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October 2, 2009

Franconia Elementary School



Students in Ms. Seitz's sixth grade class were treated to a delicious pizza lunch compliments of CALIBRE, our business partner. As a part of our cafeteria behavior incentive plan, classes are awarded a gold plate if they earn five green stars during the week. Each time a class receives a gold plate, the class is entered in a drawing for a pizza party at the end of the quarter. Congratulations to Ms. Seitz's and Ms. Younger's classes who were the lucky recipients for the first quarter!

From the Principal

Need some support? The teacher, counselor, and school administration are resources when you have concerns about your child. But school support does not end there. All Fairfax County Public Schools have an assigned school psychologist and social worker to assist students and their families.

Diana Kingsley is our part-time school psychologist. School psychologists are mental health professionals who have specialized knowledge of learning and behavior. They collaborate with school staff, parents and outside professionals, and provide consultation on mental health, learning and behavioral issues.

Maureen Gallagher is our part-time social worker. School social workers are also trained mental health professionals who provide specialized counseling and consultation to students, families and staff. They can help parents participate effectively in their child's education; understand social-emotional, developmental and educational needs; and access community resources.

Remember, there are many professionals willing to support you and your family at Franconia. Please do not hesitate to contact us when you need us.

Merrell V. Dade

For Your Information

Return Student—Parent Survey forms by November 4

Your **Student-Parent Survey** form is important to us as it identifies federally-connected students for our Impact Aid federal grant program. The FCPS budget is largely financed through local property taxes; however, federal properties are exempt from state and local taxes. The federal Impact Aid program helps bridge the gap left by these lost revenues in these tight economic times. Impact Aid funds benefit all students as part of the FCPS general operating budget.

Please complete and return a form for your child, even if you don't think it applies to you. Forms will be sent out to all families on Monday, November 2. Forms should be returned by **Wednesday, November 4**. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (703) 822-2200.

Purchase Thanksgiving Luncheon ticket in advance

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, a little pumpkin ice cream, and the company of your child? Sounds irresistible! Join us on **Wednesday, November 11** for our *Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon and Classroom Open House*. To save you time and help our lines move quickly, purchase your lunch tickets, including tickets for your Franconia student(s), in advance. Return the attached invitation with your method of payment by **Friday, November 6**.

Tickets purchased for adults or siblings who do not attend Franconia will be sent home with confirmation that payment has been received. Tickets purchased for Franconia students will be given to the classroom teacher to distribute on the day of the luncheon.

Walk for a Cause on November 7

The PTA is hosting their 2nd Annual 3K Run/Walk on Saturday, November 7 starting at 9:00 a.m. Families will meet in the parking lot by the playground, stretch, then walk around the school neighborhood. The registration price for families is \$10.00 with proceeds to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the PTA. T-shirts will be provided for this fun walk. Check the Franconia School website for forms to participate in this fun day!

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