

The Bear Bulletin

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Dear Olde Creek Families,

The second quarter is in full swing and another fall break is right around the corner. Time sure does fly by! We hope that you all have a restful and joyful Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. Please know how thankful we are to have such a wonderful and supportive community. We appreciate all that you do each and every day for our school. We hope that you will be able to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon which will be held on **WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2009**. Please note that this is a different date than is published on the FCPS November lunch menu. Your child's lunch time will be different on 11/18/09 so please check the lunch menu schedule that was posted on 11/5/09 for the correct time. As a reminder, students will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on November 25th and school will be closed on November 26th and 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Halloween Howl was Spooooohtacular!!



The haunted house theme this year was "Candy Land Gone Sour", a theme created by Madyson Hanton. Special thanks to Cathy Gray for creating our tour guide costumes pictured above, to April Cascio and Paula Hyer for coordinating the Haunted House, to Tj Hanton for coordinating the Howl and to all the staff and parents who helped to make this night a success!



Some costumes were sweet and some were scary. Good times were had by all!

Updates and Reminders



SAFETY

At Olde Creek ES safety is a priority. We are asking you to partner with us on this. Please use the sidewalk and crosswalk when arriving or leaving school even if your child is not with you. We will have staff members available to give you reminders. This is especially important when buses are loading and unloading. In addition, in order to keep the kiss n ride line moving quickly, please be sure your child is ready to exit the car when you have stopped. Also, if you have to get out of the car to assist them with instruments, projects or a birthday treat, please park in the parking lot or on the street and walk your child in using the sidewalks and crosswalk.



COMMUNICATION

Frequent communication is important to us at Olde Creek. There are a number of ways that the school will communicate with you. Every Friday a KIT message is sent. If you have an email on file with us, you will automatically get the KIT message. We are continuing with our initiative to go Green this year and many of the Friday folder contents will be posted on the Olde Creek website under the button called Friday folders/newsletter. We also have a community Blackboard site with helpful information, a Newsletter with a calendar that will be posted the second Friday of each month and an Olde Creek Community Blog. Please note that paper copies of some items will still come home in Friday Folders so please check the folders weekly. Any families without internet access will be sent paper copies.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

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. **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. Please plan ahead.



OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER:

We know that your number one concern as a parent is your child's safety. We also know that it is frustrating—or even frightening—when you need to call someone for information about your student's whereabouts after school hours. **If your child normally rides a bus home** and you cannot get in touch with him or her, contact the transportation office at **703-249-7000 until 5 p.m.** After 5 p.m., or **if your child normally walks home**, contact the FCPS school security office at **703-764-2400**. In an emergency, the dispatcher can contact a school or a transportation staff member to help you.

Olde Creek ES

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Olde Creek Elementary School

December 2009



November Highlights

11/10: **PTA Meeting with Mrs. Mack & Mrs. Prati "TESTING"**
11/11: **Progress Reports Go Home to Parents**
11/11: **Family Dinner Night**
Location: TBD
11/17: **Fall Individual Pictures Make Up**
11/18: **THANKSGIVING LUNCH**
11/25: **2 Hour Early Release Dismissal @ 1:00 pm**

January Preview

01/12: PTA Meeting w/ Ann Dolin
"Even the Savviest Parents Make Mistakes"
01/13: **Family Dinner Night**
Location: TBD
01/18: **Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday – No School**
01/29 & 2/1: **Teacher Workdays No School**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 *Jump Rope Club-Gr 3-6 (03:00 pm – 04:00 pm)	2 *Drama Club (03:00 pm – 04:15 pm) *Jump Rope Club Gr 1&2 (03:00 pm – 04:00 pm) *Homework Club Gr 4-6 (03:00 pm – 03:45 pm)	3 *Dance Club Gr 1&2 (03:15 pm – 04:00 pm) *Jump Rope Club- Gr 3-6 (03:00 pm – 04:00 pm)	4 *Art Club- Gr 4-6 (03:15 pm – 04:15 pm) *French FLEX 1/2 (03:05 pm – 04:05 pm)
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