

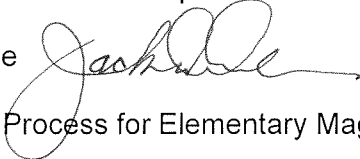


MEMORANDUM FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR YOUR ACTION

FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

December 13, 2011

TO: Elementary School Principals

FROM: Jack D. Dale 

SUBJECT: Application Process for Elementary Magnet Schools

CONTACT: Debbie Jones, 571-423-4652

DEADLINE: March 1, 2012

The following explains the 2012-2013 magnet school application and lottery process for Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences and for Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences. Please share this time-sensitive information with your staff, parents, and community.

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences has a broad array of programs to help each student continually grow and thrive in his or her ability to create, inquire, and connect. The school has both classroom teachers and additional specialized educators who focus on the sciences, the arts, and technology so that these areas are integrated and complement one another as the child learns in all fields. Additionally, some students have the opportunity to participate in the Spanish Immersion program.

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences offers an interdisciplinary, concept-based instructional program with an added emphasis on fine and performing arts, science, and technology. Kindergarten and first grade students are assigned to multiage (K/1) classes. A science specialist, a technology resource teacher, and additional art classes provide opportunities for all students to enhance their learning. The arts team includes music, art, and dance teachers. Resource teachers collaborate with classroom teachers to coordinate and integrate learning activities with classroom instruction.

To be eligible for the lottery, a student must be on or above grade level in language arts and math and demonstrate positive interpersonal and school behavior. Attached are application forms that may be copied. Please make the applications available to parents in your school and community. Parents must complete the appropriate school application and return the form to the PreK-6 Instruction and School Support office at Fairfax Ridge. **Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2012.**

Applications will be screened for eligibility, and a lottery will be conducted in early April. The application time line is provided below.

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences		Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences	
February 9, 2012	Information Night (7:00 p.m.) (Snow Date--February 16)	February 7, 2012	Information Night (7:00 p.m.) (Snow Date--February 15)
March 1, 2012	Application Deadline	March 1, 2012	Application Deadline
Late March 2012	Computerized Random Lottery	Late March 2012	Computerized Random Lottery
Early April 2012	Invitation Letters Mailed	Early April 2012	Invitation Letters Mailed
April 17, 2012	Open House for Invited Students and Parents (9:15-11:00 a.m.)	April 19, 2012	Open House for Invited Students and Parents (9:30-11:00 a.m.)
May 8, 2012	Parent Intent Deadline	May 8, 2012	Parent Intent Deadline

Applications and information will be available online on January 3, 2012 at the following websites: <http://www.fcps.edu/is/magnetschools/index.shtml>, <http://www.fcps.edu/BaileysES/SiteIndexPages/Baileysenrollementprocess.html>, and <http://www.fcps.edu/HuntersWoodsES/magnet.htm>. If you have questions regarding the Bailey's Elementary School magnet program, please contact Sofia Arias, magnet liaison, at 703-575-6804. If you have questions regarding the Hunters Woods Elementary School magnet program, please contact Diane Beers, parent liaison, at 703-262-7405.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please call the magnet information line, PreK-6 Instruction and School Support office, Fairfax Ridge, at 571-423-4652.

JAH/hc
 Attachments

cc: Leadership Team
 Craig Herring