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Silverbrook Elementary's Monthly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This has been quite a winter for all of us here in Northern Virginia! Our custodial staff has been working extremely hard throughout keeping walkways clear and safe for all. I want to send out a very big "thank you" to all community members who heeded the call to volunteer on Monday, February 15th (Presidents' Day). We had a large number of you come out to aid the custodians in clearing sidewalks and walking paths in order to allow school to reopen on Tuesday, February 16th. Everyone was terrific, and we greatly appreciated all of your help and support – so once again, Thank You!!

Our School Board will be making the final decision regarding make-ups for the snow days on March 4th. There are 3 options that our Superintendent, Dr. Dale, has presented. You can visit the FCPS website to view the proposed options. Also in regards to the website – the School Board has made their advertised budget available for FY11 on the FCPS website. Several flyers have been sent home in recent days to inform you of the Feb. 24th budget meeting that Dr. Dale and several School Board members will be hosting at our neighboring elementary school, Laurel Hill. I encourage all of you to attend. It will be very informa-

tive, and you will have an opportunity to ask questions.

In March our 5th graders will be taking the Writing SOL (Standards of Learning) state tests. Please look for further information in this newsletter. The remaining SOL tests will be given in May.

We have two fun events occurring this month: the "HalleyBrook" Basketball game, which is the Silverbrook ES vs Halley ES staff playing one another in basketball, and the PTA/School sponsored Read-a-thon, REACH. HalleyBrook was a huge success last year, and the staff and I are all looking forward to another big evening. I hope that you and your families will be able to come out and support our school.

Have a marvelous March!

Melaney Mackin
Principal

SOL Testing—5th Grade

There will be SOL testing for 5th graders on March 2 & 3. Please make sure that your child has a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude. Also, please try not to schedule doctor or dental appointments during testing time.



Yearbook Orders

We are now accepting yearbook orders. The cost is \$20.00 each if you order by March 15. Please make your checks payable to: **Provine School Pictures** * Please do NOT send cash. Due to a limited number of yearbooks available, only those who pre-order will be guaranteed a copy.... so make sure you reserve your copy today!

Spring Picture Days

Wednesday, March 10th and Thursday, March 11th will be Silverbrook's Spring Picture Days. Come to school with your best spring smile on! Remember, no payment is due until the photos are received.



HalleyBrook Spirit Week

Be on the lookout for a flyer coming home soon regarding spirit week beginning Mon., March 8th.



Attention Parents of Rising Kindergarteners

Survey forms for Preschool children are being sent home this week. Please complete the survey and return it to the school as soon as possible. If you have neighbors who have rising kindergarteners, please feel free to share the form with them. More forms are available at Silverbrook.



Silverbrook vs Halley Basketball Game

Plans are in the final stages for the second Silverbrook vs Halley Basketball Game. The game will be held on Friday, March 12th at South County Secondary School at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

The evening will include a DJ, school choir performances, halftime dance shows, big bowling and beach towel relay, shoot-out contest, 50/50 cash raffle and other big prizes, mascot entertainment & much more.

Come join us for what we know will be a wonderfully fun evening for both schools, and cheer on your favorite Silverbrook staff member!

Spring Break Begins in March

Spring Break begins the last week of March this year. There will be no school from March 29th through April 4th. School will resume on Monday, April 5th. Enjoy the break!



Help Stop Vandalism on School Grounds

Please report all suspicious activity or loitering to:
Fairfax County Police: 703-691-2131 or
FCPS School Security: 703-764-2500

After School Hours Reminder

Please remember that access to the classrooms closes 30 minutes after the end of each school day. Please be sure students take all work home with them at the end of the day.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 6:

PTA Meeting—7:00 PM

April 7:

Silverbrook Blood Drive 1:00—7:00PM

April 8:

SCSS Area Band Concert at SCSS—7:00PM



April 9:

3rd Grading Period Ends

April 12:

Snow make-up day.

This will be a regular FULL day of school.

April 16:

PTA Spring Dance Grades K—3

April 23:

PTA Spring Dance Grades 4—6

Kindergarten Orientation

Silverbrook will be holding its annual Kindergarten Orientation on Monday, **April 26, 2010.**

If you have a child or know of a neighbor with a child who will be eligible for kindergarten for the 2010—2011 school year (a child who has reached their 5th birthday by 9/30/10), please call the school at 703-690-5100 so we can add your name to our mailing list. More information will follow in April.



Breakfast Boxes are Served at Silverbrook Elementary School Daily

Breakfast boxes are available in the Silverbrook cafeteria. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and research demonstrates that students who eat breakfast have more energy and improved concentration. They also perform better in school.

- All students are invited to eat breakfast in the cafeteria as often as they like: everyday, once a week, or once a month.
- The Breakfast Box price is \$1.50. It is 30¢ for students who qualify for reduced price meals, and it's free to students who qualify for free meals at school.
- Serving time starts 8:05am.

