



MOUNT EAGLE MESSENGER

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are approaching December. This time of year is exciting and busy. We must continue to stay focused at school and while doing homework. There are several things that families can do at home to help support student learning. Our FECEP through second grade teachers worked with many parents last week during our PIP night to teach ways to help with reading at home. The first thing is to be sure that your child is reading every day. Be sure to ask two or three follow-up questions after your child has finished reading. Secondly, instead of always playing games, have your child work on key boarding skills on home computers. They can practice typing or write about what they have read. We really appreciate all of your support.

There will be an information night on December 3, from 7 to 7:30 PM, at Rose Hill Elementary for parents who want to know more about Fairfax County's Human Growth and Development lessons. These lessons will be taught to our 5th and 6th grade students December 17-21. If you should have any more questions, please call Christy Land or Dawn Hendrick. Thank you.

The second quarter is off to a great start, all of our students are working so hard. Thanks to our teachers for all they do. As always our doors are open, thank you for sharing your children with us.

Sincerely,

Brian Butler, Principal

Dawn Hendrick, Assistant Principal



Mount Eagle Celebrates 7th Annual Inclusive Schools Week!

December 3-7, 2007

Inclusive Schools Week™ highlights and celebrates the progress Mount Eagle has made in providing a supportive and quality education to all students, particularly those who have disabilities and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. It also provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that our school continues to improve in our ability to successfully educate all children and youth.

This year's theme, "Lessons from the World: Including all Children" will focus on the accomplishments of families, schools and communities that have dedicated time, labor and resources to promoting inclusive education for all of the world's children. The 2007 national celebration of Inclusive Schools Week™ will center on both international accomplishments and ongoing challenges associated with changing global attitudes, practices, and policies toward better educational outcomes for all children and youth, especially those who may be marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, or language preference.

Please join with the Mount Eagle staff as we continue to encourage and inspire movement toward a more inclusive school by embracing diversity and providing access to learning for all students.



The Book Fair is Coming!

What: The Mount Eagle Book Fair
When: Tuesday, December 11 through Friday, December 14
Where: The Mount Eagle Library

Come do your holiday shopping at the Mount Eagle Book Fair!

Bedford Falls Book Fairs will be our vendor this year and we expect to have wonderful books for kids from pre-school through middle school.

Can you help us with the book fair?

We'll need help

- o setting up on Monday, December 10
- o helping children with their selections (all week)
- o helping with sales in the evening on Tuesday, December 11
- o packing up and cleaning up on Friday, December 14 after 11 am

No experience is necessary! We just love having people willing to help.

Please call Elena Gonzalez or Donna Sheridan at 703.721.2100 if you can help or if you have questions.

We'll see you at the book fair!

SICKNESS.....



If your child has a temperature during the night, he/she must be kept home the next day, and may not return to school until they are temperature free for 24 hours.

If your child throws up, or has diarrhea during the night, he/she must be kept home the next day. They may return to school when they are better.

If your child has a bad cold, is coughing a lot, or has a very sore throat, they need to be kept home, even if they don't have a fever. If symptoms get worse, your child should be seen by a doctor.

Students cannot function in class when they are sick or not feeling well.

SNOW DAY?



Due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, it may be necessary to close schools for the entire day, to open schools late, or to close early. The procedures used in school closings are detailed below. Keep this information in a convenient location for future reference.

Parents are urged to make arrangements now for the care of their children when schedule changes are made (and to provide for the rare situation when it is necessary to close an individual school because of a power failure or other circumstances). Children should know where to go if a parent will not be home.

In every case of a schedule change, tune in to cable Channel 21, check www.fcps.edu, or call the FCPS hot line at 800-839-FCPS (3277). To receive this information via e-mail, sign up for the [FCPS Keep in Touch](#) e-mail notification system. The news will also be carried by radio and television stations, which are notified as soon as a decision is made. Do not phone the school or one of the stations for this information.

Child Supervision Guidelines

7 years & under

Should not be left alone for any period of time. This may include leaving children unattended in cars, backyards and playgrounds. The determining consideration would be the dangers in the environment and the ability of the caretaker to intervene.

8 to 10 years

Should not be left alone for more than 1 ½ hours and only during daylight and early evening hours.

11 to 12 years

May be left alone for up to 3 hours but not late at night or in circumstances requiring inappropriate responsibility.

13 to 15 years

May be left unsupervised, but not overnight.

16 to 17 years

May be left unsupervised (in some cases, for up to two consecutive overnight periods).