

The Graham Road Runner



Graham Road Focus School for Language & Fine Arts

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Happy New Year!

We wish each and every one of you a
safe and prosperous 2012

Mentoring Program Alive and Well!

Many of your children have the wonderful experience of meeting with a mentor each Wednesday morning before school. The mentors are employees of several of our business partners, and they spend time with the children reading, talking, and helping with schoolwork. The positive relationships that develop are beneficial to both the students and the mentors, and our mentors have been heard to say they learn as much from the children as the children do from them. We are fortunate to have such faithful and dedicated mentors!

Extended Learning Program Continues

Most days after school, you can see children working in small groups with teachers in a variety of settings. From basketball to dance to math, the children are being provided with additional opportunities to strengthen a skill or develop a new one. Your support of our Extended Learning Programs is critical to the success the children experience, and for that we **THANK YOU!**

Awards Assembly

Our awards assembly to honor and recognize the hard work put forth by our students during the 2nd grading period will be coming in February. We appreciate the effort and dedication these students give to their school work on a consistent basis.

Student Medications

Parents are reminded that all student medications must be brought to the school's health room by the parents, and not by the students. Medications must be in the original container and appropriately completed authorization forms must be provided by the parents. Students are never allowed to carry medications of any type, prescription or over the counter, to school. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Mrs. Valdez, our health room assistant.

Winter Concert

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming band and strings winter concert. It will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 7:00pm. The band and strings students in grade 5 and grade 6 have been practicing and preparing for the concert. We look forward to an evening of wonderful entertainment, and you are invited to join us in support of our students and their musical talents!

Healthy Eating

Everyone knows that eating healthy foods and exercising regularly are keys to living a healthy lifestyle. Two suggestions from Food and Nutrition Services of FCPS to assist you and your family as you strive to maintain good health are (1) to eat dark green and orange vegetables and (2) to limit the screen time (both TV and computer) of family members. It is never too late to improve our health!

Quote of the Month

*Education is our passport to the future;
tomorrow belongs to those who prepare
for it today.*