



Haycock Elementary

Changes Coming to Haycock

By the time this *Cougar Roar* is published, the beginning of the construction project to install an 8 room modular at Haycock will have started. Over the Columbus Day holiday, 4 of Haycock's trailers were moved to begin accommodating the new structure.

As most of you know, with an enrollment of 785, and a school capacity hovering at 600, we are close to 200 students over capacity. For at least 7 years we have had students in outside learning cottages, and for the last 3 years our second and third graders have been the 8 classes outside in the quad units. This modular will provide welcomed relief.

For those of you keeping track of the various issues that arise from over enrollment, you know that we have had difficulty accommodating our increasing number of students with the current bathroom facilities at Haycock. I am happy to report that with running water and student and teacher bathrooms in the new modular, this problem will be alleviated. We will also have some additional small group space and a new home for the WHES news studio.

Like any major construction project, there is a projected plan and timeline for the work. Currently, FCPS estimates that the modular will be ready for classes at the end of January. During the time the construction is happening, Haycock will be affected in a variety of ways that will require patience and flexibility.

The biggest area that will be affected is the blacktop by the gym and the parking lot. Before construction begins, a large fence will be erected in this area to keep students, staff and others safe. The fence will leave one place to evacuate from the back of the gym, but for the most part the blacktop will be off limits to everyone. I have also been told that at times up to 18 parking spaces will be taken up by construction equipment.

Of course, we're all looking forward to January when the construction is behind us and we have the new facility on the property. Right now, the plan is for second and third graders to move into this space because they are the two grade levels that have a total of eight classes. It will be nice for these students to have bathrooms in the modular that they can access without having to venture outside.

I will keep you up to date on the construction and the plans throughout the project. I figure this will be a small taste of what it will be like when we undergo a major renovation in the near future.



Authors Visit Haycock



In the past two weeks, Haycock has been lucky enough to be visited by two children's authors. On October 8th, Nancy Krulik visited Haycock and spoke to our second and third graders. Ms. Krulik is the au-

thor of over 100 books and has 3 New York Times bestsellers. She was at Haycock sharing the latest book from her popular book series, Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo. Her most recent book is called *Going Batty*. Katie Kazoo and Ms. Krulik even have their own website that you can visit for more information – www.katiekazoo.com.

On October 13th, Emily Goodman visited Haycock and spoke to first, second and fourth grade classes. Ms. Goodman is a freelance writer

and a trained horticulturist. She was sharing her book called *Plant Secrets*, a non-fiction book about plants. Haycock was excited to sell copies of Ms. Goodman's book as a fundraiser for Cougar Woods, our outdoor education program.

We are so lucky at Haycock to have these opportunities. If you have a student in grades 1-4, be sure to ask him/her about seeing and hearing these authors.

News - Notes - Updates

- **SCA:** Congratulations to our new Student Council Association (SCA) Officers:

Karynne Baker - President
Paul Boyce - Vice President
Hope Sullivan - Secretary
Melanie Pincus - Treasurer
Ellie Thomas - Historian
Tommy Boyce - Sgt. at Arms

- **Principal's Coffee:** The first Principal's Coffee will be held Friday, October 30th from 9:30-10:30 in the Haycock cafeteria. There is no agenda; just an open forum to answer questions and concerns. Maureen Boland will conclude the coffee with a tour of the school for all interested parents.
- **Math Problem Solving:** The problems are BACK! Questions will be available on Blackboard and on the hallway bulletin board. New questions will be available about every two weeks, depending on the school calendar. Students need to drop

their answers into the bins in the library and can only enter 1 time, per level, per question. Students need to put their names on the answers and can enter their own grade level's questions, or questions from higher and lower grade levels. All correct answers will be eligible for the drawing and winners are announced on the morning news show.

Suggested levels:

- A- K
- B- 1
- C- 2
- D- 3
- E- 4, 3AAP
- F- 5, 4AAP
- G- 6, 5AAP
- H- 6AAP

Please direct any questions to your child's teacher.

- **FCPS Budget:** The budget is looking extremely bleak for next year in Fairfax County Public Schools. I strongly encourage all of you to attend the community meetings that are

addressing possible budget shortfalls. The following meetings are scheduled:

October 14 - 7pm - Marshall HS and South County SS

October 24 - 10am - Centreville, Reston and John Marshall Libraries

October 29 - 7pm - Woodson HS and South Lakes HS

November 14 - 10am - Kings Park, Sherwood and George Mason Libraries

- **Blog:** Don't forget about the exciting Haycock blog: www.cougarcoffeetalk.edublogs.org

- **Important Dates:**

- **October 23rd:** PTA Halloween Party - 6pm - 9pm
- **October 30th:** Principal's Coffee - 9:30-10:30 - cafeteria
- **November 2nd and 3rd -** Teacher Workdays/Parent Conferences, no school for students