



THE GREAT FALLS CURRENT

Main Office 703-757-2100 **24 Hour Attendance Line: 703-757-2111** Please call whenever your child will be absent or tardy

Great Falls Elementary School Website: www.fcps.k12.va.us/GreatFallsES
Great Falls Elementary PTA: www.gfepta.org Fairfax County Public Schools: www.fcps.edu

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

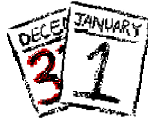
Human Growth & Development Parent Preview
11/28: Grade 4-1:00 p.m., Grades 5-6-1:15p.m.
Lesson: Grade 4: 12/8, Grades 5-6: 12/5-9

DECEMBER 2011

- 12/1-3 Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Reston
- 12/2 Picture Make-Up Day
- 12/8 PTA General Meeting, Café, 9:00 a.m.
- 12/9 Club Photo Day
- 12/13 Band Concert, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- 12/14 Chorus Concert, 2:00 & 7:00 pm
- 12/23-1/2 WINTER BREAK- SCHOOL CLOSED**

JANUARY 2012

- 1/3 Students Return to School
- 1/11 Geography Bee, Grades 4-6
- 1/13 PTA Skate Night
- 1/16 **MLK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 1/20 6th Gr. Field Trip- Building Museum
- 1/23 JIP Information Night, 7:00 pm
- 1/27 End of Second Quarter
- 1/30 -31 **Teacher Workdays – SCHOOL CLOSED**



Japanese Immersion Program Enrollment

Parents of rising first graders interested in learning more about the Japanese Immersion Program are invited to attend an informational meeting on **Monday, January 23th at 7:00 p.m.**
If cancelled due to inclement weather, the meeting will be January 26th, 7:00 p.m.

Information discussed may also be found on the FCPS web site: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/forlang/partial.htm>.

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will open January 3, 2012 at 8:30 AM.

GFES SCIENCE LAB



PTA is sponsoring a new enrichment program for our students – The Science Lab. Lab topics were chosen by a panel of GFES teachers and will supplement the science curriculum being taught in the classroom. Grades 1-6 will visit the lab five times during the school year for a 50 minute science experiment.

The Science Lab would not be possible without the enthusiasm and financial support of our PTA families. We would especially like to recognize and thank the parents who have spent countless hours researching, planning and spearheading this program: Rachel Rothstein, Lisa Hodge, Marissa Fallon.

PICTURE MAKE UP DAY - DECEMBER 2

Individual pictures were taken on October 21st.

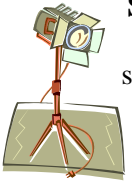
- If a child would like his/her photo re-taken, please be sure they bring their original Packet of pictures to the camera.
- If your child was absent on 10/21, please send their order envelope to school on December 2nd.
- Students new to the school after 10/21 will have their picture taken. If the student does not have an order, the photographer will still take their photo.



Fall photos are for the yearbook.

GFES Clubs and groups will be photographed on December 9th





SPOTLIGHT ON

4TH GRADE students creating cookie maps in the shape of Virginia. They worked in teams to decorate the cookie maps according to the 5 regions of VA; for example, they used Hershey Kisses for the mountains, pretzel sticks for the rivers, and malt balls for the rolling hills.



1ST GRADE Field Trip



6TH GRADE students attend the Veteran's Day Ceremony,



November 11, at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial



Congratulations to fifth grade students, Marisa and Sammy, winners of the first annual essay contest sponsored by The Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial!



SERVICE LEARNING UPDATE FROM THE GREAT FALLS STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

Each community service project will result in a reflection from our students as to the "why" we help others. Our latest school supply drive provided Glen Forest Elementary School with pencils, markers and notebooks that many of the students cannot provide themselves.

December: Canned food drive for the students of another Fairfax County Public School.

January 21st: Sandwich making event with the Langley Pyramid schools for "Stop Hunger Now."

Early spring: Students will make activity bags for children in the hospital.

Eco-school Program: SCA will lead the charge caring for our school ground

Remember to call your child's absence to the school attendance line by 8:40 a.m. 703-757-2111