



MOUNT EAGLE MESSENGER

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Friends,

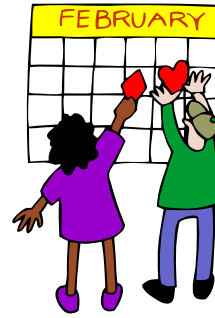
This time of the year is when we begin a big push to make sure we have touched on all of the needs for our students and school community. We would like to take a moment to share some very important dates with you. Our fifth grade students will take the Standards of Learning (SOL) Writing test on Monday and Wednesday March 3rd and 5th. Please avoid making any appointments during these days for your fifth grade student.

We will have a Literacy Night for first grade parents on Monday, February 25th. There will be an invitation sent home with your child very soon. Please be sure to look for the letter from the first grade team. We plan to have a "Safe and Drug Free Use" information night on Thursday, February 21st from 6:00 to 7 PM in the Cafeteria. The topics to be covered will be gangs and keeping your children safe. We hope to see all of our parents for this informative evening.

Let's not forget about Mount Eagle's Valentines Day Dance, this Friday, February 8th from 6 PM to 8 PM. It should be so much fun. It has been a wonderful first half of the year and we are looking forward to an even better second half! If you should have any questions, please feel free to call (703)721-2100.

Sincerely,

Brian Butler, Principal
Dawn Hendrick, Assistant Principal



African American History Month
National Career and Technical Education Month
National Love a Book Month
School Board Appreciation Month in Virginia

- 4-8 National School Counseling Week
- 8 Valentines Dance 6-8 PM
- 11 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- 12 Election Day
After School Remediation Program begins 3-5 PM
- 14 Valentine's Day
RIF
- 15 Second Quarter Student Recognition Program 2 PM
- 18 Washington's Birthday HOLIDAY
- 21 Parent Workshop 6 PM
- 25 First Grade Literacy Night
- 28 Chuck E Cheese PTO Spirit Night

The Mount Eagle SCA will be selling Valentine's Day Grams again this year! They will be sold for 25 cents each or 5 for one dollar!



The grams will be sold 2/6 - 2/13 and will be delivered on Valentine's Day! They will be sold before & after school and during lunch time by SCA members.



Thank you for your continued support of the Mount Eagle SCA!



Cluster V

Advanced Academic Programs

Two highly-regarded advanced academic programs, the **Advanced Placement (AP)** Program and the **International Baccalaureate (IB)** Program, are offered in Cluster V high schools. We encourage parents and students to learn about the program commonalities, differences, and requirements. Please join us for any one of the following three meetings to hear the details of each program.

February 13, 2008, 7:00 p.m., **Edison High School**
February 27, 2008, 7:00 p.m., **South County Secondary School**



Love a Book!

Thursday, February 14th is the date of our second Reading Is Fundamental distribution. Each child will have the opportunity to select a book to take home and keep. RIF's goal is to instill the love of reading by making sure that all children have books of their own.

There will be hundreds of books for your child to pick from on RIF day. When she or he gets home, please take the time to ask about it. Why did he pick that particular book? Is she able to read it by herself? Would he like you to read it aloud to him? Would she like to read it to another family member?

If you have some spare time on Valentine's Day, please stop by the school and see for yourself the display of RIF books. We'd love it if you could give us a little time to assist children in choosing books.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Sheridan, the Mount Eagle librarian, at 703.721.2100.



It's Free!!

We're so lucky to live in this area of our country. There are so many things for families to see and do, and lots of them don't cost anything. February is an especially good month for local events and Presidents' Day weekend is full of fun and free activities. Most of the following are in Old Town Alexandria. Take the Metro to King Street (one stop) and then the **Dash bus – it's free on weekends!** – down King Street.

George Washington Birthday Parade -- "The Largest Parade Celebrating Washington's Birthday in the USA! It's from 1 pm to 3 pm on Monday, February 18 and **it's free**. Just head down King Street and you'll see the crowds.

Walking with Washington tours -- Walking tours of Alexandria sites associated with George Washington. Dates: Every February Sunday! February 3, 10, 17, & 24; 2008. Time: 1:30 p.m. Location: Meet at the fountain at Market Square (King & Royal Sts.), Alexandria.

Historic Alexandria Sites "Open House" (free admission to these sites)

[The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum](#), 210 S. Washington Street

Time: 11 a.m. Tickets are **free!**

Site Contact: The Lyceum, telephone (703) 838-4994

[Gadsby's Tavern Museum](#), 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria.

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last tour at 3:15) It's **free!**

Site Contact: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, telephone (703) 838-4242

[Friendship Firehouse Museum](#), 107 S. Alfred St., Alexandria.

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **It's free!**

Site Contact: Friendship Firehouse Museum, telephone (703) 838-3891

[The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum](#), 105-107 South Fairfax St., Alexandria

Time: 1p.m. to 4 p.m. (last tour at 3:45 p.m.) **It's free!**

Site Contact: The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, telephone (703) 838-3852

[Carlyle House](#), 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria.
Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **It's free!**
Site Contact: Carlyle House Museum, telephone (703) 838-4242

[Lee-Fendall House Museum](#), 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria.
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last tour at 3:00) **It's free!**
Site Contact: Lee-Fendall House Museum, telephone (703) 548-1789

Christ Church, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria.
Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Site Contact: Christ Church, telephone (703) 549-145

Not in Alexandria, but only a few miles from Mount Eagle are the following:

Mount Vernon, home of our first President, George Washington.
Date: Monday, February 18
Time: 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. **Admission is free!** There will be musical and military performances by the US Army Old Guard Fife & Drum Corp and the commander-in-Chief's Guard. "America's Smallest Hometown Parade" starts at 1:30 p.m.

[Revolutionary War Reenactment at Fort Ward Park](#), 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria

Historic camp and tactical demonstrations throughout the day including a Revolutionary War skirmish between the Redcoats and the Colonial Army.

Date: Sunday, February 17, 2008

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (skirmish is at 2 p.m.)

Ticket Price: **Free.**

Site Contact: Fort Ward Museum, telephone (703) 838-4848; for status call (703) 991-4474.



Welcome to Fairfax County Public Schools.

Let us help you prepare for your child's entrance into Fairfax County Public Schools. Here are some facts and procedures about our K-12 program:

Facts

Children who are five by September 30 are [eligible](#) to enter kindergarten that school year. Parents of younger children can find resources through the FCPS [early childhood program](#).

A child who will be six years old on or before Sept. 30 must attend school.

Most FCPS elementary schools offer grades K-6, most middle schools offer grades 7-8, and high schools offer grades 9-12. Exceptions are noted in the [school profile](#).

A qualifying parent may elect to provide [home instruction](#) for his or her school-age child in lieu of school attendance.

Procedures

Determine what school your child will go to. The [FCPS boundary locator service](#) provides the names of the elementary, middle and high schools assigned to each home in the county. To access the service by telephone, call 703-329-9831 and follow the instructions.

You will need to register your child at the school he or she will attend. [General registration requirements](#) and information are outlined. [Registration forms](#) are online. Please register your student as soon as possible upon arrival in the area.

[Contact your child's school](#) to make arrangements for enrollment. Students are enrolled throughout the year. School offices are open in the summer months for registration of students who are new to the area.

In certain circumstances, parents can request to have students [assigned to schools outside of the student's neighborhood school boundaries](#).

[Student Registration](#) provides school enrollment for students whose home languages are other than English (Multilingual registrars are available to help families with limited English proficiency.); foreign exchange students and students requiring I-20 student visas; all students whose natural parents or legally adoptive parents do not reside in Fairfax County; tuition-paying students; and students in foster care placed by other Virginia counties or by out-of-state agencies.

Tuition is charged for students whose parents do not live in Fairfax County. Contact [Student Registration](#) for enrollment of nonresident students.