



# The Graham Road Runner

Graham Road Focus School for Language & Fine Arts

Principals' Newsletter, October 28, 2010

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## Reminders!

*Last minute reminders about upcoming events:*

-Friday October 29: PTA FALL Festival 6:30-8:30 pm

-Friday October 29: Extended Book Fair Hours 6-9 pm

-Monday November 1: Extended Book Fair Hours 9am-3:15 pm

-Monday November 1 and Tuesday November 2: Parent-Teacher Conferences—Student Holidays

## Advanced Academic Programs Info. Night

Graham Road's Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, Jenni Bruen, will be holding an Advanced Academic Programs (AAP) Information Night in the Graham Road library on Monday November 29 at 7:00 pm. This is your chance to learn about AAPs that Ms. Bruen has established at Graham Road for the year, but also about other AAPs in FCPS and how to access these programs. If you are unable to attend, but wish to contact Ms. Bruen, please email [jjbruen@fcps.edu](mailto:jjbruen@fcps.edu).

## Meet the Newest Staff Members

Graham Road's student body is growing by leaps and bounds. As a result, we have added a kindergarten class and a first grade class. Our new kindergarten teacher is Myrna Pagoaga, and our new kindergarten instructional assistant is Helen Moriarty. Ms. Pagoaga comes to us from the District of Columbia and Ms. Moriarty is a Graham Road community member. Our new first grade teacher is Annie Kulig, who comes to us with prior experience in FCPS. All kindergarten and first grade families have received letters with more detailed information about our new staff members, but we wanted the whole Graham Road Family to know about our newest additions.

## First Quarter Star Awards Assemblies

The first quarter Star Awards Assemblies will be held on Friday November 5. First and second grade students will attend at 9:30 am, and third through sixth grade students will attend at 2:00 pm. All family and community members are invited to attend.

Quarterly assemblies will follow the same format as in past years. That is, every student will receive a Star Award that indicates which scholarly behaviors were exhibited during the quarter.

## GRAIT(Graham Road Arts Integration Team) News

Arts integration is up and running this year. Several grades are doing exciting music and math projects in which students learn about fractions and musical notation. Kindergarten and first grade are deepening their literacy and music connections. Second grade has just completed a social studies and art project in which students looked at the work of Mondrian to make maps. Third grade is about to start tableau work, which fourth grade has also been doing for the last several weeks. Fifth grade is beginning work on the science of sound, and sixth grade just completed a unit on First Americans and ledger art.

Students have also been involved in arts performances. Fourth grade traveled to the Kennedy Center last week to enjoy a concert and our very own percussion ensemble performed at the Smithsonian last Friday. Look for more news from GRAIT next month!

## PTA Reminder

Reminder: Claire's Fundraising forms and money are both due on November 4.

# November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Parent-Teacher Conferences No School</i>	2 <i>Parent-Teacher Conferences <u>No School</u> PTA Bake Sale</i>	3	4 <i>PTA Fundraising Orders Due: Claire's Gourmet</i>	5 <i>1st Quarter Star Assemblies 1st-2nd 9:30 3rd -6th 2:00</i>	6
7	8	9 <i>Percussion Group to GMU PTA Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 <i>Thanksgiving Lunch in the Cafeteria</i>	19	20
21	22 <i>Claire's Gourmet orders delivered this week</i>	23	24 <i>2-hour Early Release</i>	25 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday No School</i>	26 <i>No School</i>	27
28	29 <i>Advanced Academics Info. Night 7:00 pm</i>	30				

## December Preview

### December 2nd

- 3rd Grade Family Night

### December 7th

- Make-up Pictures

### December 9th

- Select Chorus Performs for NVAR (Business Partner)

### December 14th

- PTA Meeting

### December 16th

- Winter Concert

### December 22nd

- 2-hour Early Release

### December 23rd-January 3rd

- No School—  
Winter Holidays