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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2010! I hope that everyone had a restful and safe winter break. It was good to see all of our students back at school on Monday. I hope that you all enjoyed the extended break – from the snow storm at the end of December.

I would like to ask parents & community members if you happen to live near school grounds or be in the area on the week-ends – to please watch out for vandalism that has been happening to our school on the week-ends and over the winter break. The location of these incidents has been the back playground, behind the modular building and on the fields. We have notified school security and the Fairfax County Police Department. On Monday mornings we generally have some type of damage to the building and/or playground. The grounds are also littered with beer cans and broken glass. We appreciate your support in helping to put a stop to these types of activities on school grounds. We continue to work hard to make our school a great place for kids.



I want to wish you and your families all the best in 2010! The entire staff and I look forward to spending another year working with your wonderful children!

Happy New Year!

Melaney Mackin
Principal



Holiday—School Closed

Monday, January 18th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and schools are closed.



Student Holidays

Friday, January 29th and Monday, February 1st are student holidays and there is **no school** for students on these days.

Progress Reports

The end of the second grading period is January 28, 2010. Progress reports will be sent home on **Wednesday, February 10th**. While teachers are not required to hold conferences with all parents this quarter, you are welcome to contact your child's teacher if you feel a need for a conference.

A Warm and Heartfelt THANK YOU

to all the families who donated coats to our holiday coat drive. The number of coats brought to the school was tremendous! Your generosity helped many homeless families in our own community and all over Fairfax County.



FCPS Budget Update

Information will be shared with the FCPS community on the FY11 Proposed School Budget at the Thursday, January 7th school board meeting. This will greatly effect our school in 2010 -2011. If you can— tune in to Channel 21 at 7 PM.



Reflections News

This year's Reflections' program proved that **SILVERBROOK'S GOT TALENT!** Numerous students from all grade levels submitted entries representing the "Beauty is..." theme in visual arts, photography and literature.

The following students were recently honored at a reception hosted by Dr. Mackin, Mr. Bosco and Ms. Peterson:

Literature

6th-8th Grade: 1st place - Megan Shapiro, 3rd-5th Grade: 1st place - Maddie Heilbrun, Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: 3rd place - Hannah Renager, 2nd place - Emme Heilbrun, 1st place - Emily Lynch

Photography

6th-8th Grade: 1st place - Sarah Keeth, 3rd-5th Grade: Honorable Mention - Maddie Heilbrun
Honorable Mention - Grace Lynch, 3rd place - Maddie Heilbrun, 2nd place - Andrew Leith, 1st place - Nicholas Hall, Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Honorable Mention - Grace Henderson, Honorable Mention - Emme Heilbrun, Honorable Mention - Xavier Lynch, Honorable Mention - Luke Dietrich, 3rd place - Zoey Goldstein, 2nd place - Grace Henderson, 1st place - Grace Henderson

Visual Arts

6th-8th Grade: 2nd place - Alexandra Moseley, 1st place - Lauren Jackson, 3rd-5th Grade: 3rd place - Alexa Megan, 2nd place - Calvin Shields, 1st place - Logan Pederson, Kindergarten-2nd grade: Honorable Mention - Zachary Leith, Honorable Mention - Emma Shields, Honorable Mention - Emme Heilbrun, Honorable Mention - Phoebe Shapiro, 3rd place - Jack Megan, 2nd place - Reagan Osborne, 1st place - Julien Monette

The PTA applauds their creativity and thanks them for their participation. Beauty truly is all of the creative Silverbrook students who participated in this year's Reflections' program.

The PTA also recognizes and thanks Mrs. Finney, Mrs. Lajin and Mrs. Mann for serving as judges. First place entries in each age division and category have been forwarded to the county for the next level of judging.

Entries are currently on display in the Silverbrook entryway showcase. Stop by and take a look!



Level IV Advanced Academics Screening Referral Deadline Is Approaching!

The countywide central selection committee reviews candidates for Advanced Academics placement and makes eligibility decisions for Level IV services. **Parents and guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the Advanced Academics screening process by completing and submitting a Referral form to the local school by February 5, 2010.** Forms are available on the Advanced Academic website . (Students in the second grade pool are automatically screened for Advanced Academics placement. Letters are mailed to second grade parents if their child is in the pool in January. Second graders not in the pool and all third through sixth graders are screened only by referral.)

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The Advanced Academics Office at Lacey Center - 703-846-8670. The Advanced Academics web site:

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt>

Frequently Asked Questions <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt/faqs.htm>

Referral Forms at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt/forms.htm>

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UPCOMING DATES

February 3 -
Parent Principal Coffee/
PTA Meeting 7:00 PM

February 10 -
Report Cards Go Home

February 15 -
President's Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL

