

Journey to the Future



HAYFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S SCHOOL HOUSE NEWS

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Orchestra News

We had a great concert last Tuesday evening. Everyone did a superb job!

The primary goal of the Hayfield strings program is to develop musical literacy in our students, using a stringed instrument as the foundation of learning. Acquiring proficiency on a string instrument helps us to understand and enjoy the music we hear in everyday life as well as providing a vehicle for creative self-expression.

The elementary string's program emphasizes the building of technique. The sequence of repertoire is carefully selected to introduce and develop specific skills.

The benefits of studying a string instrument are the following:

- ◆ Developing academic and socially oriented skills including self-discipline and concentration.
- ◆ Learning to listen and follow oral and written directions.
- ◆ Working within a group toward a common goal.
- ◆ Learning a new language of written and spoken musical terms.
- ◆ Refining large and small motor skills as well as eye/hand coordination developed through daily repetition.
- ◆ Developing a joy and sense of satisfaction that comes from being a musician.

Music is found in every culture and is an important part of the human experience. A musical performance of high quality creates excitement, exhilaration, and satisfaction in a job well-done. Music is a lifelong creative activity with benefits transferable to many other areas in life.

Alicia McMahan
Strings Teacher

PTA Spring Fundraiser

HES PTA announces our spring fundraiser: Summer Bridge Math, Reading and Basic Skills Workbooks. To order simply go to innisbrook.com, click on SHOP, and enter our school number **112271**. Workbooks are offered for every grade level, and orders will ship directly and quickly to your home. When placing your order, think about the purpose of the grade that you are choosing. Some students would benefit from reviewing the grade level they are currently in, while others could benefit from the next year's curriculum. Classroom teachers would be a great resource to find the proper workbook. If you have any questions, contact Karen Drury at ksdrury@aol.com. Reading and skills practice make a great summer plan for every child!

Upcoming Dates for SOL Testing

May 27	Third Grade	Reading
	Sixth Grade	Reading
May 28	Third Grade	Reading
	Sixth Grade	Math
June 2	Third Grade	Math
	Sixth Grade	History

Make-up testing dates will be May 22, 26 and 29, and June 3, 4, and 5. Please adjust your schedules accordingly to make sure students are here for testing.

Memorial Day – What Does It Really Mean?

Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day 2009 will be celebrated on May 25. We should all take time on this day to remember those who gave their lives so we, as Americans, could have life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Showing your appreciation with a red, white and blue floral tribute is a great way to remember those who gave their lives for us. There are online Memorial Day history and activities for kids to visit at <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/memorial-day/>.

Upcoming Events

June

- 5 Gr. K program 1:30 p.m.
- 16 SCA/Patrol Induction 1:30 p.m.
- 17 Gr. 6 Ceremony 9:00 a.m.
Gr. 4 & 5 Awards 1:30 p.m.
- 18 Last Day of School

REMINDER

In observance of Memorial Day, all FCPS schools will be closed on Monday, May 25.

School will resume normal schedules on Tuesday, May 26.





Congratulations to Girls on the Run

Beginning in March, twenty of our Hayfield girls in grades three through six participated in the Girls on the Run Program of the Northern Virginia. We shared a mission to complete a 5K (3.1 mile) race in May while hoping to instill self-esteem and strong values through health education, life skills development, and personal relationships. From late March to early May, the group met every Tuesday and Thursday for a one hour session to reach the common goals. We discussed ways in which to stand up for yourself, how to deal with gossiping or bullying in the classroom or elsewhere among peers while putting on our sneakers and running out on the back fields and building up endurance for our race.

In late April, the girls put their training to the test as they participated in their first practice 5k. Parents and teachers volunteered their time to run alongside the girls on their twelve laps around the back field. Our SACC (School Age Child Care) students and staff contributed terrific energy as they cheered with posters and pom-poms and handed out water. As we quickly approached race day, a guest speaker spoke to the girls. She is an Ironman triathlon finisher, a collegiate swimmer, and a current runner. She spoke to the girls about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, a positive attitude, and what to expect at their first racing experience.

On Saturday, May 16, we completed our race. It was held at Fair Oaks Mall in Virginia. The girls arrived with family and friends as well as their energy. Among them were thousands of other girls from Virginia who participated in the Girls on the Run Program of Northern Virginia. Many of the girls ran alongside their fathers, mothers, and friends; some even raced with their entire family! Family members lined the streets to watch the race begin and then quickly moved to the finish line to catch a glimpse of the proud finishers. Soon enough, the girls began to approach the finish area, pink in the face and full of pride! All of our Hayfield Elementary participants finished all 3.1 miles, as did our Hayfield family members and friends who ran to show their support. It was truly exceptional to see the smiles and hugs exchanged among the runners as they finished their 5k race. Great job everyone!

Sara Hawkins
Serena Giron
Gail Horton
Girls on the Run Sponsors



Teacher of the Year Nominee

On Wednesday, May 20, Fairfax County Public Schools honored the Teacher of the Year nominees at a school board reception.

Ms. Wendy Ergler, fourth grade teacher, represented Hayfield Elementary School. Ms. Ergler has been at Hayfield for ten years and a teacher for fifteen years. She is a gifted educator and positive member of the Hayfield community. We are fortunate to have Ms. Ergler here at Hayfield Elementary School. Congratulations Ms. Ergler!

Library Books

Please be on the lookout for any library and textbooks that you might have at home. All library books should be returned to the library by **Wednesday, June 3**. Lost or damaged books must also be replaced. Any books found during the summer can be returned to the office for a refund.

Spring Pictures

The last day to order pictures will be Friday, May 29. Any pictures you are NOT purchasing should be returned to school with your child. Additional order forms are in the school office.

You can also go online to purchase pictures. The website address is www.lifetouch.com.

Weekly Parenting Tip

What Parents Should know About Bullying

Bullying behavior is not always easy for adults or children to recognize or define. It is bullying when a person or group of people intentionally use their power to hurt, frighten, threaten or exclude another person. There are many types of bullying. One common type of bullying is cyber bullying. Cyber bullying involves harassment by sending or posting hurtful images, messages or threats in an email, instant message, Internet chat rooms, on social sites (such as MySpace), or text and picture messages by cell phone. For more information, please visit www.OneToughJob.org. Additional information on how to protect your child will be sent home in next week's newsletter.

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