



# Key Center Spotlight

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## Principal's News

Dear Parents and Staff,

By this time you have all received the spring 2008 results of the Virginia Alternative Assessment Program (VAAP) that were recently mailed to you. The State of Virginia continues to try to develop and refine an assessment that would more accurately measure the types of skills that our students at Key Center need to master. Our students and staff work very hard everyday doing all that they can to improve on each student's individual goals. As I review the VAAP and the areas that were assessed, the scores and content do not reflect the overall strength of our program. I feel strongly it is important that any assessment tool that is used with our students measure their strengths and weaknesses. The appropriateness of content area is of the highest importance. We will continue to expose our students to these content areas while we focus on their functional, social, and vocational skills. If you have any questions or concerns about the VAAP scores, please give me a call - 703-313-4000.

Our Veteran Day celebration on Tuesday 11/11/2008 was an outstanding event. We had 24 veterans in attendance. The program was very interactive for our students. Many parents came up to me after the ceremony commenting how special it was and how impressed they were with our students in how they participated in the event. I would like to thank all the parents who attended and our staff and students for the outstanding job they did.

Please visit our web site [www.fcps.edu/KeyCenter](http://www.fcps.edu/KeyCenter) for additional information.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday. It is always special to gather with family and friends. I look forward to our return. Be safe and happy during your holiday.

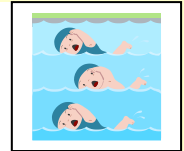
Sincerely,

*Tom Flick*

Tom Flick  
Principal

## Spotlight on Adapted Physical Education

APE Teaching Team:  
Elizabeth Jeruzal  
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Mike Vogan  
Anne Marie Evans



The Adapted Physical Education program provides a myriad of activities for every Key Center student. As our PE schedule has changed this year we offer each class a 30 minute session of PE every day. While every student is working on individual PE goals to master, we also provide recreational and leisure activities, and physical education and sports skills. Most of our students have a mobility, positioning, or skill development goal for their IEP. Mobility activities include opportunities for students to walk in their gait trainers, walk on our treadmills, or ride an adapted tricycle. Some of the positioning goals will have students placed on a variety of equipment while they participate in PE activities. We also teach our students ball handling and manipulative skills during a variety of ball games. All students are actively engaged in PE activities with verbal or physical guidance.

In addition, we provide an aquatic program for every student. Every class has a chance to use our hydrotherapy pool once a week where students will receive one-on-one assistance with basic water exploration, stretching and/or relaxing techniques, or swimming skills. We are looking forward to resuming our Community Integration Program; our locations include Jungle's Gym, Crestwood ES and Key Middle School.

## Upcoming Events

- **November 26 - 2 hour early dismissal for students**
- **November 27-28 Thanksgiving Holidays**
- **December 19 WinterFest**



## Spotlight on Room 343

Teacher: Julie Osei  
Assistant: Ocba Tsegay  
Attendant: Norma Ryker

Welcome to room 343! Our class consists of seven elementary-age students. Our school day consists of domestic living activities, reading activities, math activities, adaptive P.E., and specials, art, music, and link. This school year our class attended, The Children's Arts Festival at Wolf Trapp. We enjoyed the concert. Our class is involved in a feeding program which is targeted to enhance our mealtime and life skills. We are working with our speech teacher on reading interactive and new technology to improve our reading skills. We are having lots of fun with our special projects for our hallway display, such as hand print trees, pumpkins, etc.

In November we will be attending the Kennedy Center for a concert. One main area we are working on this year is increasing our community integration skills. We are very happy to have attended one concert and look forward to another one. Another area we are working hard on expanding is communication. In our classroom we use the total communication approach which involves communication devices. We are expanding this activity throughout the entire school day. We are looking forward to our cooking activity for the month of November which includes the thanksgiving meal. You will be receiving more information about this later in the month. Our classroom is working hard, and enjoying our school day.

