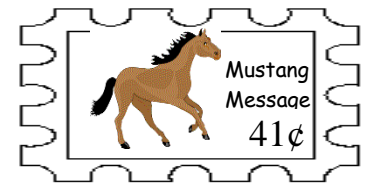


# Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

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## Principal's Message

Dear Hunters Woods Families and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a restful, relaxing and fun winter holiday. Time spent with family and friends is certainly rejuvenating. Thank you all for the many expressions of kindness. The PTA's Holiday Sweet Shoppe was as always spectacular. Your thoughtfulness was so appreciated.

The children, staff, and I are energized and ready to tackle all of the learning opportunities ahead of us in 2008. This time of the school year is very exciting. Our students will experience tremendous academic and social growth. They will be engaged in even more challenging, relevant, and quality instructions. Please continue to support and affirm our children. The internal satisfaction students will gain from expanding and enhancing their problem solving skills, producing quality products, and working cooperatively with others is very, very powerful.

You may have heard about a special program we have begun. Mustang Bingo is an opportunity for us to recognize positive student behavior. Each class strives to achieve BINGO by displaying appropriate behaviors throughout day. Any staff member can award a class or student a token for their class' Bingo board. When BINGO is achieved the grid is turned into the office; a 'Mighty Mustang' certificate is presented to the class; and the class is then eligible for a grade-level drawing that is done each Friday on WHWE. We believe that this activity allows us to focus on the many positive things our students do each day.

Finally, it is with sadness that we announce that Ms. Angie Loving, our student registrar, is leaving HWES after 13 years of service. Ms. Loving has been an integral part of our staff and will be greatly missed. She is joining the library staff at Dogwood and therefore will still be a part of our pyramid. We wish her well.

Sincerely,

Olivia M. Toatley  
Principal

## Socks for Soldiers

Throughout the month of November, students at Hunters Woods Elementary school collected athletic socks for a community campaign, Socks for Soldiers. SCA teamed up with the non-profit organization, Troop Treats to collect socks to send to soldiers in care packages.

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, clad in red, white and blue, students gathered in the cafeteria to stuff more than 1,000 care packages for soldiers overseas. Each care package included a new pair of socks, a stocking filled with candy, a game and best of all, a hand written letter from a Hunters Woods student.

Channel 21 was at the school to film the exciting event. The segment titled, "What's up with that? Socks for Soldiers," aired from December 24<sup>th</sup> - January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The segment can also be downloaded off the FCPS website.

Troop Treats does accept donations, which are tax deductible. For more information please visit [trooptreats.com](http://trooptreats.com).



Students prepared care packages for our soldiers on November 7, 2007.

## Student Information Updates

Parents must notify their child's school when their home address changes. If families move out of Fairfax County, children are no longer eligible to attend Fairfax County Public Schools and will be withdrawn. Changes and updates to student information need to be made in writing and include a parent or legal guardian's signature. Parents or legal guardians may complete a new emergency care form or send to the office a signed note; including the student's name, teacher name, and the changes or updates to the office

For a change of address, parents or legal guardians need to complete the "Student Information Update" form and provide proof of residency (copy of deed or lease). A change in residence may require a change in school.

Parents with their own Blackboard/FCPS 24-7 Learning account have access to [weCare@schools.fcps.edu](mailto:weCare@schools.fcps.edu). [weCare@schools.fcps.edu](mailto:weCare@schools.fcps.edu) is the online system that allows parents to submit emergency care information for their children online.

### Magnet Program

Hunters Woods Magnet program applications are available online and at Hunters Woods. For more information, log on to <http://www.fcps.edu/HuntersWoodsES/>. Please send completed applications to the address below:

Debbie Jones  
Office of Elementary Instruction and  
Administrative Services  
3705 Crest Drive  
Annandale, VA 22003

All applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2008. An **information night** will be held at Hunters Woods on February 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. The snow date is February 12. For more information contact Diane Beers, parent liaison at 703-262-7405.

## Thank you from the Office Staff!



for thinking of us.

The office staff would like to thank the generous and thoughtful individuals who filled our days before winter break with delicious treats, beautiful holiday cards and lovely holiday treasures. Thank you very much

### Medication



Please note that all Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications; i.e, stomach antacids ("tums"), Tylenol, Benadryl, etc., need a **Medication Authorization Form** to remain in the school clinic for student use. To download this form visit: <https://www.fcps.edu> click on forms and scroll down for the Medication Authorization form. Please follow the following procedures regarding dropping off medication/OTC to the clinic:

1. Medication must be transported by an adult.
2. Children should not bring medication to the school.
3. OTC must be in original container or package.
4. Each student must have his/her own container of medications (i.e. **siblings may not share** the same OTC medication, bottle and pills)
5. **Cough drops and throat lozenges do not require** medication authorization forms and **may be carried by any student**.

### Vomiting along with Fever

A child should remain at home for at least 24 hours or until he/she is free of fever.

### Primary Science Night Meeting

Calling all primary parents!

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

**When:** Wednesday, January 9

**Where:** Science Room 257

**Time:** 3:45 pm

**Contact:** Susan Kelly if you have any questions or concerns at [Susan.T.Kelly@fcps.edu](mailto:Susan.T.Kelly@fcps.edu).