

# The Graham Road Runner

Graham Road Focus School for Language & Fine Art



## November 2011 Newsletter

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### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please remember that Parent/Teacher Conferences are planned for Monday and Tuesday, November 7 & 8, 2011. You probably already have an appointment scheduled, but if you do not, please contact your child's teacher to make one. The teachers look forward to sharing valuable information with you about the progress your child has experienced so far this school year. Please come prepared to ask any questions you may have about your child's school performance, and provide any other information you would like to share.

### Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Thursday, November 17, 2011, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. We hope you will be able to join your child for lunch on this day. **The cost of lunch for adults and any child not a student at Graham Road will be \$3.65.** We look forward to seeing you for turkey and trimmings!

And speaking of Thanksgiving, we'd like to remind you that **Wednesday, November 23, 2011, will be a 2-hour early release day for the students.** Students will be dismissed at 1:20p.m.

### Percussion Ensemble Performance

On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, Ms. Lucas, Mr. Maxwell, and 16 students will travel to Pittsburgh, PA, where the students will perform at a conference of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association (a national association of music teachers). These students were selected for this honor based on their success in music class, and they have been rehearsing for the performance since January. This will be an overnight trip, and although the group has been raising funds for the trip, they are still in need of additional funds to make this trip a successful reality. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please contact Ms. Lucas ([jrlucas@fcps.edu](mailto:jrlucas@fcps.edu)) or Mr. Maxwell ([Brian.Maxwell@fcps.edu](mailto:Brian.Maxwell@fcps.edu)) for more information.

### Advanced Academic Program (AAP)

Graham Road's Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, Ms. Bruen, will be holding an information night about the Advanced Academic Program on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 7:00p.m. in the school library. You are invited to attend in order to learn more about the AAP and the specific program Ms. Bruen has created at Graham Road. If you are unable to attend but would like to contact Ms. Bruen, she can be reached at [jbruen@fcps.edu](mailto:jbruen@fcps.edu).

### Peer Leadership Team

We would like to recognize and thank our newly Peer Leadership Team created by the parents who participated in Early Literacy Program for Hispanic Families and it's Leadership Summer Program that have made huge strides towards parental engagement, actively collaborating with the PTA in many school events, and taking leadership roles throughout the school. We want to say thank you and congratulations to: Jackeline Herrera, Ana Ma. Giles, Patricia Salinas, Karina Cotrina, and Santos Cubas. We are proud of you and your accomplishments!. We hope that many other parents to join them.

### Awards Assembly

The first Awards Assembly of the year is coming up. Grades K-2 will be on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning, and Grades 3-6 will be on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We are in the process of revamping our assembly procedures, so please stay tuned for more specific details. We will continue to focus on scholarly behavior as our criteria for receiving awards. As always, we welcome parents and community members to attend our assemblies.

### Quote of the Month

*Education is a journey, not a destination, so enjoy the trip.*