



The Terragram

Information for Terraset Parents



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Principals Message
October 4, 2011

ADVANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAM

On Oct. 4 from 6:15 – 7:00 PM there will be a parent informational meeting in the library. The purpose of the meeting is to highlight the 4 Advanced Academic Service Levels offered through FCPS. The Terraset implementation plan will also be covered.

This meeting is open to all parents wanting to learn more about the Advanced Academic Program.

SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM TO BE ON NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT

A school bond referendum will be on the general election ballot **Tuesday, November 8, 2011**. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents of Fairfax County may vote if they are 18 years or older on Election Day and have registered to vote 21 days prior to the election (by October 17, 2011, at 5 p.m.). For more information about registering or voting, call 703-222-0776 or go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb>.

EDUCATION SUMMIT TO EXPLORE CUSTOMIZING PUBLIC EDUCATION

FCPS parents are invited to join employees, students, citizens, business leaders, community leaders, and school leaders at the Fairfax Education Summit on **Saturday, October 15, at Woodson High School from 8 a.m. to 12 noon**, to explore how education is moving away from the industrial model and evolving into an era of customization. Attendees will learn more about student goal setting and learning plans, courses that encourage experiential learning, measuring student growth, student-directed learning, and much more.

Find out more at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/summit.htm>.



Did you know that you can pay for your child's lunch online, by check, or by cash? Here's how.

• Online myLunchMoney.com

Easy-to-use, convenient, private, and secure. There is a convenience fee.

Parents can check the fund account and usage anytime from the home computer or phone.

- **Check** written to (*school name*) Food and Nutrition Services. A detailed printout of student purchases is available upon request
- **Balances** from the previous year remain in the student account and are moved to the new school for graduates to middle and high schools.

Parents are encouraged to prepay for their child(ren)'s meals so lunch money is always available.

TELEPHONE PARENT INFORMATION LINE AVAILABLE IN SEVEN LANGUAGES

Parents who speak Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Urdu, or Vietnamese can call a telephone information line to help them learn general information about FCPS and to receive support if they are having difficulty communicating with their children's schools due to a language barrier.

The Parent Information Line numbers are:

- **Arabic**—571-423-4952
- **Chinese**—571-423-4953
- **Farsi**—571-423-4954
- **Korean**—571-423-4951
- **Spanish**—571-423-4950
- **Urdu**—571-423-4955
- **Vietnamese**—571-423-4956

A parent may call at any time, leave a message in his or her language, and receive a return phone call in that language from an FCPS staff member within 24 hours Monday through Friday.

NEWS FROM THE ENERGY ZONE

9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code to Your Health

To encourage student wellness, FCPS Elementary Schools are promoting 9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code to Your Health the week of October 17 – 21, 2011. Students will learn about healthy eating and exercise through this daily message. This program is a partnership with the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition. Teachers are invited to highlight the daily message in the classroom.



PRENDAMOS Español CON SENORA CALVACHE VU

In this section, every Terragram will have a new word or expression in Spanish for you and your child to learn. This will help you learn about the Spanish language and culture, as well as support what your child is learning in his or her FLES class.

Feel free to contact me, Senora Calvache-Vu, to ask questions if you have any: mcalvachevu@fcps.edu

The words/expressions for this week are:

- “Hola” means “hello”. An example would be:
- “Hola Maria” or “ Hello Maria!”
- “Buenos días” means “good morning”. “Buenos Días Ana!” would mean “Good morning Ana.”

You can listen to the pronunciation at: PRACTICE AT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD!

<http://www.spanishdict.com/translate>

Just type the word and enter.

LET’S LEARN SPANISH WITH SENORA CALVACHE VU

Cada Terragram tendrá una sorpresa en esta sección, para ustedes padres de familia o familiares.

Estaremos aprendiendo palabras o expresiones en español. Esto nos ayudara a aprender sobre el idioma español y a construir un puente que conectara la escuela con la casa; en otras palabras, las familias con nuestros estudiantes y su mundo del Español aquí en Terraset.

Si tiene alguna pregunta no dude en informarme:
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Usted puede escuchar la pronunciación en: PRACTIQUE EN CASA CON SU HIJO!

<http://www.spanishdict.com/translate>

Solo escriba la palabra y dele enter.

October

- 4 6:15 pm, AAP Informational Program (Library)
7:00 pm, PTA meeting (Library)
- 4-7 Terraset Book Fair
- 6 12:00 – 2:30 pm, Hagen & Scott walking field trip to Walker Nature Center
- 7 12:00 – 2:30 pm, Matthews’ walking field trip to Walker Nature Center
- 10 Columbus Day Holiday – **No School**