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Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31 this year, and serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education along with a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal of being a drug free nation.

Perhaps more importantly, Red Ribbon Week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who died at the hands of the drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs to keep our country and our children safe. Today, the Red Ribbon Celebration brings millions of people together to raise awareness regarding the need for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. It is the most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the United States.

Each day throughout Red Ribbon Week we will be celebrating a theme:

- **Tuesday, October 27** the theme is "Sock it to Drugs Day," and we encourage students to wear their craziest socks.
- **Wednesday, October 28** the theme is "Living Drug-Free is No Sweat," and students are encouraged to wear sweat pants.
- **Thursday, October 29** the theme is to wear red on our final red ribbon celebration.

Please encourage your child to wear red to commemorate this special week.

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H1N1 (Swine) Flu Update

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a flu vaccine as the single best way to protect against influenza illness, including the 2009 H1N1 Influenza virus (sometimes called "swine flu").

Due to delays in the production of 2009 H1N1 vaccine, the Fairfax County Health Department has developed a mass vaccination plan that matches the limited supply of vaccine currently available, which is significantly less than anticipated. The Fairfax County Health Department will open a mass vaccination clinic on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035), however the health department currently does **not** have enough vaccine available to hold the vaccination clinics that were scheduled to be held in ten Fairfax County Public Schools on October 24 and 25.

Instead, approximately 10,000 doses of 2009 H1N1 vaccine will be available on October 24 at the Government Center. Based on the quantity of vaccine available, and in an effort to vaccinate those at high risk of influenza-related complications, the clinic will be open to all children 6 months to 36 months of age and pregnant women. Children in this age range and pregnant women are among the target groups identified by the CDC to receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine when it first becomes available. The vaccine is voluntary and will be offered on a walk-in basis, free of charge. Seasonal flu vaccine will not be available at these clinics.

A child's parent or legal guardian must sign a consent form before the child can be vaccinated. An adult 18 years or older must accompany children under the age of 18 to the vaccination site. Consent forms are available online and in the Health Department's five district offices and three Community Health Care Network sites. Parents are encouraged to print the form and fill it out before visiting the vaccination site on October 24, if possible. You can find the latest updates concerning mass vaccination clinics at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/swineflu.htm>, as well as further resources and news at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/swineflu2.htm>.

Spirit Day Set for This Friday, October 23

Show your school spirit by wearing orange and white this Friday, and don't forget you can still order your Hayfield Secondary Homecoming tickets for \$5 and avoid standing in line at Saturday night's football game against J.E.B. Stuart HS. An order form is attached with this issue. Students who wish to join the halftime activities should meet Mrs. Drickey a few minutes prior to half time at the scoreboard. .

Make-Up Picture Day Scheduled

For those families that missed the Picture Day originally scheduled for Thursday, October 15, make-up pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, November 17**.

Here's What's Coming Up...

October 29	Gr. K Field Trip
October 30	Gr. 4 Field Trip
October 30	Gr. 5 Program 9:25 a.m.
November 2 & 3	Teacher Workdays/No School