



The Terragram

Information for Terraset Parents



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Principal's Message May 5, 2009

Dear Parents:



Join us in the fun! **Annie Jr. is coming to Terraset!** Mark your calendar for May 13 and 14 at 7:00 pm for this spectacular performance! The cost is free but donations will be accepted.

KEEPING US HEALTHY



We all hope that any plans we make for this flu that is going around are plans that we will never need to use. Just in case... you can get up-to-date information at www.fcps.edu. Also, if needed, suggestions for student activities will be posted by grade level on the

Terraset web site <http://www.fcps.edu/TerrasetES/>. As always, teachers will be available through voice mail and email for support. We will contact you, if necessary, through the Keep in Touch system (KIT). If you are not registered, please register at www.fcps.edu. This system uses the phone numbers and email addresses we have for your family on file. Please be sure your contact information is up-to-date so we can reach you.

We are doing our best to keep you informed about health issues. The Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) are working together to support the **Student Illness Monitoring System (SIMS)** to track certain communicable diseases. This system has been in place since 2005. The system allows for a daily review of absentee information to monitor for an increase in gastrointestinal and/or influenza like illnesses. Monitoring these illnesses on a daily basis allows for early identification and intervention.

When calling the school attendance line at Terraset to report your child's illness, please provide specific information about your child's reason for absence. If your child is ill, please be specific as to a physician's diagnosis such as strep throat or pink eye. If your child has not seen a physician, **please be specific about the symptoms** your

child is having such as fever, cough, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, or vomiting.

We hope that this program, combined with systems already in place to safeguard your children and school community, will enhance our understanding of certain communicable diseases.

If you have any questions about this monitoring program, please call our school public health nurse, Mary Joan Shea at 703-390-5610.

Please keep your child home if they have a fever, vomiting, etc. and remind them to wash their hands often with soap and cough into their sleeves. If we are all vigilant, hopefully we will all stay healthy.



TERRASET READS

This summer Terraset Elementary wants you to "Catch Your Child Reading!" Send us a photo of your child reading anywhere, anytime this summer with a caption that includes your child's name, and if you like, the reading location and book, magazine, or other text he or she is reading. We will create a summer reading photo wall to greet our Terraset readers when they come to school in September. Other family members and Terraset staff are welcome to participate too! Send the photos by email to TerrasetReads@gmail.com. Send the photos by U.S. mail to "Caught Reading" c/o Terraset Elementary 11411 Ridge Heights Road, Reston, VA 20191.



NOTES FROM THE FIRST GRADE

What a fantastic year this has been! We are just dazzled by our first graders and their reading and writing skills. For our **Community Project**, we just finished writing letters to soldiers overseas and we are amazed by their progress. We did a great job on our unit on poetry as we experimented with various poetic forms as well as writing about our favorite subjects. We have also become very knowledgeable about books and comprehension skills such as predicting, responding, re-

telling, sequencing and making connections. In math, we are studying money and telling time and in science, we are studying plants and seeds. We have had a lot of fun making the distinction between seeds and non-seeds. Here are some thoughts from our first graders about learning.



From Mrs. Sybert's class - What are some of your favorite books?

Mirza said his favorite story was The Little Red Hen.

Elijah said that his favorite story was The Bugliest Bug.
Ariana said her favorite story was The Cat in the Hat.

From Mrs. Golden's class - What have you learned this year?



Lily said *my favorite part was how we all learned how to say Synonym (instead of cinnamon).*

Darshan said *I loved writing workshop and learning how to create books with illustrations.*

Kevon said *I liked learning animals can blend in (camouflage).*



From Mrs. Dueno's class - What are we learning now?

Esme said *in science we are learning about lima beans and seeds.*

Jasmine said *in math we are learning about money.*

Jaiah said that *in language arts we are talking about retelling and using re-telling ropes.*

From Mrs. Zambrano's class - What are you excited about for next year?



Abeer says *I am excited to find out which teacher I will have next year.*

Iman said *I am excited to take more math tests.*

Zak said *I am excited to have my younger brother Adam come to kindergarten.*

Xavier said *I am excited to get a new spot to sit in the cafeteria.*

A NOTE FROM MR. PATTERSON

Congratulations go out to the *entire school* for a successful **Jump Rope for Heart Event**. We raised about \$3,700 for the **American Heart Association** and students learned about ways to maintain a healthy heart and lifestyle.

This Thursday will be the last day of **Fitness Club** for students. We have worked really hard this year learning and participating in various fitness activities and look forward to doing it again next year.

THE PTA CORNER

The PTA would like to let everyone know about a very special event that is about to happen at Terraset.



Teacher Appreciation Week starts Monday May 4th, and the Hospitality chair, **Kathy Somer**, has planned several fun and delicious moments for the Teachers and support staff of Terraset.

- * **Tuesday** kicks off the week with "Breakfast for the Staff" in the Teacher's lounge at 8:15am.
- * **Wednesday** is "Dessert Day", and that gives everyone a chance to thank the Staff for their guidance and "Sweetness" that they provide to our children.
- * **Thursday** is "Individual Student Day." Please have your child write a note, draw a picture, or send in a small bouquet picked lovingly from your yard.
- * **Friday** the PTA is hosting a catered lunch. If you can help with food or small gift card donations, please contact Kathy at Kathy.Somer@verizon.net or ksomer@fairfaxcounty.gov

The PTA would like to thank Troop 4158 as well as Annette Bobby and Dianne Rose for keeping the butterfly garden healthy and beautiful.

CALENDAR

May

- 5 **11:30 – 1:30, Mr. Bland's field trip to Herndon HS Planetarium**
7:00 pm – PTA meeting
- 7 **11:30-1:30, Mrs. Damon's field trip to Herndon HS Planetarium**
- 13 **2:00 – 3:00 Annie Daytime Performance**
7:00 pm – Annie Jr. Performance Night 1
- 14 **7:00 pm – Annie Jr. Performance Night 2**
- 18 **3rd gr. SOL Reading, pt 1**
- 19 **3rd gr. SOL Reading, pt 2**
5th gr. SOL Reading
- 20 **4th & 6th gr. SOL Reading**
- 21 **3rd & 5th gr. SOL Science**
- 25 ***Memorial Day Holiday***
- 27 **3rd, 4th & 6th gr. SOL Social Studies**
- 28 **3rd & 5th gr. SOL Math**
- 29 **4th & 6th gr. Math**