

Key Center Spotlight

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Upcoming Events

- September 16 - Back-To-School Night
6:00-8:00 p.m.
- September 22 - Fall Picture Day
- October 13 - Columbus Day Holiday
- October 15 - Parent Coffee
9:00-10:00 am



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

The first week of school was great! The staff really took charge and programs are in full swing. We are introducing a communication program that will be school-wide. Students on a daily basis will have the opportunity to use their various communication devices throughout the school with staff and other students. All of our specials are up and running (Art, Music, LINK – language is new knowledge, and Vocational). Great lessons are already taking place in each classroom and teachers are busy planning for the year's activities.

The school looks outstanding! The staff has done such a wonderful job in providing the students with many interactive bulletin board activities. As I walk into each classroom I am always impressed by all that is taking place.

I want to remind you that Back to School Night is Tuesday, September 16 at 6 pm. I hope all of you will be able to attend this night. Your participation in this event is very important to us. It gives you an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and to meet the teacher and also demonstrates your commitment and support to our teachers. This year we will be doing something different in regards to our Back to School Night. We will have a number of interactive programs you will be able to participate in. I look forward to seeing each of you on this special night.

Sincerely,
Tom Flick
Tom Flick, Principal

Focus on Art!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the new students and families to Key Center School as well as a welcome back to our familiar faces! We have so many exciting activities planned for ART this year! Our students are starting out with our "Back to School" apple baskets – using apples with tempera paints to make beautiful, colorful apple prints. It's always a fun way to start off the new school year!

In ART, we definitely use a wide variety of materials as we are always looking for interesting textural activities. Many of our students positively respond to the soft pom pom balls, fuzzy felt, or squishy model magic. Feel free to come and join us for an art activity sometime this year. It's always a fun time for everyone in ART!

We are really excited about our new school calendars that include many of our student's artwork. We will also be packaging our custom made greeting cards that our students have stamped and created. These items will be for purchase in the near future. Please be sure to check out our website www.fcps.edu/KeyCenter/ under "ART." All proceeds will benefit the ART and VOCATIONAL programs of Key Center School. We always have festive fundraisers during the major holidays so keep an eye and ear out for flyers or e-mail announcements. We look forward to working with the students this year in ART!
~~Loan Cronin

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Focus on Classrooms

Room 340, Sandi Mulvey

Hello, welcome to Key Center. We are so excited to begin a new school year and working with your child. "The first day of school is as exciting as a new box of crayons!"

We have lots of fun filled activities planned around our themes for the month. On Friday's your child will be involved in a "Sensory Integration" program. Students will have an opportunity to explore a variety of sensory activities that may include tactile art, switch toys, music movement and gross motor play.

We are off to a great start with our "community trips." We will be visiting Borders for story time and in October the pumpkin patch at Burke Nursery in early October. We would like to encourage parents/guardians to join us in any of our trips. They are lots of fun and it gives the students an opportunity to generalize skills that they have learned in the classroom.

We are looking forward to a successful new school year and "Key Center is Working Together."
~~Sandi, Pat and Suk



Room 320, Trevor Thibeault

Our class is comprised of seven male secondary-age students. We are in charge of quite a few in school jobs that include the collection of lunch money, collection of glove orders, and the distribution of laundry detergent to other classes in the building. We are quite active with community work sites as well. My students go to work sites that include Pohick Library, the FCPS Instructional Materials Warehouse, Comfort Inn, and The Journey Church.

Within the classroom we spend a lot of time helping the vocational program assemble and complete various newsletters for local businesses and home associations. We work on developing appropriate work skills to become good employees and building independence in various life skills. We foster good communication skills by discussing the upcoming daily schedule and what has happened during the day.
~~Trevor, Nigisti and Sarah

National Preparedness Month

Fairfax County has a special needs registry for residents of Fairfax County. The medical needs registry will register individuals with medical needs. Fairfax County defines a person with a medical need as one who has a high-risk health condition that is either temporary or chronic; who cannot manage for themselves in a shelter or evacuation center and will require assistance in performing the activities of daily living; and/or will require care for and the monitoring of a health condition. If interested in more information or to register log onto www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds.