



Helping Hands Strengthen Hearts and Minds

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE — Janet K. Funk

Adequate Yearly Progress and Virginia State Accreditation

Halley made our Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as identified by No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Our teachers and students worked hard to achieve the high standards set by the government and we are very proud of our progress. The State of Virginia has once again awarded Halley full accreditation status as we have achieved the established standards for all four Standards of Learning areas tested: Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science.

Halley Welcomes New Teaching Staff

New classroom teachers are: Monica Rohrs, first grade; and Dalia Trejo, second grade. Teachers assuming new roles: Kendra Shaw Seymour, instructional coach; Melissa Cerami, kindergarten; Laura Giacobbi, kindergarten; and Rachel Riggle, second grade. New staff joining the special education team are Danielle Glanzmann and Katherine Price. Part-time specialists are Ryla Naweed, general music teacher; Jaime Faure, art; and Teresa Amoroso, band.

Theme for 2008-2009

Our theme for the year will focus on the vision of the Olympic Games: **"One World-One Dream."** The universal values of the Olympic Spirit are Unity, Friendship, Progress, Harmony,



Participation and Dream. The Olympic Committee indicates that the theme, "expresses the common wishes of people all over the world, inspired by Olympic ideals, to strive for a bright future of Mankind. In spite of the differences in colors,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — Rick Furiga

On behalf of the William Halley PTA, I would like to welcome all newcomers and returnees to what looks like another great year at Halley. The beginning of the school year is an appropriate time to mention two very important aspects of our participation, as parents, in our children's education at Halley.



First, I encourage you to become a member of the PTA and actively support the events that it sponsors throughout the school year. Your PTA funds a variety of activities at Halley – field trips, classroom materials, technology equipment and cultural programs are some examples. We need your help to continue providing

funds to support and assist the Halley professional staff in the education of our children.

Secondly, becoming a volunteer to help during the school day and at special PTA events is a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. Whether it be in art class, your child's homeroom, or in the library, you will be involved and will be able to see tangible benefits from your involvement.

"Involvement" is really the name of the game. By being involved as PTA members and volunteers, we are showing our children that their education is important to us and that we do indeed care.

Our members and volunteers make things happen. We have a core of dedicated members and volunteers... we need more. Please step up – to be counted in – to be counted on, I look forward to seeing you at upcoming PTA events and sincerely wish you a fantastic, fulfilling year at Halley.

Breakfast - A Great Start to Being Smart

News from the Energy Zone

Fairfax County Public Schools, Office of Food and Nutrition Services

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 "Keeping a finger on the pulse of the Halley School Community"

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October is Breakfast Month in Fairfax County Public Schools. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It "breaks" the "fast" by replacing the energy reserves used overnight.

School-aged children, especially teens, are the biggest breakfast skippers. Research shows students who eat breakfast:

- Learn better
- Are more alert and attentive
- Are more likely to participate in activities
- Eating breakfast may also reduce the risk of childhood obesity



If you have a breakfast skipper in your home, plan and offer quick, nutritious choices, such as whole grain breads, cereals, fruits and vegetables, milk, juice, yogurt or cheese. Parents, don't forget your own breakfast. You are a role model for your children.

The school breakfast program helps students whose parents work, students who are late starters, as well as those who come from low-income families. Breakfast is a nutritious bargain for \$1.50.

Reminders

- If your child has been absent, is late for school, leaving school early, or going home in a manner other than he/she normally goes home, please send in a note for the teacher, which will be communicated to the front office and bus drivers as appropriate.
- When driving to and from the school, the speed limit in the community is 25 miles per hour. Please keep a watch out for our students walking to and from school.
- Please call the school at 703-551-5700 if your child will be late for school or absent for the day.
- Please do not cut through the school bus parking lot during school hours. Students use this area for recess and we do not want to pose a threat to their safety.



Dates to Remember

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| Oct. 3rd | Return Sally Foster Fundraising Orders |
| Oct. 13th | No School—
Columbus Day Holiday |
| Oct. 20th | PTA Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 30th | Halleyfest Dance |
| Oct. 31st | Reflections Submissions Due |
| Nov. 3-4th | No School—
Parent/Teacher
Conferences & Sally
Foster Pick-up |
| Nov. 5th | 2-hour Early Release |
| Nov. 17th | PTA Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 21st | Fall Bingo |
| Nov. 27-28th | No School—
Thanksgiving Holiday |

Principal's Perspective

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languages and races, we share the charm and joy of the Olympic Games and together we seek for the ideal of Mankind for peace." Our hopes and dreams for Halley are similar: using our unity, progress, and participation, we look forward to learning and growing together which results in building a bright future for Halley students.

Support the PTA

Join our very active Halley PTA. The PTA provides funding to the school for field trips, cultural arts assemblies, Challenge 24, Mike Coulter Math Competition, and technology. They sponsor many family activities, in addition to Reflections, and Odyssey of the Mind.



Position Available: Halley Dining Room Aide/Cafeteria Hostess

Hours: 11:00 a.m.—1:45 p.m. Monday through Friday

Position may be job shared. Substitute Hostesses are also needed for occasional lunchtime duty. Please call the front office to have your name placed on the subs list, 703-551-5700.



Reflections Program 2008 Theme:

"Wow!"

by Margo Osborne, Reflections Chairperson

What is Reflections? It is an arts recognition and achievement program of the National PTA, whose purpose is to allow students to express themselves through their own original works. Students can participate in the arts areas of literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. Age divisions are preschool through grade 2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8.

What is this year's theme? "Wow!" This year's theme is the perfect way to celebrate 40 years of encouraging and promoting our students' artistic expression.

Who judges the original works? Each entry will be judged by an independent panel. All entries must be the student's original work and inspired by this year's theme. Entry forms and rules are available on the table outside the school office or online at www.fccpta.org

Deadline: Friday, October 31

Questions? Contact Margo Osborne at jmombo@cox.net or 703-493-8170



Have YOU Turned in Your Summer Reading and Math Bingo Forms?

Please be sure that you have sent in the Summer Bingo forms for Reading and Math. We have had a great response, but we don't want to miss anyone. We will need to receive all forms by **Monday, September 29, 2008**. Thanks! Forms may be turned in to Mrs. Altemus or your classroom teacher.

Important Announcement

Guidance from Jamey Chianetta, Vice Principal

We welcome families and friends to bring digital cameras and video cameras to Halley as we watch our wonderful students perform in school activities such as Morning Program, assemblies, and concerts. These moments are priceless, we agree! We also ask that our photographers and videographers not post these pictures and videos onto public websites such as YouTube. We ask everyone to remember that when postings are made onto public venues such as YouTube, the term "World Wide Web" really means what it says. Thank you!

Kiss & Ride

Safety & Security Fact Sheet

The Kiss & Ride is a designated area (identified by signs) for parents picking up or unloading their children by private vehicle. The area is separate from the bus loading/unloading location so there is no conflict with the two operations. For the Kiss & Ride to function properly, several procedures must be followed:

- A school staff member, normally assisted by student safety patrols, provides supervision.
- Children load and unload from the passenger side of the car only, so they will not have to cross the drive way in front of traffic.
- Drivers remain in the car. Safety patrols will assist with the car door.
- Cars stay in a single file line as they move to and from the Kiss & Ride.
- Parents wanting to enter the school must park in an available parking space. They are not to enter the Kiss & Ride line in this case.
- Arrive early. The busiest time at the Kiss & Ride area is five minutes before the start of classes. Plan to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before the final bell, when the traffic is lighter.

Fall 2008 Fundraiser

Our Fall 2008 fundraiser is underway! As in years past, the Halley PTA is working with Entertainment Publications (Sally Foster, Entertainment Book and Class Recipes Cookie Dough) to raise money to help fund field trips, computer and peripheral equipment purchases, cultural arts assemblies and more...

Prizes are available to the top student sellers of Sally Foster/Entertainment Book items and an ice cream party will be awarded to the class with the highest level of participation in the combined sale.

 **Sally Foster Sale Dates:**
September 11th – October 3rd

Catalog Orders Available for Pick-up: November 3rd and 4th



Entertainment Book order forms went home on **September 18th**. Books are \$25 each and will be available until **October 3rd**. Entertainment Book orders for Northern Virginia/DC, Maryland/DC and Greater Baltimore will be filled as orders and payments are received.

This year, the PTA is happy to offer **Classic Recipes Cookie Dough** as part of our Fall Fundraiser. Ten delicious flavors of cookie dough will be available. The sale will run from **October 30th until November 13th**. Cookie dough delivery will be **December 4th**.

Thank you for your support. Should you have any questions, please contact Marcia Ross, Mairim Bartholomew or Liz Mullany at Guinman@cox.net.



HALLEY FITNESS STARS... FITNESS IS FOR A LIFETIME!

Join Mr. Pennel and Mr. Creek in **stepping up and getting active!** A walk in the park, riding your bikes, practicing sports, play time in the neighborhood or any physical activity are all great ways to equip our children with habits that will keep them healthier in adulthood. See the "Fitness Pyramid" on Page 6 for more ideas!

Fill in one **Halley Fitness Stars Activity Sheet** for each time your child completes 30 minutes or more of activity before or after school. Return to your PE teachers and get your name up with the fitness "stars."



S.L.3 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

7/03 **Fairfax County Public Schools**
ELEMENTARY
Prepayment Slip

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Student Name: _____
Teacher: _____
Card Number: _____

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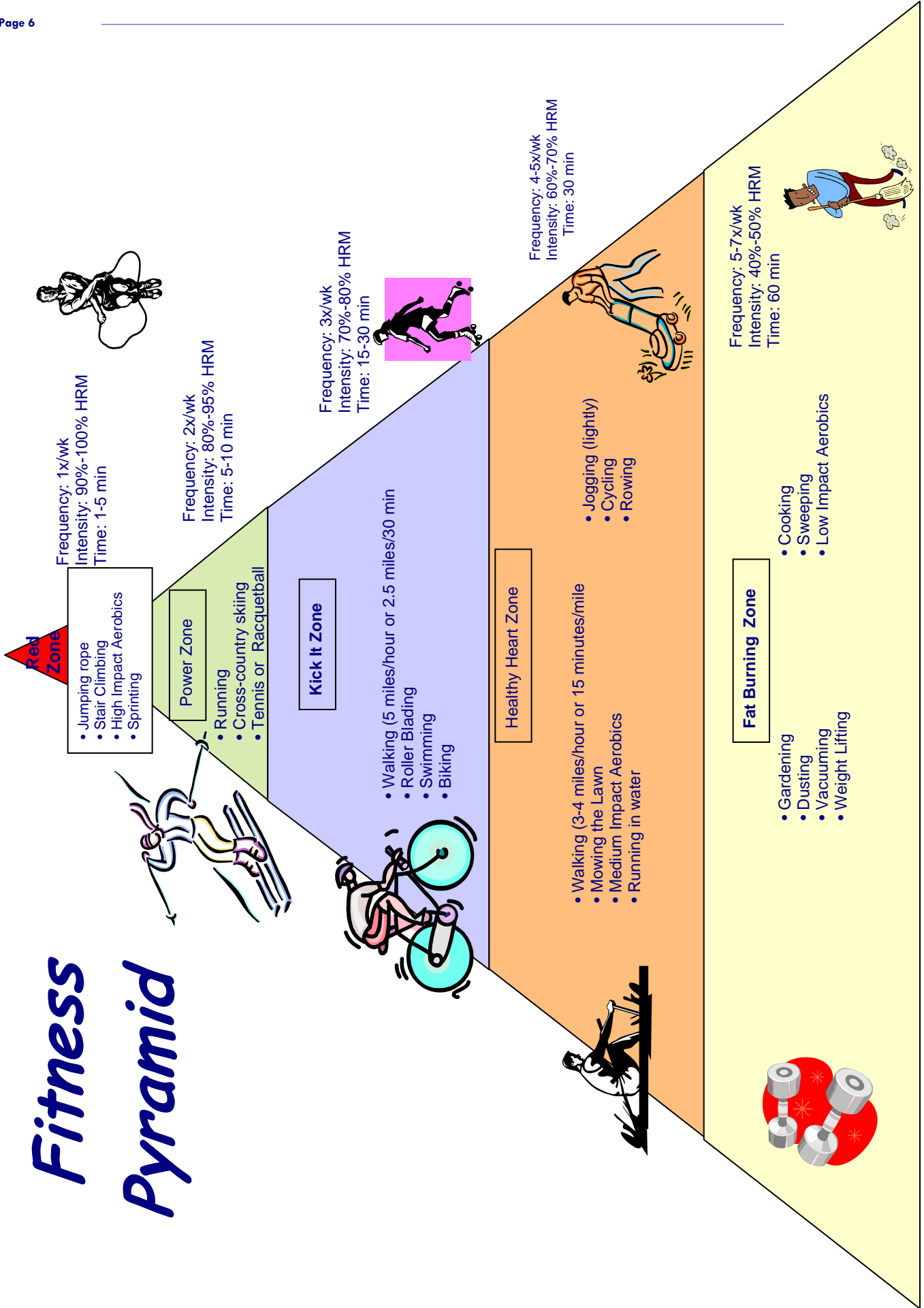
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Fitness Pyramid





Counselors' Corner

by Phoebe Boatright and Darlene Pulliam, Guidance Counselors

Patrols

We have an outstanding group of patrols this year. Many changes were made in bus routes and Halley patrols have done an excellent job of keeping our students safe on the buses, street corners, and Kiss and Ride areas. Our first patrol meeting was September 11th. Officer Connie Yates trained patrols for our first bus evacuation drill, which will be on September 30.

The following patrols received KUDOS during the meeting. Our patrol captains, **Chelsea Bartholomew, Jose Lopez, Connor Mullany, and Shelly Ackah** have done an exceptional job getting the school year off to a good start. **Marissa Clardy, Sydney Albrecht, Bryan Graff, Shruti Nallappa, David Portillo** and **Nicole Haynes** demonstrated a wonderful sense of cooperation and set an example for other patrols when they were asked to change from their preferred patrol duty.

We encourage all Halley bus riders to be Safety Super Stars:

- Always follow bus rules
- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is due
- Line up quietly in a single line away from the road
- Stay out of the bus danger zone, which is ten feet on all sides of the bus
- Use the handrail to get on and off the bus
- Never attach key rings or other object to the outside of book bag
- Sit down quickly after boarding the bus - pay attention and listen to the bus driver
- Stay seated on the bus
- Keep the bus aisles clear – hands and feet in front of you
- Never stick hands, head, or feet out the bus window
- Talk quietly on the bus

New Students Welcomed to Halley

We are excited to start another new year at Halley. As school counselors, we are busy welcoming new students to Halley by inviting them to join us for lunch. We are also delighted to greet all those who are returning. **The following new students have joined us this year.**

Grade 1

Mrs. Anderson's class
Amiel (A.J.) Russell

Ms. Schneider's class

Errick Mah
Aiden Sumlin
Zach Hammad

Grade 2

Ms. Fagan's class
Lindsay Atchinson
Samantha Evans

Ms. Riggle's class
Jamal Williams
Siena DeSteno
Eesha Aggarwal

Ms. Trejo's class
Janet Choi
Olivia Foster
Abigail Sanchez-Concha

Ms. Hall's class
Barry Hillborn
Rhysante Long
Whitney Proctor

Grade 3

Ms. Foglio's class
Hasanen Kraidy
James Foster
Abigail Sanchez
Ernesto Brooks

Mrs. Buchko's class

DeQuan Postell
Hannah Rodriguez
Michael Alford
Nicholas Bour

Mrs. Mullins' class
Michael Reinhardt
Kason Thomas
Thalia Rodriguez

Grade 4

Mr. Montana's class
Tremor Allen
Brandon Poe

Ms. Kearns' class
Le-Chelle Bailey
Sydney Evans

Mrs. Cosio's class
Joshua Brown
Maryam Kraidy
Briah Glover
Dominique Butler

Ms. Fant's class
Benjamin
McMurray
Deashon Clark

Grade 5

Ms. Mueller's class
Caroline Bard
William Irving
Paige Kollhoff

Mrs. Tangora's class

Abigail Bour
Kristina-Maria
Coleman
Sameer Malik

Ms. Taylor's class

Claire Kollhoff
Juwana Williams
Fatima Kraidy
Michael Williams
Ra-jae Sudberry

Mrs. Rakowski's class

Cameron Lane
Taliyah Cann

Grade 6

Ms. Watts' class

Matthew Bour
Christopher
Marcelin
Ryan McAllister
Sakira Coleman

Ms. Blom's class

Elisha Brown
Haider Choudhary
Jermel Hillary

Mrs. Goldman's class

Ashley Calloway
Matthew Packer
Ping Wu



THANK YOU !

We want to thank all of you who ordered school supplies through the PTA. Thanks to the sales of the school supply kits, we raised more than \$500 for the PTA, which will go directly to benefit your children. We appreciate your support! *Stacie Kelley and Karen Stephens*

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WILLIAM HALLEY ELEMENTARY

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