



Hybla Valley Express

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SEPTEMBER

2009

School Hours

- School Breakfast starts at 8:45 A.M.
- School starts at 9:05 A.M.
- Dismissal at 3:45 P.M.

Early Release

Students will be dismissed at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

Cafeteria

Please make sure money is on your child's lunch account. The price for breakfast is \$1.50 a day, and lunch is \$2.65 a day. If your child is eligible to receive free or reduced lunch, please be sure to fill out a new application. **A new application needs to be filled out each school year.**



A note from the principal and assistant principals....

We have had a great first month of school. Students are working hard to learn classroom routines and procedures. We have high expectations for their behavior and they are working to meet them. Homework in both reading and math is an expectation for all students Monday through Friday. Please support your child by inquiring about their homework, providing an area to do the homework, and making sure they have a set time to complete homework. Homework is an important routine to help promote responsibility.

Our school made AYP! We are so proud of the hard work demonstrated by our students and staff. The gains we made on the SOL tests were so significant that **The Washington Post Newspaper** chose to highlight our success.

Our school is getting a makeover. A new addition is being built where the former modular building was housed. We are looking forward to this new addition and will keep you posted on the developments.

We are excited about the upcoming year and are thrilled to be serving the children of Hybla Valley!

Lauren Sheehy, Principal

Pamela Simpkins, Assistant Principal

Stephanie Almquist, Assistant Principal

Calling All Parents.....

Let's keep our school grounds looking beautiful!

When: Saturday, October 31, 2009

Time: 8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Where: Outside in front of Hybla Valley ES

Please come out and join us in keeping our school grounds looking nice for our community. We look forward to seeing you!



Safety First

Parents, to ensure the safety of our students during arrival and dismissal, please continue to follow these procedures:

- Only use the crosswalk to cross the street
 - Make sure to stop for students/ pedestrians in the crosswalk
- Drop off for Kiss & Ride is at the Kiss & Ride door
- Please limit your cell phone use for a quick and safe arrival and dismissal

ADVANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (AAP) [formerly GT]

Continuum Of Services

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers a continuum of advanced academic services for all students in grades K - 8. Learning experiences are designed to develop higher-level thinking through enrichment, acceleration, and extension of the Program of Studies. Teachers, administrators, and Advanced Academic Resource Teachers (AARTS) work together to provide the following Levels of Service:

- **Critical and Creative Thinking Strategies, Grades K - 6 (Level I)**

The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher and classroom teachers teach nine higher order thinking strategies across all subject areas and grade levels.

- **Differential Lessons in Areas of Academic Strength, Grades K - 6 (Level II)**

The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher collaborates with classroom teachers to provide additional challenges and resources within the general education program. The Young Scholars Model included in this level is designed to find and nurture advanced academic potential in students from historically underrepresented populations.

- **Part-Time Advanced Academic Program, Grades 3- 6 (Level III)**

Students identified by a local school screening committee for advanced academic services (Level III) are challenged through models and strategies designed to extend and enrich the POS in the four core subject areas.

- **Full-Time Advanced Academic Placement, Grades 3 - 8 (Level IV)**

Students found eligible for placement in a full-time Advanced Academic Program (Level IV) through a central selection process receive a highly challenging instructional program in the four core subject areas.

- **IBMYP: Selected Schools, Grades 6 - 10**

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program is designed for students ages 11 - 16. The program helps students develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in a changing world.

- **Honors, Grades 7 - 8**

Students who demonstrate high achievement in one or more areas of academic strength may participate in honors courses in any of the four core academic subject areas.

SCREENING

Multiple criteria are reviewed to determine eligibility for all FCPS Advanced Academic Programs. Formal identification begins with Level III services. The local school AAP committee determines student eligibility for school-based services.

The countywide AAP Central Selection Committee determines eligibility for full-time AAP (Level IV) placement.

TESTING

Each fall all FCPS second grade students, as well as students in third through seventh grades who do not have ability test scores, are administered the Cognitive Abilities Test and/or the Naglieri Nonverbal Test. A second grade screening pool is established using these test results. Students in the second grade pool are automatically screened for full-time AAP (Level IV) placement. Parents/guardians may exercise their one-time retest option during the September-October testing cycle.

REFERRALS for FULL-TIME ADVANCED ACADEMIC PLACEMENT LEVEL IV (Grades 2-7)

Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the full-time AAP (Level IV) screening process by completing and submitting an **AAP Level IV Referral Form to the local school principal no later than February 5, 2010. No late referrals will be accepted.** Second graders **not** in the pool and **all** third through seventh graders are screened only by referral. Forms are available on the AAP website and in the *Parent Information Packet* available at the local school.

OCTOBER CALENDAR 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>*Early Release*</i> Students are dismissed at 1:00 P.M.	7	8  Picture Day PTO Night 6:00 P.M. 3rd Grade Family Night 6:30 P.M.	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day Holiday <i>*No School*</i>	13	14 Families First 9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	15 SES Tutor Fair 6:00 P.M.	16 Field Trip to Frying Pan Park Grade K 9:30 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. <i>*Meadow Woods Parent Meeting*</i> 10:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.	17
18	19	20	21 Families First 9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Families First 9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	29	30 Homeless Walk 9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	31  Clean-up Day 8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.