



## OCTOBER

10/28 PTA Costume Dance

## NOVEMBER

- 11/1 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip-Green Springs Park
- 11/4 End of First Grading Period
- 11/7 Teacher Workday, Students Do Not Attend School
- 11/8 Teacher Workday, Students Do Not Attend School
- 11/9 Second Grading Period Begins
- 11/10 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip-Innerquest
- 11/12 PTA Boot Scoot BBQ Fundraiser
- 11/15 Progress Reports Sent Home  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Naglieri Test-
- 11/17 PTA General Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 11/23 2 Hour Early School Closing-1:20 p.m.**
- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving Holidays



## **FEDERAL IMPACT FORM**

**Federal Impact Forms will be sent home for parents to sign Tuesday, November 1st.**

**It is important that every parent complete, sign, and return the Impact Form to the teacher the next day, Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**We must have a signed form for every child in our school.**

***Please see page 2 for detailed information on the Federal Impact Form***



Your signature =



for GFES!

**An IMPORTANT Word About Halloween Costumes** Please note that **only** kindergarten students may "dress up" or wear costumes to school on October 31<sup>st</sup>. **First – Sixth grade students should not wear or bring their costumes to school.** They will have an opportunity to wear costumes at the PTA-sponsored dance, Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> if they choose to attend the event.

**BE PREPARED FOR 1:20 P.M. EARLY DISMISSAL ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.**

Please be sure your child is aware of any special arrangements you have made for early dismissal. Does he/she have a key to get inside if you are not home? Should he/she go to a neighbor's home if you are running late? Plan Ahead! Children should know where to go if a parent will not be home.

Use the Change of Transportation Form to notify the teacher of any change in your child's normal routine of going home. Please follow the guidelines sent home with the Change of Transportation Forms. Students are limited to one visiting friend on the school bus.

## KINDERGARTEN Class Notes



Mrs. Bentz kindergarten students learn about pumpkins

Parents of kindergarten students do not receive a first quarter Progress Report for their child. Conferences replace the reports for the first quarter. Progress Reports will be sent home for the remaining three quarters.



## CONFERENCE DAYS:


Monday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 8th are teacher conference/workdays. November 8th is also Election Day, and our school gym will be used for voting. The Election Board requires us to reserve parking spaces for voters. We are reserving all the parking spaces in the row with dedicated handicapped spots for our voters. Please do not park there unless you are here for voting or require handicapped parking.

Students do not attend parent/teacher conferences. Please plan ahead; **there is no child care available at school.**

## Impact Aid Student-Parent Survey

The ongoing presence of federally-owned, and therefore tax-exempt, properties in Virginia impacts the operating budget for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

Impact Aid is a federal program that provides financial resources to local educational agencies that are financially impacted by these tax-exempt properties. These funds will become a part of FCPS' general operating budget and are critical to sustaining a high standard of quality education. FCPS receives approximately \$3,500,000 annually in Impact Aid funds.

FCPS uses the Student-Parent Survey to identify federally-connected students and to support our request for Impact Aid resources. On Tuesday November 1, 2011, the survey will be distributed to all FCPS families and will be available online at [Student-Parent Survey](#) .

For each school-aged child in your household, please complete, sign, and date the survey form. Return the completed survey to your child's school the next day, November 2, 2011. The information that you provide will be treated confidentially.

If you need more information regarding the Student-Parent Survey, please call 703-329-7655 to speak with an Information Technology staff member. Additional information about the Impact Aid program is available on the U.S. Department of Education's web site at [Impact Aid Programs](#).

Department of Special Services  
Office of Special Education Procedural Support

## Standards-Based IEPs are Coming!

Hurry to a workshop that is convenient for you!



- Beginning this fall, all IEPs will be developed using the standards-based IEP process and will contain a standards-based goal in math, if the student has a math goal.
- IEP teams will create annual IEP goals that align to grade level curriculum.
- Standards-based IEPs will incorporate guided questions to determine the student's present level of performance and areas of need.
- FCPS will begin using standards-based IEP goals for reading and writing during the 2012-2013 school year.

### Attend this workshop to learn how:

- standards-based goals will be addressed for students who work below grade level.
- parents and school staff will collaborate to create IEP goals using standards-based IEPs.
- the standards-based IEP process will impact students participating in VMAST, early childhood and low incidence populations.

Learn how the new Standards-Based IEPs will impact your child at this free workshop for parents!

December 2, 2011  
10:00 a.m. – noon

Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services  
2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, Virginia  
Register online now  
or call 703-204-3941

## FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK

FCPS has launched a new website, and the location of website addresses and resources has changed. The link for parents/guardians interested in an overview of the continuum of services provided by Fairfax County Public Schools Advanced Academic Programs can be found at: <http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/index.shtml>

## 2011-2012 SCA Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected SCA Officers:

President- Max Trautwein  
Vice President – Chris Obolensky  
Secretary – Declan Thinnes  
Treasurer – Caroline Britt

## From the GFES office:

**Do not request that we notify your child of a last minute pick up, unless there is an emergency. At the end of the day, faculty, staff members and school patrols are involved in preparation for the day's closing activities. Students are not always in their classrooms and it is difficult to notify a student when a parent calls at the last minute. Please keep in mind we have over 570 students to dismiss at the end of the school day. If there is an emergency change of transportation, we ask that you notify the office no later than 2:15 p.m.**

➔ **NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS-MONDAY, 10/31** - IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS A PROGRAM NORMALLY SCHEDULED ON MONDAYS, PLEASE REMIND THEM TO GO HOME AFTER SCHOOL AND NOT STAY FOR A CLASS.

### HEALTHY SNACKING TIPS from the Energy Zone

The rise in overweight children means that parents need to take an active role in providing healthy snacks for their children.

- Keep snacks small.
- Don't eat snacks straight out of the package.
- Snack only when hungry, not bored.
- Limit sweet snacks such as brownies, cookies, and candy because they are often loaded with calories and sugar.
- Offer fruits and vegetables.
- Offer low fat cheese with whole grain crackers or pretzels.
- Quench thirst with water, fruit juices or low fat milk, not soft drinks.
- Read food labels carefully – if first ingredient is sugar **AVOID IT**.
- Use [http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/food\\_at\\_school](http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/food_at_school) healthy snack calculator to evaluate your snacks at home.

### Healthy Tips for the Holidays

- Start the day with breakfast.
- Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables.
- Eat lighter meals at night.
- Limit portion sizes of favorite holiday foods, especially desserts.
- Eliminate night-stress-related gorging, especially in front of the TV.
- Go to bed feeling light, not “full”.
- Enjoy your feast, family, and friends.
- Remember to exercise 60 minutes per day.



## YOU CAN HELP KEEP OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS HEALTHY

**Please check your children in the morning before they come to school.** If they complain of not feeling well, check their temperature, talk with them and assess their physical well being. Just a minute or two in the morning may save you a trip to the school later on in the day to pick up a sick child.

**Please keep your student home when he/she has:**

- A fever of 100 degrees or more, and remember that the student should stay home until he/she is fever free, without medication, for 24 hours.**
- A persistent, productive cough or wheezing coupled with a thick or constant nasal discharge.**
- Vomiting or diarrhea during the previous night**
- Pink eye with white or yellow discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain and redness.**
- Strep throat/scarlet fever.**
- An undiagnosed rash.**
- Any physical or emotional condition that would prevent the student from participating comfortably in class.**

If a student is sick, keeping them at home will not only prevent the spread of communicable diseases but also enable a quicker recovery from the illness. *Please keep your child home if he/she does not feel well*

**Call the school's attendance line, before 9:00 a.m., when your child is absent or tardy. This is a 24 hour voicemail line. 703-757-2111**

**If you would like to request homework for your child, leave a message at this time. Homework will be ready for pick up in the main office at the end of the school day. If you prefer the homework be sent home with another student, leave the student's full name and teacher's name.**

**Assignments are also posted online on the 24-7 Learning website, also known as Blackboard.**

