take an extra minute to stop and pause to reflect on all that we are *Thankful* for. As we close out the first quarter of the 2011-2012 school year and begin the second, I am in awe of all that we here at Forest Edge have to be thankful for. I am thankful to our community for entrusting us each day with their most precious gifts, your children. I am thankful for a staff that remains committed to providing children with the highest quality of education, one that fosters creativity, higher level thinking and a global perspective that focuses on bettering our own lives and the lives of others. I am thankful to our students for always putting forth their best efforts, for filling my bucket each day with their curiosity, their smiles and their joy of learning. I encourage you to find ways to volunteer in our classrooms, stop by for lunch with your student, or attend a field trip. I think that you will witness first hand all that I am thankful for and find that you leave Forest Edge with your bucket a little fuller as well.

See you in the hallways,
Kim

Counselors' Corner

This year we have introduced to all FEES students the philosophy of "Bucket Filling" by reading Carol McCloud's book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*. The philosophy of this book is that we each carry around an invisible bucket that holds all of our good feelings about ourselves. We need other people to fill our buckets and other people need us to fill theirs. We are happy when our buckets are full, and sad when they are empty. We are teaching our students to be "Bucket Fillers" and not to be "Bucket Dippers." Our goal is to increase self-esteem and happiness and reduce or eliminate unkind words and actions and bullying. Please read this book or ask your child about "Bucket Filling"- it is a wonderful and easy way for all of us to take better care of each other!

~Martha Hutchinson & Shelia Murphy, School Counselors



October 2011
CHARACTER AWARDS
for Respect



Kindergarten

Mrs. Herron Alexandra Van Hoecke & Tyler Kim
 Mrs. Russell Husain Haji & Jayne Parish
 Mrs. Sheldon Sean Keating & Julia Hase
 Mrs. Urban Sophia Safford & D.J. Miles

1st Grade

Mrs. Field Luis Hernandez-Recinos & Joana Lainez
 Mrs. Reddy/Williams Claire Turner & Hannah Berger
 Mrs. Tesch Hussain Al Kinani & Esraa Shuaib
 Mrs. Ullrich Hayda Al-Isterbadi & Anthony DiBiase

2nd Grade

Mr. Alexander Jeffrey George & Samuel Cooley
 Mr. Anderson Noor Bansal & Yohanes Philis
 Ms. Brown Sebastian Byrum & Cid Vita
 Mrs. Podell/Ayers Arwa Salih & Ibrahim Sayed

3rd Grade

Ms. Cagno Shannon Lehrke & Ryan Giebel
 Mrs. Forest Quinn Raftery Sweeney & Eva Brindley
 Ms. Hoke Rzan Ali & Tania Santiago
 Mrs. Lanning Christopher Kim & Kendra Griessel
 Mrs. Schmidt Aban Gerayeli & Rzas Ali

4th Grade

Mrs. Fant Shuhd Sirelkhatim & Weyam Ali
 Ms Pfeffer-Hahn Belinda Xi & Jackson Cooley
 Mrs. Stein Ainsley Kaplan & Danielle Yakubisin
 Mrs. Turner Edison Rodriguez & Gabby Robertson

5th Grade

Ms. Graff Hazel Berry & Aniq Bhatti
 Mr. Haralson Tierra Spruill & Anuj Passan
 Ms. Keithley Leighton Tibbitts & Dayana Marmol-Garcia
 Mrs. Morgan Hannah Wilson-Black & Walker Dillard
 Mrs. Sablosky Sowmya Narayanan & Jagger McKay

6th Grade

Ms. Birkhead Sach Thakker & Megan Lin
 Mrs. Ebert Emily Knopf & Anmol Kahlon
 Mrs. Evans Kayla Vinh & Jack Eggeman
 Mr. Kemmerer Jack Nathan & Ayah ElNafe
 Ms. Lundregan Eryka Santmyer & Zahraa Mohammed
 Mrs. Vedder Carly Shaffer & Meenakshi Balan

This and That

School Safety during Arrival and Departure

We have been working hard to provide a safe environment during school arrival and dismissal times.

- We have put a request in to the FCPS department of Safety and Security to assist us with a request for a crossing guard.
- We have staff strategically placed to assist students.

We would love your help with the following:

- Please avoid using your cell phone in the Kiss and Ride Line
- Please remind your children to sit in their seats and use indoor voices on the school bus.

Please Be Prompt!

All after school activities and clubs will be dismissed at their designated times. **Please be considerate and make sure you are here on time to pick up your child(ren).** Many of our instructors and club sponsors are unpaid volunteers and have other commitments after these activities. Please park in the Kiss & Ride parking lot when you come in to get your child(ren).

Absences and Tardiness

If your child will be absent from school, please call the **ATTENDANCE LINE at 703-925-8080.**

If your child is late, they must get a **TARDY SLIP** before going to class. Students may not be left at Kiss and Ride unattended, please escort your student to the main office by entering the building at door #1.

Please remember to bring in a doctor's note for all absences for medical/dental appointments.

Impact Aid Forms

If you haven't already sent in your Impact Aid Forms, please do so as soon as possible. This is a federal mandate and schools are allotted monies according to these forms. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Lost your form? Call Mrs. Furniss at 703-925-8000.

Early Closing—Wednesday, November 23, 2011

School will dismiss at 1:20 pm (two hours early) in anticipation of the Thanksgiving Holiday. This will be a good time to get on the road if your plans include travel. Be safe and enjoy the holidays.

RIF Distribution

In December, students will be treated to their first RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) book distribution. The children will visit the first grade pod and have the opportunity to choose a free book to take home. RIF is the oldest and largest children's and family nonprofit literacy organization in the United States. If you are interested in learning more about RIF, please visit their website at <http://www.rif.org>.



SCHOOL HOURS

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Main Office : 703-925-8000

Attendance Line: 703-925-8080

Kindergarten through 6th grades

Monday: 8:40 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.
 Tue-Fri : 8:40 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Pre-School Hours

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m./11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. /12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Head Start (FECEP)

Monday: 8:40 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
 Tue. - Fri. 8:40 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.