

Hunters Woods Elementary School
For the Arts and Sciences
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Principal's Message

Dear Hunters Woods Families and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a restful, relaxing and fun winter holiday. Time spent with family and friends is certainly rejuvenating. Thank you all for the many expressions of kindness. The PTA's Holiday Sweet Shoppe was as always spectacular. Your thoughtfulness was so appreciated.

The children, staff, and I are energized and ready to tackle all of the learning opportunities ahead of us in 2009. This time of the school year is very exciting. Our students will experience tremendous academic and social growth. They will be engaged in even more challenging, relevant, and quality instructions. Please continue to support and affirm our children. The internal satisfaction students will gain from expanding and enhancing their problem solving skills, producing quality products, and working cooperatively with others is very, very powerful.

Sincerely,

Olivia M. Toatley
Principal

The Office Staff Would Like to Thank You
From the Bottom of Our Hearts

We continue to be humbled and overwhelmed by the generosity of the thoughtful and caring Hunters Woods Family. The days before winter break were overflowing with delicious treats, beautiful holiday cards and lovely holiday treasures. We will remember your kindness with fondness.



Primary Science Night Meeting

Calling all primary parents!

The Primary Science Night Committee is in need of your support. There will be a meeting -

When: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Where: Science Room 257

Time: 3:45 pm

Contact: Susan Kelly at Susan.T.Kelly@fcps.edu if you have any questions or would like to help our scientists for this very important event.

Medication



Please note that all Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications; i.e., stomach antacids ("tums"), Tylenol, Benadryl, etc., need a **Medication Authorization Form** to remain in the school clinic for student use. To

download this form visit: <https://www.fcps.edu> and click on Forms and scroll down for the Medication Authorization form. Please follow the following procedures regarding dropping off medication/OTC to the clinic:

- Medication must be transported by an adult.
- Children should not bring medication to the school.
- OTC must be in original container or package.
- Each student must have his/her own container of medications (i.e. *siblings may not share* the same OTC medication, bottle and pills).
- **Cough drops and throat lozenges do not require medication authorization forms and may be carried by any student.**



Vomiting Along With Fever

A child should remain at home for at least 24 hours or until he/she is free of fever.

Student Information Updates

Parents must notify their child's school when their home address changes. If families move out of Fairfax County, children are no longer eligible to attend Fairfax County Public Schools and will be withdrawn. Changes and updates to student information need to be made in writing and include a parent or legal guardian's signature. Parents or legal guardians may complete a new emergency care form or send to the office a signed and dated note; including the student's name, teacher name, and the changes or updates to the office

For a change of address, parents or legal guardians need to complete the "Student Information Update" form and provide proof of residency (copy of deed or lease). A change in residence may require a change in school.

Parents with their own Blackboard/FCPS 24-7 Learning account have access to weCare@schools. weCare@schools is the online system that allows parents to submit emergency care information for their children online.

Magnet Program

Hunters Woods Magnet program applications are available online and at Hunters Woods. For more information, log on to <http://www.fcps.edu/HuntersWoodsES/>.

Please send completed applications to the address below:

Debbie Jones
Office of Elementary Instruction and
Administrative Services
3705 Crest Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

All applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2009. An **information night** will be held at Hunters Woods on Tuesday, February 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. The snow date is Tuesday, February 10. For more information contact Diane Beers, parent liaison at 703-262-7405.

Third and Fourth Grade Arts Integration Preview

Opening night for the Arts Integration Celebration will be Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00. Parents of third grade students, mark your calendars and plan to attend an evening of tableau that will feature each third grade class. Through the drama technique known as tableau, third graders will demonstrate knowledge of the curriculum. In their classrooms, students have been learning to cooperate and to strengthen their concentration muscles. If you haven't yet heard of the Actor's Toolbox, ask your child to demonstrate it for you.

Fourth graders will be using the Arts Integration Celebration to provide a window into the creative process they use to develop the fourth grade interactive museum. Each class will be showcasing a different period of Virginia's rich history. Students will be working on their museum exhibit in order to have them ready when their interactive museum opens on March 26.

At our Arts Integration Celebration you will see many of the ways Hunters Woods teachers use the training they receive through the Kennedy Center's Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) staff development courses to enhance and enliven students' learning. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Parents Save These Dates

Langston Hughes' parent orientation for rising 7th grade students is on February 19, 2009 at 6:30 -8:45 p.m. The snow date is February 26.

Rachel Carson's parent orientation for rising 7th grade students is on March 12, 2009, 6:15 - 9:00 pm. The snow date is March 25th.