

Langston Hughes Middle School

Hughes News

LHMS will open three hours later than the normal time on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, for the eleventh annual "Touch Base" Day. School begins at 11:00 a.m. Bus schedules will be adjusted.

There will be a countywide two-hour early closing on Wednesday, November 25, 2009. LHMS will dismiss at 12:50 p.m. **There are no late buses on November 25, 2009.**

October/November 2009

LANGSTON HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL
11401 RIDGE HEIGHTS ROAD
RESTON, VA 20191

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Fall Fund Raiser continues	2 Fall Fund Raiser Continues Interims go home	3
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> September 15—October 15 National Hispanic American Heritage Month </div>						
4 Fire Preven- tion Week	5-After-School Program (Kyle) Fall Fund Raiser Continues	6-After-School Program (Kyle) Fall Fund Raiser Continues Pyrami9d Work- shop @ SLHS (Chorus)	7-After-School Program (Kyle) Fall Fund Raiser Continues Beaver Pond Field Trip Pizza Wednesday begins	8-After-School Program (Kyle) Fall Fund Raiser Ends Beaver Pond Field Trip Coalition Meeting 9:30 (Lect. Hall)	9-After-School Program (Kyle)	10 Open House at TJHSST (8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.)
11-Custodian Appreciation Week National School Lunch Week	12 Holiday—All Personnel Students do not attend.	13-After-School Program (Kyle)	14-After-School Program (Kyle) Life Touch Fall Picture Day TJ Informational meeting. Parents & Students. 7:00 p.m. Lect. Hall	15-After-School Program (Kyle)	16-After-School Program (Kyle) 7:30 p.m.-Skate Night hosted by LHMS PTA @ Skate Quest	17
18 Teen Read Week 2009 National School Bus Safety Week	19-After-School Program (Kyle)	20-After-School Program (Kyle)	21—After-School Program (Kyle) Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence in Virginia FALL FUN RUN	22-After-School Program (Kyle) HEALTH SCREENING	23-After-School Program (Kyle) HEALTH SCREENING Applications for TJHSST due to Guidance.	24
25 National Red Ribbon Week	26-After-School Program (Kyle)	27-After-School Program (Kyle) Community Meet- ing, Board of Su- pervisors (6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.)	28-After-School Program (Kyle)	29-After-School Program (Kyle)	30-After-School Program (Kyle) First grading periods ends	31
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> Computer Learning Month Head Start Awareness Month </div>			



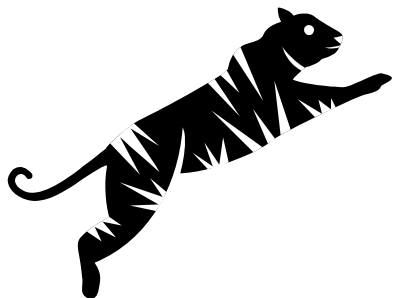
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November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 Teacher Workday/ Student Holiday	3 Teacher Workday/ Student Holiday Election Day	4-After-School Program (Kyle) Second Grading Period Begins	5-After-School Program (Kyle)	6-After-School Program (Kyle) Report Cards Mailed Home	7	
8-Veterans History Week in Virginia School Psychology Awareness Week	9-After-School Program (Kyle) District XII Orchestra Auditions @ Rocky Run MS	10-After-School Program (Kyle)	11-After-School Program (Kyle) Veterans Day TOUCH BASE DAY WINTER ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7 p.m. @ SLHS	12-After-School Program (Kyle) Coalition Meeting 9:30 a.m. (L. Hall) (Rivas)	13-After-School Program (Kyle)	14	
15 American Education Week Geography Awareness Week	16-After-School Program (Kyle)	17-After-School Program (Kyle)	18-After-School Program (Kyle)	19-After-School Program (Kyle)	20-After-School Program (Kyle) CAREER DAY	21	
22	23-After-School Program (Kyle)	24-After-School Program (Kyle)	25 2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE DAY DISMISSAL AT 12:50 p.m.	26 THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY (All Personnel) STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	27 HOLIDAY (All Personnel) STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	28	
29	30		National Career Development Month Native American Heritage Month				



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Administrative Staff:

- Aimee Monticchio.....Principal
- Amelia Mitchell.....Director—Student Services
- Sybil Mack.....8th-Gd. Assistant Principal
- Mike Zook.....7th-Gd. Assistant Principal
- Chris Powell.....IB MYP Coordinator
- Marianna Mannino.....Finance Technician
- Henrietta Pantzer.....Administrative Assistant
- Susan Powers.....Clerical Assistant
- Elizabeth Rennie-Cline.....Clerical Assistant
- Sofia Rondon.....Clerical Assistant
- Staci Ruffa.....Clerical Assistant

Guidance Staff:

- Mark Blocker.....Counselor
- Monica Crossley.....Counselor
- Phyllis DeGraffenried.....Counselor
- Gloria Thrall.....Counselor
- Stephanie Hicks.....Guidance Assistant

School Hours:

7:55 a.m.—2:50 p.m.

- Students are not allowed to enter the building until **7:40 a.m.**
- **Breakfast** is available from **7:40 a.m.-7:50 a.m.**
- **Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.** with the first few minutes designated for attendance and announcements.

Message from the Principal. . .

Dear Hughes Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we enter the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, it is a good time to remember all that we have to be thankful for at Hughes. The students have started the year enthusiastic about learning and becoming involved in the Hughes community. The staff is dedicated to preparing engaging lessons that meet students where they are and take them to higher levels of understanding. Many parents and community members volunteer to assist the school in its activities. Of particular note are the US Geological Survey and the Reston Association that partnered with us to provide a field study day for all of our 7th graders. The walking field trip was covered by Channel 21 and the **Washington Post**. Community members also staff our Hughes After-School Program that serves 250 students on average. Mr. Kyle, the After-School Program Specialist, runs a program with enrichment and assistance programs that have many Hughes students engaged from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There are many great things happening at Hughes, and for that we are grateful.

On October 30, 2009, the first grading period ends, and then on November 11, 2009, parents and guardians will have the chance to "Touch Base" with their child's teachers to hear about their academic progress. Three-minute mini-conferences will be held from 7:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. that morning. Children should plan to catch the buses 3 hours after the normal bus schedule. Classes will start at 11:00 a.m. The class periods will be shorter, but every class will take place.

Again, I am grateful to our entire community for the dedication that you show to student learning. Without everyone's support, we would not see student success. Have a blessed Thanksgiving with family and loved ones.

Sincerely,
Aimee Monticchio
Principal
Langston Hughes Middle School



International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IB MYP)

By Mr. Chris Powell, Coordinator

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IB MYP) is an instructional framework that places an emphasis on students making connections between the real world and traditional subjects at Langston Hughes Middle School.

There are big shoes to fill as the year is getting underway. Reflection is essential to steering the year in advance, so here are a few highlights from the 2008-2009 year at Hughes Middle:

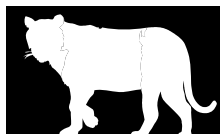
- Last year, a record number of service hours were completed by our students, just over 15,000!
- Service accolades ranged from the Reston Distinguished Service Award (Earth Force Club) to the Prudential Spirit of the Community Award (Olivia Wolfe) for outstanding contributions to the community.
- Hughes PE students donated shoes, and the Reston Regional Library generously gave books to a rural village in Haiti. English 7 classes wrote and illustrated books, through Books of Hope, which were sent to students in Uganda.

The IB theme "Sharing Humanity" is in its third and final year. Throughout the year, there will be multiple opportunities for our students to demonstrate a humanitarian touch to our local and surrounding communities; keep on the lookout!

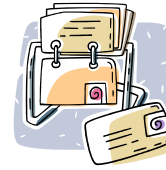
The IB MYP challenges students to think beyond the surface of content and focus on the student as a learner. The IB MYP framework adds to the development of the whole student and his or her skills one who can adapt to our rapidly changing world.

Langston Hughes and the South Lakes High School community wishes to congratulate another class which recently received their certificates and awards. This year 40 students were awarded the Full IB MYP certificate. These students will receive their awards at the Fall Awards Ceremony at South Lakes High School on the evening of November 17, 2009.

More information regarding the International Baccalaureate and IB Middle Years Program can be found at <http://www.ibo.org/informationfor/parents/>



Emergency Contact Information Keep In Touch



Parents and Guardians,

Please be aware that in order to receive Keep In Touch communication from Langston Hughes, we must have a current email addresses on record. If you have not received any Keep In Touch emails from Langston Hughes this school year, please contact the office to verify your email contact information. Email addresses can be provided via a completed Emergency Care Information (form SS/SE-3). **If there are any changes to emergency contact information during the school year, please be sure to inform the school office.** Changes to phone numbers and email addresses may be submitted via Form SS/SE-3 (available at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIT/forms/se3.pdf> or via WeCare@school on FCPS 24/7: Parent View.

Any changes to home addresses may only be made after proof of residence has been provided to the registrar at Hughes. Acceptable proof of residence includes a deed, a lease, or a resident manager's letter.

Thank you for helping to keep our information current.

Parents and Students, Please Remember: No Cell Phone Use on FCPS School Buses



Effective November 3, 2003, middle-school students were allowed to possess a cell phone on school property as long as students follow the established guidelines stated in the *Student Responsibilities and Rights (SR&R)* booklet. However, cell phone use is prohibited during the school day while students are in after-school activities and while they are on FCPS school buses. **The device must be out of sight and turned off.** Violation will result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the principal. As stated in the SR & R on page 18, in section m, "In addition to other disciplinary action associated with the possession or use of a portable communication device in violation of this provision, any such portable communication device **shall be subject to confiscation by school officials and returned only to the student's parent or guardian.**"

Please be aware that school staff members are not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones. If you choose to allow your child to possess a cell phone on school property, you and your student will be responsible for its safekeeping.

Traffic Patterns For Safety and Security

By Officer Brett Choyce, SRO

Langston Hughes Middle School is a large school consisting of nearly 1,000 students. Many students are driven to school daily by their parents or relatives. Because of the amount of traffic around the school between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., safety concerns have been raised by both parents and school personnel. The purpose of this article is to address those concerns and to better inform students and their families.

Precautions need to be taken when dropping students off at the school. The only drop-off area for students is to the rear of the school on Ridge Heights Road in the Drop-off Lane only. There are no exceptions. Students are not to be dropped off on Seahawk Drive. Signs are clearly posted that state "DO NOT DISCHARGE STUDENTS." Please obey these signs. **Parents who stop in fire lanes and discharge students will be charged.** Students' being dropped off on Seahawk Drive not only creates traffic congestion, but it also creates a dangerous situation for the students in the roadway.

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., the parking lot in front of the school is strictly for buses and staff to enter. There is only one entrance to the parking lot, which is located closest to the school. The other is an exit where "DO NOT ENTER" is posted. Buses unload students on the exit end of the parking lot, and students need to be ensured of safety as they cross the parking lot to school.

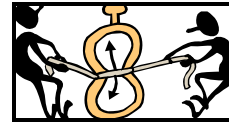
Another issue raised by parents is the disregard for other parents and students at the drop-off area at the rear of the school. There is a crosswalk by the drop-off area that is not covered by a crossing guard. Drivers need to be more aware of pedestrians in the crosswalk and should under no circumstances stop in the crosswalk to drop off students. Because of the heavy volume of vehicles in the short amount of time before school starts, cooperation from everyone is greatly needed and appreciated.

A steady flow of traffic is essential. Vehicles cutting into the Drop-off Lane or even in front of the lane create congestion and danger. A single-file line moves smoother than one where vehicles are constantly cutting into the flow of traffic. **Please pull to the end of the lane to drop off students.** Students are also encouraged to use the crosswalk where the crossing guard is stationed at Ridge Heights Road and Seahawk Drive. "No U-turn" signs are legally posted on Ridge Heights Road. **Violators will be charged.**

A final issue raised by parents is the duties of the crossing guard. Crossing guards are to cross students only. Over the years, they have directed traffic, which by law they are not supposed to do. As of October 2000, crossing guards were directed by the County to only cross the students. Traffic congestion became an issue and was addressed by the Fairfax County Police Department's Traffic Division. The crossing guard at Ridge Heights Road and Seahawk Drive is permitted to do minimal traffic direction if the need dictates, but he is not mandated to do so.

It cannot be stressed enough how important safety for the students at Langston Hughes Middle School is to everyone involved. If even one student is endangered by a driver's actions, that is one student too many. Cooperation and adherence to the traffic laws by every person involved in this daily process are of the utmost importance and greatly appreciated.

Daylight Saving Time



Daylight Saving Time "falls back" at the beginning of the month of November. Daylight Saving Time begins at **2:00 a.m., Sunday morning, November 1, 2009.**

"TOUCH BASE" DAY Wednesday, November 11, 2009

The purpose of "Touch Base" is to provide parents and guardians an opportunity to have a 3-minute mini-conference with teachers to discuss the academic progress their child has made during the first-quarter grading term.

If there is a problem that cannot be addressed in three minutes, parents will be provided with a "Touch Base" Question/Concern Form that can be left with a counselor. The counselor will follow-up with a phone call to address any questions or concerns.

The 3-minute mini-conferences on "Touch Base" Day are not the same as the elementary school parent-teacher conferences. Parents will have the opportunity to meet up to seven teachers rather than one teacher. The mini-conferences are on a drop-in basis, and parents will have to stand in line to meet with individual teachers. Parents are allotted three minutes with each teacher. (Parent and staff volunteers with clock times will be stationed in each location to signal the end of each three minute conference.)

The 3-minute mini-conferences **will start at 7:15 a.m. and end promptly at 10:00 a.m.** Students should go to bus stops approximately 3 hours later than the usual time. School starts at 11:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, November 11, 2009!**



Please do not drop off students in the bus loop in the morning.
Please do not drop off students in the Staff Parking Lot in the morning.
Please do not enter the Teacher's Parking Lot from 7:15 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.
Please proceed to the Drop-off Lane behind the school along Ridge Heights Road to discharge students.

Internet Safety Tips (www.Netsmartz.org)

By Les Jones, School-Based Technology Specialist



Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules should be posted on or near the monitor. Create your own computer rules or print the [Internet safety pledge](#). The pledge can be signed by adults and children and should be periodically reviewed.

Look into safeguarding programs or options your online service provider might offer. These may include monitoring or filtering capabilities.

Always read a web site's privacy policy before giving any personal information. Also make sure that a web site offers a secure connection before giving credit-card information.

Web sites for children are not permitted to request personal information without a parent's permission. Talk to children about what personal information is and why you should never give it to people online.

If children use chat or E-mail, talk to them about never meeting in person with anyone they first "met" online.

Talk to children about not responding to offensive or dangerous E-mail, chat, or other communications. Report any such communication to local law enforcement. Do not delete the offensive or dangerous E-mail; turn off the monitor, and contact local law enforcement.

Keep the computer in the family room or another open area of your home.

Get informed about computers and the Internet. Visit the [resources](#) section to find additional information on Internet safety.

Let children show you what they can do online, and visit their favorite sites.

Have children use child-friendly search engines when completing homework.

Know who children are exchanging e-mail with, and only let them use chat areas when you can supervise. Netsmartz recommends limiting chat room access to child-friendly chat sites.

Be aware of any other computers your child may be using.

Internet accounts should be in the parent's name with parents having the primary screen name, controlling passwords, and using blocking and/or filtering devices.

Children should not complete a profile for a service provider, and children's screen names should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child.

Talk to children about what to do if they see something that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. Show them how to turn off the monitor and emphasize that it's not their fault if they see something upsetting. Remind children to tell a trusted adult if they see something that bothers them online.

Consider using filtering or monitoring software for your computer. Filtering products that use white listing which only allows a child access to a pre-approved list of sites, are recommended for children in this age group. Netsmartz does not advocate using filters only; education is a key part of prevention. Visit the [resources](#) section for web sites that provide information on filtering or blocking software.

**THANK YOU
2009-2010
Mail-Home Packet**



Volunteers are a vital component to the success of any school. Once again, Langston Hughes Middle School has an outstanding group of volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year. A special **thank you** is extended to the following team of individuals, families, and friends who came in during the summer to help the front office collate our mail-home packet. Although everyone worked very hard, everyone had a good time too!

Emily Ruffa
Adama Ruffa
Maureen Becker
Hannah Becker
Olivia Wolfe
Abby Reinhold
Lilia Louikili
Adrienne Ziegelbauer
Charlotte Smith
Hailey Shue
Alison Westfall
Melissa Westfall
Laurie Podell
Yolanda Maldonado

New Faces at Hughes...

Please welcome the following new staff members or staff members with new positions to Langston Hughes Middle School: **Margit Campbell**, Special Education Instructional Assistant; **Pablo Constanza**, Custodian; **Meredith Crook**, Math Teacher; **Sue Curley**, Special Education WAT Teacher; **Joan Delcoco**, English Teacher; **Angela Elmore**, English Teacher; **Russell Evans**, Spanish Teacher; **Ana Guzman**, Food Services; **Erick Johnson**, Special Education Instructional Assistant; **Kouassi Noel Koffi**, Spanish Teacher; **Brette Lawrence**, English Teacher; **Candice McWhorter**, Math Teacher; **Abrianna Nelson**, Social Studies Teacher; **Rudellith Ramirez**, Special Education PHA; **Jondrea Thomas**, AIA/Time Out Room Specialist; and **Kipperly Tiddball**, ESOL Teacher.

Panthers-on-Track

By Ms. Stacy O'Connor, Coordinator



Students are off to a great start this year by demonstrating that they are respectful and responsible in the educational environment. Students have earned the largest number of "High Five" coupons issued in the first month of school in the history of the program! Coupons are placed in the "High Five" box located in the cafeteria and drawings from the box are televised bi-weekly. Prizes for the drawings include gift cards, academic supplies, and school T-shirts. If your child has received a "High Five" coupon, be sure to ask why he or she received it and congratulate him or her on his or her contribution to a positive school environment. Good luck wishes go to all in the next "High Five" drawing!

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Media Center Website:

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Ms. Monticchio's email address:

Aimee.Monticchio@fcps.edu



2009-2010 LHMS Yearbook
"Panther Tracks"

By Mrs. Janet Belvin, Yearbook Sponsor



An Easy Method to
 Purchase Yearbooks — \$25.00

Once again, Langston Hughes Middle School has made it easy to capture all activities that will happen at school this year. Now you can keep the memories of the school year forever by purchasing a yearbook for your son or daughter directly through the mail.

In a partnership with Lifetouch, our yearbook publisher, we are offering a service for you to purchase yearbooks from your home. This simple method will eliminate the need for your son or daughter to bring any money to school. You will receive complete details on the yearbook offer, available options, and ordering instructions in a handout which your child will receive.

Purchases may be made by mail with a check or credit card. We hope you will find this new service to be an easy and efficient way to purchase the yearbook this year.

Cafeteria News

By Ms. Ibrahim, Manager



Lunch Tickets

Lunch tickets are still being sold in the cafeteria each day. Checks should be made out to "Langston Hughes Middle School" and given to the cashier in the cafeteria. Applications for free and reduced-price meals are still available at the school and should be sent back to the Office of Food Services as directed on the form. Parents, you are reminded that you received forms in August to renew your child's application for free and reduced-price meals. Those applications should have been updated by September 30, 2009.

myLunchMoney.com



Parents, are you hearing, "I'm out of lunch money," from your student? Whether you want to check the balance in the account, or add funds, this website is very helpful. It is available 24-7. You are able to pay by check or cash on line. It's easy to use, convenient, private, and secure.

About Our Teams...

Comets
 (7th Grade)



Mrs. Belvin & Mrs. Durrant.

Mrs. Belvin and Mrs. Durrant's English classes have been studying the short story. Students enjoyed an old classic (which parents may remember from their school days) *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*, which is set in India. It is the story of a little mongoose who defeats a pair of cobras. The students loved it. Soon they will begin their grammar study with the parts of speech. Do you remember how many there are? SEVENTH GRADERS, this is a reminder to be sure to have your textbooks in class and KEEP READING!



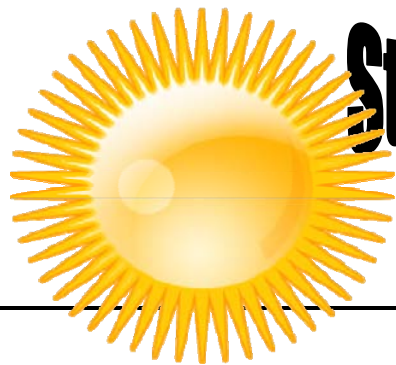
"Have a good day!"

LHMS Orchestra

By Mrs. Jessica Savage, Director



The Langston Hughes Orchestras have been working very hard! The Orchestra Buddies Program has now started and interested students have been assigned to a high school buddy. Junior District Orchestra auditions are coming up on November 9th. Good luck goes to all who are auditioning! Our Winter Concert will be on November 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the South Lakes High School Theater. Come hear us play; we sound amazing this year!



Student of the Month

October 2009

Comets

Jesus Pando
Caroline Sartorius

super Novas

Charlotte Brown
Andrew Duran
Deonte Hall
Rony Polanco Rivera
Jacqueline Trautman

Gamma Rays

Augusta Durham
McKenzie McKoy
Gabrielle Parisi
Tahimina Zikrullah

Galaxy

Zach Chen
James Jordan
Daniel Mejia
Charles Robinson

Meteorites

Javon Coleman
Juan Pablo Anzola

stars

Smar Abuagla
Nina Duong
Stuart Kern
Colby Laxton
Alejandro Rivas Rios

Department of Student Services
Amielia Mitchell
Director of Student Services

The guidance department has been very busy this first quarter of school. Counselors are currently in the classroom presenting Sexual Harassment Lessons to all students. They are also working on Academic Intervention Plans with students who received low grades this first Interim Report. Parents may contact counselors anytime they have questions or concerns about their child's academic performance, social or emotional needs. The counselors and their team assignments are as follows:

<u>Counselors:</u>	<u>Teams:</u>	<u>Telephone #s:</u>
Mr. Mark Blocker	Comets & Meteorites	703-715-3618
Ms. Monica Crossley	Stars & Galaxy	703-715-3645
Ms. Phyllis DeGraffenried	Lasers & 7th/8th Gr. Math	703-715-3654
Ms. Gloria Thrall	Super Novas & Gamma Rays	703-715-3655

Ms. Stephanie Hicks - Guidance Assistant

Sexual Harassment Prevention:

Counselors presented lessons on Sexual Harassment Prevention to all 7th and 8th grade students during the month of September and also in October. This issue is addressed in Chapter II of the Student Responsibilities and Rights handbook. The seventh-grade lessons will focus on the law, the definition of sexual harassment, ways to respond to sexual harassment, and on how the media influences sexual harassment. The eighth-grade lessons will focus on the impact of sexual harassment and effective responses to it.

First Grading Period

The first grading period will end on **October 30, 2009**. Report cards will be mailed to students on **Friday, November 6, 2009**. Please review the report cards with your child.

If your child did well academically, please commend him/her and encourage him/her to continue to do well throughout the year. If your child did not do well academically, please encourage him/her to (1) seek additional assistance from the teachers both during class and after school, (2) actively participate in class, (3) read each night, (4) complete all required homework assignments, and (5) participate in Saturday Academy if needed.

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Honor Roll Reception

Students who earn all "A's" will be honored at the **“All-A” Honor Roll Reception on Friday, November 13, 2009**. The reception will be held at Langston Hughes in the cafeteria at **1:30 p.m.** Invitations will be given to students who are being honored.

Career Fair

The Hughes Career Fair will be held Friday, November 20th, **from 1:00 p.m. until 2:20 p.m.** We are still looking for guest speakers. If you are available to speak with a group of students about your career, please call Gloria Thrall, Counselor, at 703-715-3655.

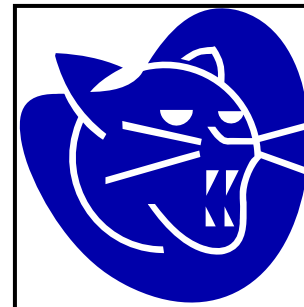
The 2009-2010 Impact Aid Survey

Each year, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) participates in the federal **Impact Aid Program**. The **Impact Aid Program** is a federal grant program designed to reimburse public school districts for losses in traditional tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property within the school district. It also fulfills the federal responsibility to assist public schools with the provision of educational services to federally connected children include the following:

- Children who are military dependents or have parents who are civilian government employees;
- Children who reside on federal property within the school district, on trust or restricted Indian lands or in federally assisted low rent housing; and
- Children who reside on federal property and have a parent who is an accredited foreign government official and/or a foreign military officer.

The number of federally connected students in the school system can only be identified by the school system's Impact Aid Student-Parent Survey form completed by the parents of every student in the system. Students will be required to bring this survey form home to you **Wednesday, November 4, 2009**. **The forms will be distributed through the third period ATL classes. The form should be returned on Friday, November 6, 2009**, to your child's third period ATL teacher.

Each **Impact Aid Student-Parent** form will be pre-printed with the student's name and address. The employment information of at least one parent has to be provided. The form also has to be signed by a parent. Information that you provide on the Impact Aid Student Parent Survey form will be treated confidentially and will only be used to determine the number of federally connected students in the school system for this school year.



Panther Pride!