

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

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Principal's Message

Dear Hunters Woods Families and Friends,

As this new quarter begins our students continue to show growth and development. Many examples of this growth were evident during our annual Arts Integration Celebration (see article) and Winter Concert series. Those of you who toured the museum or attended the concerts will agree with me when I say, "The Arts are alive and well here at Hunters Woods Elementary School."

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of our young people.

This past Friday the annual HWES International Festival was held. Our wonderful PTA sponsored this terrific event. Despite the rain, there was a great turnout. Our school's rich diversity was truly celebrated. There were many information booths and tables representing different countries. Students and parents proudly shared information, photos, artifacts, and delicious food. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring this event. Special kudos are sent to Chairperson Andrew Chopivsky and his committee for their leadership in making the festival a success.

Please join me in welcoming our newest sixth grade staff member, Mr. Vernard McBeth. Mr. McBeth, a resource specialist, is replacing Mrs. Billye Carlisle-Young who resigned for family reasons.

Sincerely,

Olivia M. Toatley
Principal

Arts Integration Celebration 2008!

This month Hunters Woods hallways are filled with beautiful artwork, artifacts, and writing for our annual Arts Integration Celebration. Parent volunteer Lisa Groves took charge of the ambitious display, working with committee coordinators Rachel Negri and Norma Morris to design an informative and rich school wide display of our students' interdisciplinary work. Geometry was employed to diagram artwork and create paper monsters. Students responded to paintings with poetry while others turned their microscopic studies into abstract art or created original political cartoons. Some Students humorously illustrated the structure of a story, portrayed elegant and ambitious emperors, and much more. The creativity of our students is inspiring!

As a CETA school, Hunters Woods is committed to enriching and reinforcing its curriculum through integration of the arts and academics. We are proud of our students' achievements.



SOL Testing

Students in Grade 5 will take the first **Virginia Standards of Learning Test (SOL)**. Monday, March 3, 2008, is the SOL Writing Multiple Choice test. Wednesday, March 5, 2008, is the SOL Direct Writing Test. Make-up sessions will be held Tuesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 6, 2008.

Students in Grades 3 - 6 will be taking the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests from May 19 - May 30, 2008. It will be very helpful if you can avoid appointments which will take your child out of school during this time period. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has had a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude.

Career Day is Coming!!!

On Wednesday, March 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hunters Woods will be hosting our first annual Career Day. The goal 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 for all career clusters, and specifically from Health and Human Services and Communications and Fine and Performing Arts. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in presenting at the Career Day, please contact our school counselors by either telephone or email for more information.

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Make a Purchase: Make a Difference

Every time parents, students and school supporters buy qualifying school supplies at Office Depot they will give 5% back to Hunters Woods Elementary. Our school ID number is **70104580**. Funds received from Office Depot will be used for the students. Please support our school! Thank you!

MyPyramid For Kids

EAT RIGHT - EXERCISE - HAVE FUN



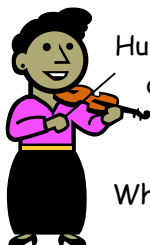
The United States Department of Agriculture's release of MyKids Pyramid for kids recognizes the importance of childhood nutrition and

provides families with tools to make healthy choices. For more information and activities visit MyPyramid.gov.

Tips for Families:

| EAT RIGHT | EXERCISE |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose healthy foods from each group.• Increase whole-grain foods.• Eat fruits and vegetables especially dark green and orange.• Include calcium-rich foods such as low fat dairy products.• Select low fat meat, chicken, turkey and fish.• Avoid foods and beverages with sugar as the first ingredient. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be an active family.• Exercise 60 minutes per day• Include physical activities at family celebrations.• Limit TV and computer time. |

Hunters Woods Talent Share



Hunters Woods students have tremendous talent and are working hard to present it to you. Please try to come and support the students.

When: Friday, March 7, 2008

Where: Hunters Woods Elementary

Time: 7:00 pm

Questions: Delta Pelgrim- 703-627-7847/
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