

SHREVEWOOD CONNECTION



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Shreveewood

Elementary School

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Falls Church, VA 22043

Attendance Line
703-645-6666

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703-645-6610

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703-645-6600

Website
www.fcps.edu/ShreveewoodES/

October-Calendar of Events

October 12

Columbus Day (Holiday-no school)

October 12-16

Custodian Appreciation Week

October 13

PTA Meeting (7:30 pm, Library)

October 20-22

CogAt Testing Day (9:30 –11:00 am)

October 24

*Halloween Party (5:30 pm –8:00 pm
Café/Gym)*

October 30

1st grading period ends

November 2-3

Teacher Workdays (No School)

HEALTHY SNACKS

Some research indicates that many children in American schools are overweight and are beginning to have cholesterol problems. Many parents want their children to eat healthy and would prefer that they not consume a lot of sugar or products containing red dyes during the day. To that end, we again strongly urge parents to rethink the items they bring to celebrate birthdays. Please think more in terms of healthy foods that you can substitute for the more sugary kind. Also, please be reminded that we do not disrupt classroom instruction for birthday celebrations. We only distribute snacks; no gifts, balloons, party invitations, cans or bottles. The items must be brought in time for the child to share them during the normal snack period. When snacks are brought in at the end of the school day, it is difficult to find time to share since food cannot be taken on the bus. Thank you for your support in encouraging healthy eating habits among our students.

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Something to Hoot About

Shreveewood is Fully Accredited by the State Board of Education. Shreveewood Made AYP and Shreveewood students scored very well on the SOLs, VGLA and VAAP.

School reopened quietly and smoothly. We have installed 12 Smart Boards in Classrooms. We are receiving 9 new laptops to begin fazing out PC's in the Lab.

Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner Night was a huge success. A big THANK-YOU to all the families who were able to come last night. We are sure that the students, parents, and the staff at Harper McCaughn ES down in Mississippi will appreciate all the generous donations.

PTA

Please consider supporting your PTA. In these very tough budget times, the PTA provides many of the extras that we would not be able to access for students using available school funds. Our wonderful PTA

provides: (1) free sandwiches for students who forget lunches or lunch money, (2) a field trip for every classroom, (3) class mothers who support instruction and class celebrations, (4) extra training opportunities for teachers, (5) cultural assemblies for all students, and (6) several evening events which allow families to come together to meet and have fun. They need your support, please join up!

FCPS, Fairfax County Government to Hold FY 2011 Budget Community Dialogues

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and the Fairfax County government are teaming up again this year to solicit community input to help meet a significant projected budget deficit for FY 2011. Fairfax County is in the midst of a multiyear cyclical downturn requiring that county and school decision-makers continue to make expenditure and revenue adjustments.

The school system's ongoing challenge is to develop a budget with an appropriate level of services that is both sustainable and acceptable to the community. As part of the budget process, FCPS and Fairfax County are hosting a series of budget community dialogues in September, October, and November. Citizens are invited to engage in facilitated small-group discussions to help find solutions to close the FY 2011 budget gap. Registration is required.

Community dialogue meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, September 29, from 7 to 9 p.m.
at the McLean Community Center.
Wednesday, September 30, from 7 to 9 p.m.
in the West Springfield High School cafeteria.
Wednesday, October 14, from 7 to 9 p.m.
in the Marshall High School cafeteria and the South County Secondary School cafeteria.
Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m. to noon
at the Centreville Regional Library, the Reston Regional Library, and the John Marshall Library.
Thursday, October 29, from 7 to 9 p.m.
in the South Lakes High School cafeteria and the Woodson High School cafeteria.
Saturday, November 14, from 10 a.m. to noon
at the Kings Park Library, the Sherwood Regional Library, and the George Mason Regional Library.

FCPS and Fairfax County officials will give budget presentations, followed by small-group discussions facilitated by staff members. To register, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget or call 703-324-2391, TTY 711. Citizens who are unable to attend the community dialogues are welcome to pass along their comments and suggestions by calling 703-324-9400 or completing a budget feedback form at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget.



Parents are encouraged to call attendance line when a child is absent or tardy. Please leave a specific description of your child's symptoms if your child is sick.



BREAKFAST – A GREAT START TO BEING SMART

October is Breakfast Month in Fairfax County Public Schools. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It “breaks” the “fast” by replacing the energy reserves used overnight.

School aged children, especially teens, are the biggest breakfast skippers. Research shows students who eat breakfast:

- learn better
- are more alert and attentive
- are more likely to participate in activities
- eating breakfast may also reduce the risk of childhood obesity

If you have a breakfast skipper in your home, plan and offer quick nutritious choices such as juice, whole grain cereal and toast, breakfast bar, bagels, milk, or yogurt. Parents, remember to eat your own breakfast. You are a role model for your children.

The school breakfast program helps students whose parents work or students who are late starters, as well as those who come from low-income families. Breakfast is a nutritious bargain for \$1.50.



ADVANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (AAP) [formerly GT]

CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers a continuum of advanced academic 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 Advanced Academic Resource Teachers (AARTs) work together to provide the following Levels of Service:

- ◆ **Critical and Creative Thinking Strategies, Grades K-6 (Level I)**
The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher and classroom teachers teach nine higher order thinking strategies across all subject areas and grade levels.
- ◆ **Differentiated Lessons in Areas of Academic Strength, Grades K-6 (Level II)**
The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher collaborates with classroom teachers to provide additional challenges and resources within the gen-

eral education program. The Young Scholars Model included in this level is designed to find and nurture advanced academic potential in students from historically underrepresented populations.

- ◆ **Part-Time Advanced Academic Program, Grades 3-6 (Level III)**
Students identified by a local school screening committee for advanced academic services (Level III) are challenged through models and strategies designed to extend and enrich the POS in the four core subject areas.
- ◆ **Full-Time Advanced Academic Placement, Grades 3-8 (Level IV)**
Students found eligible for placement in a full-time Advanced Academic Program (Level IV) through a central selection process receive a highly challenging instructional program in the four core subject areas.
- ◆ **IBMYP: Selected Schools, Grades 6-10**
The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program is designed for students ages 11-16. The program helps students develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in a changing world.
- ◆ **Honors, Grades 7-8**
Students who demonstrate high achievement in one or more areas of academic strength may participate in honors courses in any of the four core academic subject areas.

SCREENING

Multiple criteria are reviewed to determine eligibility for all FCPS Advanced Academic Programs. Formal identification begins with Level III services. The local school AAP committee determines student eligibility for school-based services. The countywide AAP Central Selection Committee determines eligibility for full-time AAP (Level IV) placement.

TESTING

Each fall all FCPS second grade students, as well as students in third through seventh grades who do not have ability test scores, are administered the Cognitive Abilities Test and/or the Naglieri Nonverbal Test. A second grade screening pool is established using these test results. Students in the second grade pool are automatically screened for full-time AAP (Level IV) placement. Parents/guardians may exercise their one-time retest option during the September-October testing cycle.

REFERRALS for FULL-TIME ADVANCED ACADEMIC PLACEMENT LEVEL IV (Grades 2-7)

Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the full-time AAP (Level IV) screening process by completing and submitting an AAP Level IV Referral Form to the local school principal no later than **February 5, 2010**. 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 AAP website and in the Parent Information Packet available at the local school.

2009 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Thursday, October 8 McLean HS 1633 Davidson Road, McLean, VA 22101
Tuesday, October 13 Oakton HS 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna, VA 22181
Thursday, October 15 Annandale HS 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

Monday, October 19 West Potomac HS 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria, VA 22307

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

For additional information contact:

Local FCPS elementary or middle school

Advanced Academic Programs Office at Lacey Center 703-846-8670

Advanced Academic Programs Office web site:
<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt>

Counselor's Corner-RESPONSIBILITY

The 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start and the ShreveWood Owls are displaying all of the character traits beautifully. For the month of October, we will be focusing on RESPONSIBILITY. Throughout classroom guidance lessons, the Owls will learn how to assume responsibility over their actions in both academic and social settings. Count and Countess Character will be on the look out for responsible citizens and will be holding a contest in which all ShreveWood Owls are encouraged to participate. One boy and one girl who demonstrate responsibility throughout the many areas of their lives, will be chosen to have their pictures taken and displayed throughout the school, through a random drawing. Not only will the winners be the face of responsibility, but other students in the school will have the opportunity to look up to them as role models.

In other exciting news, Meredith Friermood, a graduate student at George Washington University, is working with us this fall as our School Counseling Intern. Ms. Friermood brings with her a broad range of knowledge and experience that is of great value to the ShreveWood Owls, as well as a great deal of enthusiasm for enriching the lives of children. When you stop in ShreveWood for a visit or to pick up your children, please be sure to introduce yourselves to her. We are very lucky to have such a stellar intern with us! She will be with us on Tuesday's, Thursday's, and Friday's.