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From the Principal's Desk



Permit me this opportunity to express my personal appreciation for the effort that has been made by the students, staff, and parents at Hayfield Elementary in order

to ensure a fabulous transition into the 2009-2010 school year! It is hard to believe the school year is well underway.

Our students are becoming familiar with new faces, new teachers and new expectations.

Today, students in grades 3-6 are bringing home their first interim reports. The purpose of this report is to inform parents of their child's progress midway through the first quarter. Please set aside time to talk to your child about his/her progress in school. The praise and/or redirection you provide will help guide your child forward.

At the end of the first quarter, our teachers meet with the parents and guardians of each of their students to conduct parent/teacher conferences. Conferences are a wonderful way to keep you informed of your child's progress as well as offer a time to dialogue about ways you can continue to aide your child's success in school. By now I am sure many of you have already scheduled your first quarter conference with your child's teacher. If not, please e-mail your child's teacher or contact the school at 703-924-4500 to schedule a conference time.

In closing, we are pleased to have you as partners for this educational year and understand that with your help and support, we can help your child reach his/her greatest potential!

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Field Day Fall 2009 for Grades 3-6

Hayfield Elementary School will be holding Field Day for **Grades 3-6** on **October 19** from 9-11 a.m. Students in grades K-2 will participate in Field Day on Monday, May 10, 2010. Moving field day to the fall for grades 3-6 will allow students the opportunity to participate in team building activities earlier in the school year along with building class spirit, and will give students more time to focus on academics in the spring when SOL testing is occurring. Parents are encouraged to come watch, participate, or help out with this activity.

Students should make sure that they come prepared for Field Day by wearing appropriate clothing that is loose and comfortable or in a Field Day t-shirt (if a shirt was purchased), wearing tennis shoes, and bringing a bottle of water to stay hydrated. Students will be moving through stations as a class around the back field while completing a variety of activities. If you would like to volunteer to help out with field day, please contact Mr. Tameris at Cetan.Tameris@fcps.edu or Mrs. Drickey at Ruth. Drickey@fcps.edu.

Office of Transportation Services After-Hours Emergency Telephone Number

We know that your number one concern as a parent is your child's safety. We also know that it is frustrating — or even frightening — when you need to call someone for information about your student's whereabouts after school hours and the phones are not being answered. If your child normally rides a bus home and you cannot get in touch with him or her, contact the transportation office at 703-446-2000 until 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., or if your child normally walks home, contact the FCPS school security office at 703-764-2400. In an emergency, the dispatcher can contact a school or a transportation staff member to help you.

Why Is Bicycle Safety So Important?

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. Every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency department because of bike injuries. That's why it's so important to wear your bike helmet. Wearing one doesn't mean you can be reckless, but a helmet will provide some protection for your head and brain in case you fall down. For important information on how to shop for and fit a bike helmet for children, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/bikesafety.htm>.

Here's What's Coming Up...

October 6

PTA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 12

Columbus Day—School Closed

October 15

Fall Picture day

October 16

Hayfield Happening 6:30 p.m.