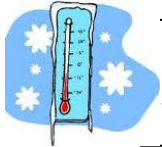


The Bear Bulletin

January 6, 2012



Welcome Back!



Dress For Recess – Children should be prepared and dressed properly for outside recess. Most classes go outside throughout the winter months, and shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc., will not provide enough warmth on cold winter days. Hats, gloves, and a winter coat are highly recommended for all students.

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Plans

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. When Fairfax County Public Schools has a schedule change (closing or delay) due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the information is communicated as soon as the decision is made in these ways:

- Called in to local radio and television stations, which are notified as soon as a decision is made
- Posted on cable Channel 21, a channel programmed by FCPS
- Posted on www.fcps.edu.
- Posted to Facebook and Twitter
- Sent via e-mail to parents through the Keep in Touch e-mail notification system.

Do not phone the school for school closing information

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.

Decisions are made with one overriding consideration—the safety of all students—those who ride buses and those who walk to school each day.

FCPS has several schedules set up to deal with inclement weather:

(1) Keep schools closed. (2) Open two hours late. (3) Close two hours early.

When schools are closed for the day, the following will apply

- Extracurricular activities and after-school programs on school grounds are canceled.
- School Age Child Care (SACC) centers are closed.

When schools open two hours late, the following will apply:

- Olde Creek ES will open at 10:15 a.m.
- On Monday, elementary schools (which usually close early on Mondays) will close at their usual Tuesday through Friday time.
- Offices will open on time.
- Morning field trips are canceled.
- SACC centers will open by 7:15 a.m.

When schools are closed two hours early due to worsening weather conditions during the day, the following will apply:

- The announcement will be made by 10:30 a.m. whenever possible.
- Olde Creek ES will close two hours earlier than the usual Tuesday through Friday time, at 1:00 p.m.
- SACC centers will stay open until 6:15 p.m.
- Extracurricular activities and after-school programs on school grounds are canceled.



The iPads Are Here!



Thanks to our fabulous PTA, Olde Creek now has 8 brand new iPads that will soon be made available for use with our students. Mrs. April Cascio, our School Based Technology Specialist (SBTS), is currently researching educational applications and will be conducting trainings with our teachers. We are excited to witness how the iPads will enhance our students' learning experience.

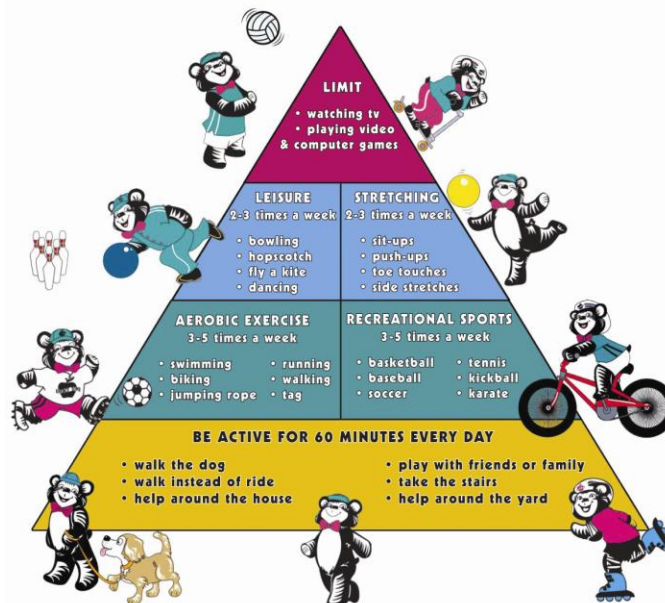
THANK YOU PTA!!

Holiday Sing-A-Long

Students enjoyed singing holiday songs on the day before winter break. Feliz Navidad, the Dreidel Song, and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer were among the favorites.



The Exercise Pyramid



TIPS FOR FAMILIES:

EAT RIGHT

- Choose healthy foods.
- Increase whole-grain foods.
- Eat fruits and vegetables especially dark green and orange.
- Include calcium-rich foods such as lowfat dairy products.
- Select lowfat meat, chicken, turkey and fish.
- Avoid foods and beverages with sugar as the first ingredient.

EXERCISE

- Be an active family.
- Exercise 60 minutes per day
- Include physical activities at family celebrations.
- Limit TV and computer time.

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JANUARY



February Highlights





2/08 Family Dinner Night

2/13 Band Concert

2/20 President's Day
 NO SCHOOL

2/24 Bingo Night



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12 PTA Mtg. 7:00 	13
16  NO SCHOOL	17	18	19	20
23 	24 Family Dinner Night @Coyote Grill Jump Rope Club Performs @ Robinson HS, 7:00	25	26  Team & Club Picture Day	27 Second Grading Period Ends
30 Teacher Workdays NO SCHOOL	31			