



These P.E. Morning Club students are taking the job of preparing for flag football very seriously. To jump-start their day, students in grades 4-6 participated in a morning sports club to further develop their physical education skills during this exciting enrichment opportunity. Next up, Tumbling Club for grades 1-3. Take a look at Ms. Collins and Mr. Aracich's P.E. Blackboard page for more info. Permission forms will also be sent home.

## From the Principal

Today, it was partly cloudy and 65 degrees. For the rest of the week, we are in for sunny days, cloudy days, and a bit of rain while we enjoy temperatures in the 50's and 60's. With weather like this, it's difficult to think ahead to the days when inclement weather may impact schools.

Well, winter is just around the corner. If last year is any indication, we may be in for one snowy winter. Any way you look at it, it's hard to predict exactly what kind of winter we will have. But we can plan ahead for inclement weather or other emergency situations that may necessitate a change in the school schedule.

FCPS has several schedules established that are used when conditions threaten the safety of children who walk or ride the school buses to school. These schedules are: 1) *keep schools closed all day*; 2) *open schools two hours late*; and 3) *close schools two hours early*.

If schools open two hours late, Franconia's hours are:  
Monday-Friday: 10:55 a.m.-3:35 p.m.

If schools close two hours early, Franconia's hours are:  
Monday-Friday: 8:55 a.m.-1:35 p.m.

In cases of inclement weather or emergency situations, there are many ways for parents to get informed.

1. Tune into local radio or television stations (including cable Channel 21, a channel programmed by FCPS), which are notified as soon a decision is made.
2. Information is received via email from the FCPS *Keep in Touch* notification system
3. Go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>.

Remember, planning ahead will make those hectic, cold and messy mornings a breeze for all!

*Merrell V. Dade*  
Principal

## For Your Information

### Student—Parent Survey forms due for all students

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*. If you have any questions, please contact Martha McCash at (703) 822-2200.

### Two hour early dismissal, November 24

Mark your calendar, all Fairfax County Public Schools will be closing two hours early on **Wednesday, November 24**. Franconia students will be dismissed at **1:35 p.m.** School is closed Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26, 2010.

### Holiday support available

If your family needs assistance during the upcoming winter holidays, schools can help. Contact the guidance counselor, Sofia Echaide, or parent liaison, Odette Boyce, at (703) 822-2200. Requests are confidential.

### Change in transportation plans? Contact us

Transportation plans can change for your child at any moment. Oftentimes, when transportation plans are changed and you only inform your child, he/she may forget or get confused by the end of the day. Contacting the office and the classroom teacher is the best way to ensure your child gets to the correct place at the end of the school day.