

# Hunters Woods Elementary School

## For the Arts and Sciences

2401 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191



### Year End Edition

School Phone: 703-262-7400

June 21, 2011

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Olivia M. Toatley, Principal

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### Principal's Message

*Dear Hunters Woods Families and Friends,*

*Thank you for a wonderful school year at Hunters Woods Elementary. Congratulations to our students for successfully completing another school year.*

*Sadly, we say goodbye to some of our beloved staff members. We will miss them all and wish them the best:*

*Sandy Brody, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, is retiring.*

*Lorraine Bouchard, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will be assuming a director position of a gifted school in Ohio.*

*Paul Bloch, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be transferring to Haycock Elementary.*

*Candace Hunstad, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, is transferring to Glen Forest Elementary for a year-long internship.*

*Kristyn Cole and Beth Kendall, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, are both taking family leave.*

*Lauren Hansen, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, is relocating to Seattle.*

*Adrienne Glenn, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, is transferring to Wolftrap Elementary.*

*Katie Mason, Dance and Science, will be relocating to VA Beach to become the director of a dance studio.*

*Nicole Akers and Jina Welter, Math Resource, are both taking time off to be with family.*

*Next year promises to be even more spectacular. We are making big plans that we are confident will make our great school even greater.*

*Enjoy your summer break. Stay safe and healthy. We will see you in the fall for another exciting year.*

*Sincerely,*

*Olivia M. Toatley  
Principal*

#### Summer Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### Summer Library Hours

July 5 – July 28  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10:00 a.m. to noon

*Please note schedules for  
our Open House and  
Back-to-School Nights*

#### Open House

Thursday, September 1, 2011

From 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Students and parents may visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers any time during this window. However, we are encouraging families to visit classrooms at the following times to be mindful of our neighbors and the many parking challenges and constraints around Hunters Woods. Remember parking at the Hunters Woods Shopping Center and walking to our school is always an option. Thank you for your cooperation.

| <u>Time Slot</u> | <u>If Your Last Name Begins With</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2:00 – 2:30 pm   | -----A to C                          |
| 2:45 – 3:15 pm   | -----D to G                          |
| 3:30 – 4:00 pm   | -----H to K                          |
| 4:15 – 4:45 pm   | -----L to N                          |
| 5:00 – 5:30 pm   | -----O to S                          |
| 5:30 – 6:00 pm   | -----T to Z                          |

#### The 2011 – 2012 School Year Begins

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

School Hours Daily Schedule\*

Head Start, Kindergarten & Grades 1 - 6

Mondays: 8:40 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

(Head Start 8:40 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.)

Tuesday – Friday

8:40 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

\*All times are subject to change

## Back to School Nights

Grades K-3 Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Newcomers Coffee, 6 pm  
Visit Classrooms, 7 pm

Grades 4-6, Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Newcomers Coffee, 6 pm  
Visit Classrooms, 7 pm

## School Office Information



Please inform new neighbors and friends that it is important to register their children as soon as possible for the 2011-2012 school year.

Please make sure to inform the office if you have a change of address. For a change of address, parents need to complete the "Student Information Update" form and provide proof of residency as required by FCPS regulation. A change in residency may require a change of school.

Students who are moving out of Fairfax County should take their birth certificate, physical/immunization record, report card, and proof of residence to register in their new school. Student records will be sent directly to the new school upon receipt of a request for records from the new school.

If you move during the summer and will be attending a different Fairfax County Public School next year, please register at the new school. They will request your child's records from Hunters Woods.

## A Message From Katie Mason

It is with a sad but excited heart, that I tell the Hunters Woods Elementary School community I will not be returning to Hunters Woods next fall. This past year has been a great experience, and I thank you for making it that way! This school represents everything I stand for...arts integration. Not only does Hunters Woods have dance, my passion, but all the arts are represented and used in the students' daily activities. This school also gives the students the ability to explore the world around them through extra science classes, and they use their creativity and imagination when composing tableaus, museums and productions. I am constantly amazed by the students' work! Hunters Woods would not be the same without the wonderful faculty, and I am blessed to have worked hand-and-hand with you this year.

Just as this school pushes the students to be creative, I too am pushing myself to be creative. I am taking a position in Virginia Beach as a director of a local children's dance company. I belonged to this company when I was younger. The man who started the company, Eric Williams, was a mentor of mine through middle and high school. Eric is now deceased, yet as director, I want to make sure his legacy continues.

Thank you again Hunters Woods Elementary School! I will miss you dearly!

## IMPORTANT Message for Parents/Guardians of Fifth Grade Students

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 August 26, 2011.**

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.**

## 2011 - 2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

|   |  |
|---|--|
| September 6, 2011   | School Begins  |
| October 10  | Columbus Day Holiday                                     |
| November 4  | First Grading Period Ends *+                             |
| November 7 - 8  | Student Holidays   |
| November 23   | Students Released Two Hours Early                        |
| November 24 - 25  | Thanksgiving Break                                       |
| Dec. 23 - Jan. 2  | Winter Break   |
| January 16  | Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Holiday                |
| January 27  | Second Grading Period Ends *+                            |
| January 30 and 31   | Student Holidays   |
| February 20   | George Washington's Birthday - President's Day Holiday # |
| March 30  | Third Grading Period Ends *+                             |
| April 2 - 6   | Spring Break   |
| April 9   | Student Holiday #  |
| May 28  | Memorial Day Holiday                                     |
| June 14   | Graduation On or After This Date*                        |
| June 19   | Last Day of School *+#N                                  |
| + Report cards are provided to parents at the end of each grading period and at the end of the school year. |  |
| # Date subject to change if more than three school days are lost because of inclement weather.              |  |
| N Early release on the last official day of school.   |  |



Special thanks goes to...

Elva Liagouris for making our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advancement Ceremony a beautiful and special occasion!  
We are also grateful to Gerry Chittick of Middleburg Floral Gallery for the stunning floral arrangements which decorated the stage.

thank you



The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STARS Perform at GMU!



## The 'Being Active Is Fun Award' Goes To . . .

Darrell Grant and Louis Nguyen, for the amazing design, set up, and execution of another awesome Adventure Day! Students, staff, and parents enjoyed beautiful weather for a fun-filled day of activities. Special kudos and thanks to our amazing music department for keeping the music booming! It is indeed a joyful sight to see a whole playground of students and staff in colorful tee-shirts doing the Cha Cha Slide. Darrell and Louis...you make striving to be fit fun!

Students were very excited and had a blast. A big thank you to Mr. Grant, Mr. Nguyen, the Specialists and all the volunteers!

