

Louise Archer Elementary School

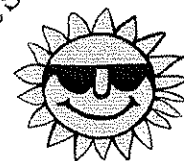
"Where the Sun Always Shines"

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The Sun Always Shines



At Louise Archer School

Dear Louise Archer Families,

It is such a pleasure to walk through the school each day and see so many smiling faces, positive attitudes, and students engaged in learning. We would like to thank you for such a wonderful start to this school year! We have enjoyed meeting many of you at the Open House, Back to School Night, America Night, and all around Louise Archer. It is easy to see how "The Sun Always Shines Inside Louise Archer" every day!

Students and teachers are settled in their classrooms and have set personal goals and objectives for a successful school year. Likewise, as a staff, we look to create and define our goals and objectives for Louise Archer students, staff, and community. Each year, our school creates a plan to address areas in which we would like to continue to focus to support our students and community. The plan addresses three strategic goals as set by the School Board: Academics, Essential Life Skills, and Responsibility to the Community. I believe it is important to share with you the commitments we have made as a staff this year.

Academics: We will continue to increase students' use of active reading, test taking and problem solving strategies, and authentic use of essential vocabulary in mathematics.

Essential Life Skills: There will be school-wide implementation of our character education program through the use of Sunny Rays of Respect and Morning/Class Meetings.

Responsibility to the Community: We will incorporate service learning projects to include reflective components and heighten awareness about recycling to increase student involvement.

We look forward to the implementation of these new goals and our school plan. The plan will incorporate components we believe will contribute to the success of your child. We share this information with you to keep you informed about our ongoing commitment to excellence as a staff. Thanks for your continued support in our journey together this school year.

Sincerely,

Michelle Makrigiorgos, Principal

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October



School Bus Safety Week	20-24
CogAT 3-6	21, 22
CogAT Testing, Grade 2	21-23
Cultural Arts	23
4th Grade to Jamestown	24
First Grading Period Ends	31



November



Teacher Workdays—No School	3, 4
Parent Teacher Conferences	
Book Fair	3-7
Picture Make-Up Day	6
Sock Hop, 6-9 PM	7
PTA Meeting, 2 PM	12
Thanksgiving Luncheon	20
6th Grade Volleyball	21
2 hour early closing	26
Thanksgiving Holiday—No School	27-28

Lost and Found

During the conference days (11/3 & 11/4) please check the lost and found table located in the hallway past the cafeteria. Jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes and more will be put out on the table. If your child has a missing article of clothing or lunch box, there is a good chance that you might locate it on the lost and found table.





Parent View

Parent View: How to Access FCPS 24-7

www.fcps.edu/kit/parentview.pdf
(PDF document)

To update your student's contact information in the new **Keep in Touch** (KIT) system, you need to have an account in FCPS 24/7 Learning's Parent View in the we-Care@School section.

For additional assistance with Parent View, please contact 1-866-434-8880.

Before creating a parent account, please be sure to have the student ID numbers for your children available. You can find the FCPS student ID number on report cards and student class schedules. Step by step instructions are available by going to:
<http://www.fcps.edu/kit/parentview.pdf>

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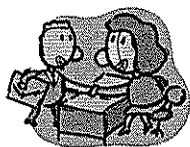
If you have already registered for Keep In Touch but are not getting important PTA, school and Tuesday news, please email Kathy Cutri (address below) in the main office to make sure your email address is registered and registered correctly.
Kathy.Cutri@fcps.edu

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent and teacher conferences will be held on

November 3rd and 4th.

If you are unsure about the date or time of your conference, please contact your child's teacher. These days are student holidays.



Community Dialogue Sessions – 2009 Budget Input

Interested residents are encouraged to attend Community Dialogue Sessions addressing the projected budget deficit for FY 2010.

Working together, the School Board and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors are seeking input from residents on the formation of the FY 2010 budget. Through a series of 20 Community Dialogue Sessions, citizens will be invited to share thoughts and suggestions in advance of what will be a very difficult budget process. The county and schools will face considerable challenges as they seek to arrive at a budget and level of services that are both sustainable and acceptable to the community for FY 2010.

Following brief presentations by county and school staff, residents will have the opportunity to provide suggestions and feedback via small group breakout sessions. FCPS encourages you to participate in one of these dialogues.

For information on registering for a session, as well as information on other ways residents can provide input, please visit the county's website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/>



Gifted and Talented (GT) Programs – Levels of Service

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers a continuum of gifted 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 GT resource teachers work together to provide the following Levels of Service:

- Level I GT services provide lessons in critical and creative thinking skills for all FCPS students in grades K-6.
- Level II GT services include differentiated instruction at an advanced level for many FCPS students through collaboration between the classroom teacher and the GT resource teacher. The Young Scholars Model included in this level is designed to find and nurture gifted potential in students from historically underrepresented populations through more challenging curriculum and instruction. Middle school students who take one or two Honors classes are receiving Level II services.
- Level III GT services for identified students include the GT school-based program in grades 3-6; in middle school, students take three Honor classes.
- Level IV services are for those students found eligible for the full-time GT center program in grades 3-6 or taking full Honors at the middle school.

Screening

Multiple criteria are reviewed to determine eligibility for all FCPS gifted services. Formal identification begins with Level III services. The local school GT committee determines student eligibility for school-based GT services. The countywide Central Selection Committee determines eligibility for the GT center placement.

Testing

Each fall all FCPS second grade students, as well as students in third through seventh grade who are missing an ability test score, are administered the Cognitive Ability Test and/or the Naglieri Nonverbal Test. A second grade GT center screening pool is established using these test results. Students in the second grade pool are automatically screened for GT center placement. Parents/guardians may exercise their one-time retest option during the September/October testing cycle.

Referral

Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the GT center screening process by completing and submitting a Gifted and Talented (GT) Center Referral form to the local school principal no later than February 9, 2009. 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 GT website at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt>

2008 Parent Information Night

October 22

Annandale High School

4700 Medford Dr. Annandale, VA 22003

Meetings will be held in the auditorium from 7:30 to 9:00PM and we are open to the public; no registration is required. Directions are available at www.mapquest.com