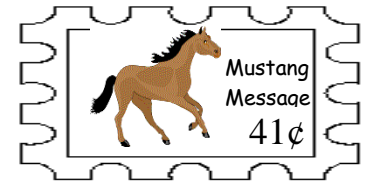


# Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

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Avis Russell, Assistant Principal

Gail Porter, Acting Assistant Principal

## Principal's Message

Dear Hunters Woods Families and Friends:

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of the third quarter. Our students are continuing to grow and develop. This last quarter of the school year will provide many opportunities for them to show what they know. Please keep your HWES calendar close as there are many wonderful upcoming activities. One such activity being the fourth grade will proudly show off their knowledge of Virginia history with the opening of a wonderful Museum on Thursday night at 7:00 pm.

I am pleased to announce that one of our teachers has been named as a finalist for FCPS' Teacher of the Year. It is Mr. Randy Adams, a fifth grade teacher on the gifted and talented team. Mr. Adams has been a teacher here at Hunters Woods for eight years. Please join me in extending congratulations to Mr. Adams for this well deserved honor.

Additional wonderful news for one of our own was announced last week. Assistant Principal, Dr. Robin Mentzer was appointed to a staff development position as an Assistant Principal at Oakton High School. This opportunity will provide Robin with new experiences that will allow her to pursue her leadership goals. Dr. Mentzer has served our Hunters Woods family with exceptional skills and professionalism. She will be greatly missed by everyone on the staff and in this community. HWES is a better place because of her leadership. Monday, March 31, was Dr. Mentzer's last day with us. We wish Robin every success in her new position.

Please join me in welcoming Gail Porter, an assistant principal from Crossfield Elementary, to our school. She will join our staff on Tuesday, April 8, as acting assistant principal. Mrs. Porter is an experienced administrator who will bring a wealth of knowledge to our instructional program.

Finally, we are happy to welcome back a familiar face to our office staff. Lily Dulany has returned as an administrative assistant. Many of you will remember her warm and welcoming smile. We are glad she is back!!!

Sincerely,

Olivia M. Toatley  
Principal

## New Virginia Immunization Requirements

Effective July 1, 2006, the school minimum immunization requirements for Virginia students changed to include the following:

- **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis): a booster dose is required for all students entering the 6th grade, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.
- **HBV** (hepatitis B): a series of three doses is required for all enrolled students regardless of birth date or grade level. This change affects 12th grade students, who previously were not required to be immunized against hepatitis B.
- **Hib** (haemophilus influenzae type b): a minimum of one dose is required for students up to 60 months of age.
- **PCV** (pneumococcal 7-valent conjugate vaccine): two to four doses, dependent on age at first dose, of properly spaced PCV is required for students less than two years of age.

## Registration for 2008 - 2009

Parents are encouraged to register children who will attend Hunters Woods for the coming 2008 - 2009 school year. Stop by the office between 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to pick up a registration packet or to

register. To register a student in FCPS, parents are required to provide proof of residency (copy of lease or deed), the child's original birth certificate, and the school entrance health form completed and signed by a physician. Access additional information regarding starting school online at:

[www.fcps.edu/start.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/start.htm).

### **Have you moved?**



When students have an address change, parents need to complete the "Student Information Update" form and provide proof of residency. A deed, lease agreement, or resident manager's letter is acceptable. If a move occurs during the school year, parents may request that the student finish the school year at Hunters Woods by completing a student transfer application (student assignment) request form. Parents must notify their child's school when their home addresses changes. If families move out of Fairfax County, children are no longer eligible to attend Fairfax County Public Schools and will be withdrawn.

### **Are you coming back?**

A Student Intention for the Next School Year form has been placed in the Tuesday folder today. Please help the school by completing the form then sign and return it to school as early as possible. The information is very important for us for next school year's staffing.

The state regulations require that we determine the educational intentions of students leaving FCPS. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

### **Update Student Information**

Changes and updates to the emergency care card for phone numbers, childcare, or emergency contacts need to be made via FCPS 24-7 Learning or in writing and include a parent's signature. Parents can send a signed note including the student's name, teacher's name, and the changes/updates to the office.

### **Preschool Survey Form**

The preschool survey form has gone out couple weeks ago. It's our annual survey to help the school plan for adequate facilities and personnel for the following year. It also gives us the information needed for our Kindergarten Orientation. Please return the form to the school if you have a child who

will enter kindergarten in the fall. Also, complete the form for any child now attending private school but who will enter first or second grade at Hunters Woods in the fall. (To verify if Hunters Woods Elementary School serves your residence, call 703-246-6930 for boundary information.)

If you have any neighbors with preschool children who did not receive a survey form, please share this form with them or ask them to stop by the school to pick up a form. Thank you for your help.

### **2008 Virginia School Census**

The 2008 Virginia School Census begins **March 1**, and we are counting on you to bring our sales tax dollars home to our schools.

The commonwealth of Virginia requires each school division to conduct a census every three years as a means to distribute a portion of our state sales tax dollars to school divisions. Fairfax County Public Schools counts all persons residing in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax with birth dates on or between January 1, 1989, and December 31, 2007. Each child counted in the 2008 census will bring approximately \$3,000 back to Fairfax County Public Schools in tax dollars.

There are four ways to respond to the Census. The preferred method is via the web at [www.fcps.edu/census](http://www.fcps.edu/census). Each household also has the option of faxing or mailing the form, or responding via an Interactive Voice Response system at 703-752-0950. For questions or further information about the Census, please contact the Census office at 703-329-7765 or [Census2008@fcps.edu](mailto:Census2008@fcps.edu). All responses are confidential and translation assistance is available.

Please respond to the census. **Our kids are counting on you.**

### **The Book Fair is Coming!**



The HWES PTA is pleased to announce the upcoming book fair to be held on April 14th-18th. The Spring book fair will be open during school hours as well as extended evening hours on Thursday April 17th (6:00-8:30

PM) during Primary Science Night. A list of books that will be available to purchase, as well as details about the book fair will be distributed in your child's

Tuesday folder the week prior to the event. Each classroom will be scheduled to visit the book fair- once to preview and once for purchase. Parents are welcome to preview/purchase books at any time during the book fair. Bookworm Plantation always provides a terrific selection of books- so plan on visiting the book fair to browse and purchase as well as to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed during our open hours as well as for set-up on April 11th and take-down on April 18th. Please e-mail [bookfair@hunterswoodspta.org](mailto:bookfair@hunterswoodspta.org) if you would like to volunteer.

*Thanks from the book fair committee!*

### **Primary Science Night Meeting**

Calling all primary parents!

The Primary Science Night Committee is in need of your support.

We will be finalizing our upcoming science night and we need your support. Please attend our next meeting

**When:** Wednesday, April 2, 2008

**Where:** Science Room 257

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Contact:** Susan Kelly for further information at [Susan.T.Kelly@fcps.edu](mailto:Susan.T.Kelly@fcps.edu)

### **Clinic Guidelines**



Many students and parents are frequently concerned about when students should stay home from school because of illness. The following information is intended to help with this decision.

### **General Practice:**

- Student has had a fever of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal.
- Student has vomited or had diarrhea, the student should stay home until 24 hours after the last episode.
- Student has any rash that may be disease-related or you do not know the cause, check with your family physician before sending the student to school.
- Student is ill, please call the school to report illness on the first day of absence on the attendance line 703-262-7474.

If you have any questions regarding the above information or illness, please call the school public health nurse of your family physician.

### **Fine Arts Night**



The Hunters Woods Art Department would like to thank all of those families who joined us for our Fine Arts Night activities. We had a wonderful turnout, and a

good time was had by all. We are already planning fun and challenging activities for next year's event, and look forward to seeing you again.

### **Energy Zone Kids Fitness Challenge**

Research shows children copy the behavior of adults in their life. If parents are physically active, the children will be active too. Exercise burns calories, which assist in maintaining ideal weight. **Fit adults and children exercise 60 minutes per day.**

### **Keep Moving to Stay in Shape Tips:**

- Plan daily family walks.
- Limit television or computer time to 1 to 2 hours per day.
- Make exercise fun.
- Encourage play outside with other children.
- Assign chores that involve activity such as cleaning or walking the dog.
- Help your children find physical activities they enjoy.

**Remember, making a healthy change takes time and don't expect perfection.**

