

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

It is that busy time of the school year for students, parents and teachers. SOL testing is almost completed and the final push to the end of the school year has begun.

I am happy to announce that a new assistant principal, Mrs. Marietta Arbach, has joined us. Mrs. Arbach comes to us from Silverbrook Elementary where she was a sixth grade teacher. She brings a wealth of experience and instructional knowledge.

On May 21st our sixth grade STARS performance was held at George Mason University's Harris Theater. It was indeed a spectacular evening! The students were well prepared and performed as a team. Bravo to the sixth grade students, classroom teachers, and all of the specialists that helped produce an amazing, well done, professional performance.

We have received numerous positive comments about the new mosaic on the front of our school. Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to our fabulous Art department, talented sixth grade students, numerous volunteers and creative Artist- in- Residence, Bonnie Fitzgerald for the beautiful mosaic that is adorning the front of our building. What a wonderful forever reminder about our way of being!

The spring concert season has begun. Our third grade violin students kicked off the season last week. They were fabulous. The students showed real musical growth. Not only had they grown in their mastery of the instrument, but they showed that they were becoming more disciplined and focused. BRAVO to the students and their teacher Ms. Feigleson.

Please be sure to consult the calendar included in this newsletter for the rest of the upcoming strings, band, and chorus concerts this month

Hunters Woods will be a very busy place this summer. Our school will be hosting several programs. They include: summer SACC program, evening Rec Pac, a 4 week Kids Campus enrichment program, and a two week summer Jumpstart program for selected students. Additionally our school library will be opened every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 12 noon beginning July 7th through August 6th, 2009.

We are looking forward to a spectacular finish to the school year and an enriching summer.

Sincerely,

Olivia M. Toatley

End Of The School Year

Our Sixth Grade Advancement ceremony will be held Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 pm.

The Sixth Grade Luncheon will be Wednesday, June 17 at 11 am. Class parties will also be held this day starting at 1 pm.

Yearbooks will be distributed to students Wednesday, June 17. If your child has purchased a yearbook please encourage them to write their names immediately in their books to avoid disappoint if they should misplace it.

The last day of school for students will be Thursday, June 18 and dismissal will be at 11:00 am.

The office will be closing at 12 noon for a staff meeting and will reopen at 2 pm.

Report cards are to be distributed on the students' last day, Thursday, June 18th. Report cards not taken home by students will be returned to the office, where they will be kept until picked up by the student or parent. *Parents who would like for their student's report card to be mailed will need to provide the office with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.*

Notice: The cafeteria will not be serving lunches on Wednesday, June 17 due to class parties and the sixth grade luncheon and also Thursday June 18 because of early dismissal at 11am.

ATTENTION Parent or Guardian of a Current Fifth Grader:

All students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine **prior to entering sixth grade**, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td).

Please check your child's immunization records carefully. If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, we ask that your child receive it and that you provide documentation to the school prior to June 13, 2008. This documentation can be a copy of your child's immunization record, or a note from your physician listing the date of the most recent Tdap booster shot.

The Tdap booster can be obtained from your child's physician. If your child is 11 years old, he or she should get the Tdap immunization and documentation should be provided to the school immediately. However, if your child is still 10 years old, he or she may receive the Tdap vaccine approved for 10 year olds or wait until the eleventh birthday to receive the vaccine approved for 11 year olds. If the eleventh birthday is after the first day of school, your child must have a medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap in order to attend school.

Immunizations required for school are also available at the Fairfax County Health Department at no charge. Clinic locations and walk-in hours are available online at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/hdclinicsite.htm>. Students receiving immunizations at the Health Department must be accompanied by an adult, and students should bring their immunization records to the Health Department clinic with them.

It is most important that you attend to this matter soon. **Sixth graders cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster or having had a tetanus-containing vaccine within the past five years.**

STARS (Student Theater Arts Reflections Spectacular) Performance at GMU Generates Stellar Reviews