

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

Dear Hunters Woods Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the third quarter of this school year. Our students are continuing to grow and develop academically and socially. We are proud of their achievements.

On Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> the annual HWES International Festival was held. Our wonderful PTA sponsored this terrific event. Despite the short week and cold weather, there was a great turnout. Our school's rich diversity was truly celebrated. There were information booths and tables representing several countries. Students and parents proudly shared information, photos, artifacts, and delicious food. Thank you to the PTA and all who attended.

As you have probably heard Assistant Principal Gail Porter will be leaving us. She has been appointed Principal of Floris Elementary School. We congratulate Gail and know that she will do a fine job. Mrs. Porter is an exceptional and compassionate educator. HWES is a better place because of her time with us. We will miss her greatly. Good Luck Gail!

Sincerely,

Olivia M. Toatley  
Principal

**Arts Integration Celebration 2009!**

*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!

**Safe & Drug-Free Youth Bookmark Contest Winners**

We are please to announce the school winners of this year's Safe & Drug-Free Youth Bookmark Contest. They are: Clara Kim, grade 3 in Mrs. Thomas' class and Sriram Iyer, grade 6 in Mr. Garrison's class. Their bookmarks will be entered in the final countywide contest. The countywide winning bookmarks will be selected by a panel of judges, including

representatives from the DEA, AEIC, Elks Lodge, FCPS, the school-community coalitions, and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. Students will be awarded Savings Bonds for each of the four levels of competition. We wish Clara and Sriram the best of luck in the countywide competition.

## Book Nook

By Jill Stewart, Reading Specialist



Dear Book Nook,  
My children love to use the computer after-school. I don't mind them playing on educational sites like [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) and

[www.teachertube.com](http://www.teachertube.com), but I know they should be reading more. What should I do?

Signed,

*Ready to Read*

Dear Ready to Read,

You are in luck! I have the perfect solution to your dilemma. Your children can enjoy spending time on the computer while reading books, or having them read to them, on [www.TumbleBooks.com](http://www.TumbleBooks.com). *TumbleBooks* is an online library of animated, talking books with music and narration. These books provide enrichment to independent readers as well as skill building opportunities for those children who need support. This site is helpful in improving fluency, expression, as well as comprehension.

TumbleBooks has a collection of story books that your children will love! The animated featured story books are children's favorites. Some of the story books available are Old time favorites such as "The Paper Bag Princess" by Robert Munsch, as well as favorite fairy tales such as "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Old Mother Hubbard." Other titles include: "Diary of a Worm," "How I Became a Pirate," "Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10," "One Duck Stuck," and "Tops and Bottoms."

There is also a collection of narrated chapter books, early readers, young adult novels, and "classics" called *TumbleReadables*. Sentences are highlighted as they are being read and the pages turn automatically. These books would be great for older children. These books are great for emergent, struggling, or reluctant readers, as well as those students with a voracious appetite for reading.

The *TumbleBooks* website even has games and puzzles that reinforce concepts from the books. There are even books in Spanish to allow the reader to have a bilingual experience and read the book in two languages. So, take some time to peruse the website at [www.TumbleBooks.com](http://www.TumbleBooks.com). Click on the yellow heading for the TumbleBook library. Sign in with the **username: HuntersWood** and **password: Books**. Enjoy sharing this wonderful animated reading experience with your children. Now, they can spend time on the computer while experiencing the joy of reading.

Happy Reading,

### Hunters Woods to Host 2nd Annual Career Day

Hunters Woods will be hosting our 2nd Annual Career Day on Thursday, April 2, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The goal of Career Day is to broaden our students' awareness of the world of work by introducing them to a diverse range of career options. We are currently seeking volunteers from all career clusters: Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Architecture & Construction; Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications, Business, Management, and Administration; Education & Training; Finance; Government & Public Administration; Health Sciences; Hospitality & Tourism; Human Services; Information Technology; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; Manufacturing; Marketing, Sales, and Service; Science, Technology, and Engineering; Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in sharing information about your career with our students, please return the recruitment flyer which will be sent home in the Tuesday folder on February 3rd. You may also contact our school counselors by either telephone or email for more information.

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### FCPS Accepting Applications for Elementary Magnet School Programs

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is currently accepting applications for its elementary magnet school programs for students entering grades 1 through 6 for Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences for the 2009-10 school

year. Selection for available magnet school spaces is based on a lottery.

To be eligible for the magnet school lottery, students must be working at or above grade level in language arts and math and must demonstrate positive interpersonal and school behaviors. More information about the program, including online application forms, is available at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/magnet.htm>. Applications must be postmarked by **Monday, March 2**, and submitted to the FCPS Office of Elementary Instruction, Magnet Program, Lacey Instructional Center, 3705 Crest Drive, Annandale, VA 22003.