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## Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to be off to a wonderful start to the 2011-2012 school year and welcome our new and returning families!

As we journey into this new academic year, we will continue to provide our families timely and relevant communication, as well as offer a number of opportunities to get involved. Our partnership will ensure your child flourishes from both a meaningful and fulfilling educational experience.

We would like to begin by celebrating our students and school's success from last year! Please take time to review our *Successful School* publication attached as a link in this newsletter.

While we know it will be a busy first week for everyone, we ask that you take time this week to go through the *First Day Packet* and Thursday Folder. There are important documents that need to be read, and in many cases, completed and returned to school with your child.

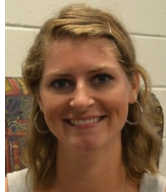
We will hold our annual Back-to-School Night (BTSN) from 6:00-7:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 15. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet the faculty and staff that will be working with your child throughout the school year, learn about grade level curriculum and specific grade level processes. Upon

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## Warm Welcome to New Teachers & Staff to Hayfield!



I am Carter Garner, and I am excited to be at Hayfield. I received my Masters of Teaching from Virginia Commonwealth University. My husband, daughter (2) and I moved to Northern VA from Richmond, VA in June. I enjoy traveling, being outdoors, and spending time with my family.



Hi, my name is Janet Rochon. I am happy to be at Hayfield Elementary School supporting parents of students receiving special ed. services. I am originally from New Orleans, LA. and have been with FCPS for 3 years. I worked with New Orleans Public Schools over 20 years and have four daughters, a granddaughter and a grandson.



I am so happy to be a member of the HES instructional staff. Prior to coming to Hayfield, I worked as a teacher's assistant at Rockledge Elementary School in Lake Ridge. I have worked for 6 years as a preschool teacher in the Springfield area. My daughter just began classes at the College of William and Mary. My husband is a retired Fairfax County history teacher.



Hi! My name is Lindsey Reisig and I will be teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade special education students at Hayfield Elementary School this year. I am very excited to be a part of Hayfield! Before coming to Hayfield I taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for five years in Reading, Pennsylvania. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Penn State University and my Master's Degree in Special Education from St. Joseph's University. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my husband, Andrew, my family, and my friends. I also enjoy working out and watching movies. I look forward to meeting everyone and working with you this year!



I have loved teaching for 17 years. I live with my husband Mark, daughter Alyssa who is a Senior at Hayfield Secondary and son, Adam who is a 4th grader at Springfield Estates. I am very excited to be a part of the Hayfield community! I have a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education and received National Board Certification in 2009. I have taught all grade levels from Kindergarten through Third Grade.

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## Here's What's Coming Up...

September 15  
September 26  
October 3  
October 10

Back to School Night 6-7:45 p.m.  
PTA Spirit Night @ Red, Hot & Blue 3-9 p.m.  
Fall Field Day (Grades 3-6)  
Columbus Day-School Closed

arrival, please be sure to go directly to the classroom.

Last year, based on parent feedback, we stopped our event kickoff in the gymnasium. Instead between the two BTSN sessions, parents will participate in a brief welcome via television broadcast, where school and PTA leaders as well as teachers and staff will be introduced! Parents will be given an opportunity to ask questions and vote on our PTA's proposed annual budget, legislative items and offer feedback to our BTSN event as well!

We look forward to seeing you there and are pleased to have you as partners this educational year!

☺ Theresa Cochart



Be sure to review the [Welcome Letter](#) from the HES Health Room!

## Thanks to First Day Packet Stuffing Volunteers!



The office staff would like to thank the following volunteers who gave up a morning to help us stuff the first day of school packets.

You are wonderful and we really appreciate your help and time: Leigh Ann Platt, Michele Harkenson, Carrie Dodson, Lisa Hawksworth, Catherine Friend, Amy Zirkle, Mackenzie Torrance, Alexis Bragg, and Sherri Peters.

## Welcome New Teachers & Staff To Hayfield! (Cont'd)



My name is Andrea Dunn and I am a Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI) for Fairfax County Public Schools. Before I became a teacher, I worked at Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, a local nonprofit organization, for seven years. I am currently completing my master's at George Mason University. In my spare time, I love to read, enjoy the outdoors and spending time with friends and family.

We will be introducing more staff members in the next edition of the *School House News*.

## Advanced Academics Orientation Scheduled

All K-6 parents are invited to attend our *Advanced Academics : A Continuum of Service* orientation with Mrs. McLaren-Wood on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 from 8:45-9:45am in the school's library. If you are unable to attend, visit Hayfield's website, select "programs", then "Advanced Academics" to view the PowerPoint presentation.

## School Policy: Visiting Other Homes After School

Parents/guardians **MUST** send a note to the school if children are visiting another classmate's home immediately after school. A note is needed from both sets of parents or legal guardians to verify the requested change. **Arrangements are to be made at home that indicate the specifics of the arrangement to include transportation methods.** If a visit requires a student to get off the bus at a different stop or to ride a different bus, permission will be given through the office. Bus drivers will not take children on the bus without permission from the school. **A child will be sent home on his or her usual manner of transportation unless a written note is sent to school from the parent or guardian.** **Parents are highly encouraged to schedule and implement play-date and sleepover exchanges of children outside of school hours.** During the busy school day, we do not have the human resources to support verifying the volume of requests that are made on a day to day basis.

## Remember To Bring Your Personal I.D. When Visiting School Property



Hayfield Elementary School welcomes parents, guardians and visitors to our school. Fairfax County Public Schools **require all visitors** to report to the office when entering any public school building, show photo identification, and wear a visitor's badge while in the school building. Please remember we require **a picture I.D.** when you are coming into the school as this will help us to determine who is in the school should an emergency occur. Since school doors are kept locked, we ask that you press the button located to the right of the front door closest to the office in order for you to enter the building.

## Keep Your Emergency Contact and Health Information Up-to-Date by Using weCare@school



Fairfax County Public Schools is committed to ensuring a safe and secure climate in all its facilities. FCPS is pleased to announce the continuation of the weCare@school (weCare) online emergency care information service for parents and guardians who have registered to access [FCPS 24-7 Learning \(Blackboard\)](#). Parents should use weCare to update their information annually at the start of school and thereafter whenever changes to the health or contact information occur during the course of the school year.

weCare allows parents to use a secure web-based option for keeping their child's emergency care and health information current. For example, if a parent needs to change an emergency contact number or update his or her child's medical condition(s), accessing weCare in FCPS 24-7 Learning provides a quick, easy, and secure method for doing so. Keeping emergency contact information current also ensures that FCPS will be able to contact you, in case of an emergency such as a school closing or delayed opening, through the [Keep in Touch messaging system](#).

But that's not all. Parent online access is just one of three major weCare components. Once a parent updates his or her child's information using weCare, the school's student information assistant reviews the submission and confirms the information before the student information database is updated. Additionally, weCare has a mobile component that provides first responders with access to emergency care information via handheld wireless devices.

For additional information about weCare, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/wecare.html>.

## FCPS' Keep In Touch (KIT) Service



Parents of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students and employees of the school system are automatically enrolled in the KIT Basic service. FCPS central offices and schools use KIT Basic to communicate emergency, delayed opening and school closing information, attendance, and outreach messages (this includes news and announcements from your child's school). Basic contact information from the student information system and the employee databases are uploaded to the KIT system. It is important for parents to keep their child's emergency contact information up to date.

**Updating KIT Basic Contact Information:** Parents may view and update their child's emergency and contact information online through weCare@School, a feature of FCPS 24-7 Learning (Blackboard) using a Parent View Account. Parents may also direct requests to update student contact information to the Student Information Assistant at their child's school.

## Three Ways to Purchase School Meals: Online Payment, Check, Cash

Fairfax County Public Schools offers three ways to pay for school meals:

- **ONLINE** — Using [www.mylunchmoney.com](http://www.mylunchmoney.com)—The service is easy to use, convenient, private, and secure. There is a convenience fee per transaction. Once the account is open, parents may check the fund account at any time from computer or phone.
- **CHECK** — Write a check made out to (School Name) Food and Nutrition Services and bring the check to the food service manager's office. A parent who wants his or her check payments to be for meals only (no à la carte items) should write instructions on the check or tell the manager.
- **CASH** — Cash may be brought to the food service manager's office for deposit in student accounts, or students may pay cash daily for breakfast and lunch.

Parents—Please Note!

A parent may ask for a printed summary of his or her child's account at any time by contacting the Food Service Manager (or by signing on with [myLunchMoney.com](http://myLunchMoney.com)). You don't need to use the online account for this service.

Parents are asked to remind their children not to share their personal identification numbers (PINs) with friends.

A parent who wants his or her payments to be for meals only (no à la carte items or snacks) should tell the Food Service Manager.

For more information, such as school lunch menus, which are updated monthly, go to [http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/food\\_at\\_school/](http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/food_at_school/).

# HAYFIELD ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL GEMS CLUB

- WHO:** Hayfield Elementary 4, 5, and 6 grade girls
- WHERE:** Hayfield's Little Theater and/or Computer Lab
- WHEN:** The second Wednesday of each month from 3-4 p.m.  
(Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9, \*June 13 \*final GEMS meeting and celebration)
- WHAT:** Girls Excel in Math and Science, an opportunity for our girls to hear from women in STEM-related fields.
- COST:** No fee
- BROUGHT TO YOU BY:** HES staff, Mrs. McLaren-Wood and Mrs. VanZetta
- \*\*Please return permission form to school by Monday, October 3.  
If you need additional forms, please check the Advanced Academics Program page on the HES website.

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## 2011-2012 GEMS Club Registration & Permission Slip

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for my child to participate in the After School GEMS Club. I will be responsible for picking up my child in the front lobby promptly at 4:00 p.m.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

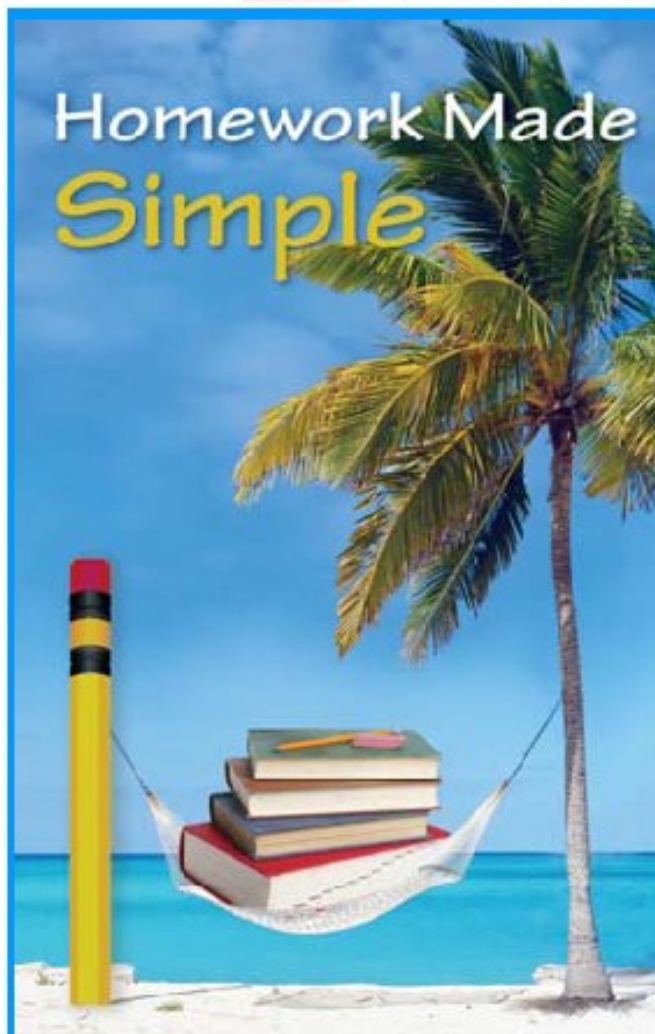
Email (to receive GEMS updates) \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly

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The Parent Resource Center  
Communications & Community Outreach



Do you need solutions for stress-free homework? Would you like to learn tips, tools and practical strategies to make homework easier for your child?

Then join us for this **FREE** workshop for parents, presented by Ann Dolin, M.Ed., President, Educational Connections, Inc. and author of the award winning book, *Homework Made Simple: Tips, Tools and Solutions for Stress-Free Homework*.

**September 29, 2011**

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Hayfield Elementary School

7633 Telegraph Road | Alexandria, Virginia

**Register online now or call 703-204-3941**

For more information, visit [www.fcps.edu/cco/prc](http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc)

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# The Parent Resource Center

## Upcoming workshops from The Parent Resource Center!



**The Out-of-Sync Child**  
 presented by  
**Carol Kranowitz**

September 20, 2011  
 7 - 9 p.m.  
 Lee High School  
 4750 Peninsula Blvd  
 Springfield, Virginia

**The Out-of-Sync Child**  
*presented by*  
**Carol Kranowitz**

**September 20**  
**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Lee High School**



**Are You Ready?**  
 Are you ready to help your child with special needs? This workshop will provide you with the tools you need to help your child succeed in school.

September 22, 2011  
 10:00 a.m. – noon  
 Parent Resource Center

**Are You Ready?**  
*for parents of children with special needs*

**September 22**  
**10:00 a.m. – noon**  
**Parent Resource Center**



**Homework Made Simple**  
 How to help your child with homework. This workshop will provide you with the tools you need to help your child succeed in school.

September 29, 2011  
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Hayfield Elementary School

**Homework Made Simple**  
*presented by*  
**Ann Dolin**

**September 29**  
**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Hayfield Elementary School**



**let's TEENtalk**  
 Communicating With Your Teen

October 4, 2011  
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 Parent Resource Center

**let's TEENtalk**  
*Communicating With Your Teen*

**October 4**  
**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Parent Resource Center**



**Anxiety in Children & Adolescents**  
 How to help your child with anxiety. This workshop will provide you with the tools you need to help your child succeed in school.

October 7, 2011  
 10:00 a.m. - noon  
 Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services

**Anxiety in Children & Adolescents**  
*presented by*  
**Dr. Erin Berman**

**October 7**  
**10:00 a.m. - noon**  
**Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services**



**Smart Kids with Learning Difficulties**  
 How to help your child with learning difficulties. This workshop will provide you with the tools you need to help your child succeed in school.

October 11, 2011  
 7 - 9 p.m.  
 Jackson Middle School

**Smart Kids with Learning Difficulties**  
*presented by*  
**Rich Weinfeld**

**October 11**  
**7 - 9 p.m.**  
**Jackson Middle School**



**Bullying Prevention Tips for parents of children with special needs**

October 13, 2011  
 10:00 a.m. - noon  
 Parent Resource Center

**Bullying Prevention Tips for Parents of Children with Special Needs**

**October 13**  
**10:00 a.m. - noon**  
**Parent Resource Center**



**Introduction to Special Education**  
 The Parent's Resource 9 Your Questions

October 18, 2011  
 11:00 a.m. - noon  
 Parent Resource Center

**Introduction to Special Education**  
*for parents NEW to Special Education*

**October 18**  
**11:00 a.m. – noon**  
**Parent Resource Center**

Register for a **free** workshop at [www.fcps.edu/cco/prc](http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc) or call **703-204-3941**