

Louise Archer Elementary School

"Where the Sun Always Shines"

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Dear Louise Archer Families,

It hardly seems possible that the 2008 calendar year is almost complete! December is a time when we reflect on the year, and we consider the contributions we have made and the impact we have had on our surroundings. It is important as a school that we model and participate in activities related to respecting and supporting the community and the world around us. Particularly during the holiday season, we are reminded of our responsibility to the community. This is in alignment with one of our school goals that all students will understand and model the important attributes that people must have to contribute to an effective and productive community and the common good of all.

During this holiday season, our SCA and some individual classrooms have initiated several activities in which our students can participate in a service learning project. The SCA project is Toys for Tots, in conjunction with one of our business partners, Coldwell Banker. This week, our 5th and 6th grade students will walk down to Coldwell Banker to donate the items our students have brought in for others in need. Other classes have determined additional projects including: making blankets for the homeless, buying a heifer for a needy family, and bringing in warm clothing for families in need. Your child's teacher will send home more information on how their classroom may wish to participate in these service learning projects during the month of December and/or January.

We benefit every day from your generous gift of time, support, and expertise as you set a positive example for your children. Please continue to share these talents and gifts with others so they too, can feel the warmth of the Louise Archer community. On behalf of all of the staff at Louise Archer, we want to thank you for the many acts of kindness that have enriched the lives not only of our school, but the entire Vienna community. We hope that you and your family enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely,

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Winter Break — Office Closed	24—Jan 2

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**Winter Break  
Dec 24—Jan 2**

**Note:** The office will be closed

**Rising 7th Grade GT Center Parents**

You are invited to Luther Jackson Middle School's Gifted & Talented Center Open House scheduled for Wednesday, February 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Snow Date, Tuesday, February 10). Visit the Parent Chat Room, meet administrators in the Library, and speak with teachers and current students in open academic classrooms. Live music and refreshments will be available throughout the evening. RSVP: 703-204-8122 or e-mail Julie.Rosenau@fcps.edu.

**Future Rising 7th Grade Parents**



**Kilmer Middle School**  
March 5th at 6:30 PM



**Thoreau Middle School**  
March 24th

**Updates will follow**

## FCPS Emergency Notification Systems

### In every case of a schedule change:

- Tune in to local TV and radio stations, including cable Channel 21, which is programmed by FCPS.
- Check [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu)
- Call the FCPS hot line at 800-839-FCPS (3277). **Do not call the school**

To receive this information via e-mail, sign up for the FCPS Keep in Touch (KIT) e-mail notification system. If you have not yet registered for KIT, please follow the instructions at <https://www.fcps.edu/kit/>.



**Computers** If you have any computer equipment Pentium 3 or higher that you are no longer using please consider making a donation to Louise Archer.

For more information, call Patrick Stanton at 703-937-6200. Thank You!

## Lost and Found

Our lost and found items are overflowing! When you are at school during the next few weeks to volunteer or attend special events, please check the lost and found. Jackets, sweaters, gloves, thermoses, lunch boxes and more are piling up. Please come look before they are donated after winter break.



## Chorus Concert at the Ellipse



On Thursday, December 18th, approximately 30 Louise Archer 5th and 6th grade students will be performing on the Ellipse at the chorus stage near the National Christmas Tree from 7:00-7:30 pm. This is the second year our students have the honor to participate in this event. They will be doing a collection of winter, Christmas, and Hannukah pieces. Come join us!

## Parent Waiting Area

We love our parents, but please wait in the front of the building until the bell rings at dismissal each day. We need our hallways in front of classrooms and in the front lobby clear. It is our goal to protect our instructional time as well as maintain the safety and security for all our students during the school day.

We have created a "Parent Waiting Area" in the cafeteria so you can be inside during the cold weather if you arrive early and need to wait for your child(ren). Just have them meet you in the cafeteria or you can come out to the lobby after the bell rings. Thanks for your cooperation and support during dismissal each day!



'Tis the season to give to those who need! We are collecting items for the Toys for Tots through December 19th. Please send a donation during this time. Thank you all in advance for your participation in this school-wide project!



## Inclement Weather Schedule

Please make arrangements now for emergency childcare in the event of an early or late opening/closing schedule. Be sure to discuss them with your child so that they know what to do.

DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL—announcements will be made on the radio, television, Cable Channel 21 and on our website: <http://www.fcps.edu>.

Announcements will be made by 6:00 AM for all-day closings and delayed openings and by 10:30 AM for early closings.

### When Schools Open Two Hours Late (including Mondays):

<b>AM Kindergarten:</b>	Will begin at 11:15 AM	Will end at 1:35 PM
<b>PM Kindergarten:</b>	Will begin at 1:35 PM	Will end at 3:55 PM
<b>Grades 1 through 6:</b>	Will begin at 11:15 AM	Will end at 3:55 PM

### When Schools Close Two Hours Early (including Mondays):

**AM Kindergarten:** Will begin at 9:15 AM and will end at 1:55 PM (lunch will be provided at no extra cost)

**PM Kindergarten:** Will be cancelled (you will be notified about makeup days)

**Grades 1 through 6:** Will begin at 9:15 AM Will end at 1:55 PM