



The Terragram

Information for Terraset Parents



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Principal's Message September 15, 2009

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to school!

We are very excited to begin this school year and had a great start! We know it will be a year filled with learning, creativity and fun. Our teachers are looking forward to seeing you at our Back to School Night at 7:00 pm on September 22, 2009. The more familiar you are with your child's instructional program, the better you can support him/her at home. Mark your calendar today!



We are still struggling with some bus issues that hopefully will be worked out soon. If you have specific transportation concerns, please call transportation directly at 703-249-7100.

Safety is of utmost importance to us. We need accurate contact information for every child. If you have not done so already, please return your child's **Emergency Care Card** right away. This is the only way we can contact you if there is an emergency or concern. Also, if numbers change during the school year, please share that information right away.

Students must be at school by 9:15 am. Children are never considered tardy if they ride the bus and the bus is late arriving at school. If you transport your child to school, please plan to drop your child at school **no earlier than 8:50 am**. Adult supervision begins at 8:50 so we cannot ensure your child's safety before that time.

Please support us by reinforcing our three "R's", being Ready, Respectful, and Responsible. If you have time, please volunteer. We need you!

See you at Back to School Night!!

Reminder: Please turn in your **Emergency Care Information** form ASAP. We need to have emergency contacts, should something happen to your child.

BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

- ✓ One important resource is **Terraset's Homepage**, www.fcps.edu/TerrasetES. This web site is dedicated to inform you of important telephone numbers for the school, email addresses for the teachers and staff, the Terragram newsletter, lunch menu, FCPS calendar and many, many other links to help answer just about any question you may have.
- ✓ Equally important is the **PTA Homepage**, www.terrasetpta.org. Visit this web site to keep up with the PTA activities of the 2009-2010 school year. It contains a list of the officers and contact information as well as meeting schedules.
- ✓ Every student was given a **Parent/Student Handbook** on the first day. Please refer to this guide for any questions concerning Terraset's rules and regulations.
- ✓ A great way to stay on top of your child's education is to sign up for an **FCPS 24/7 PARENTVIEW** account. FCPS 24/7 Learning (Blackboard) is an internet-based learning system used by teachers to post syllabus', assignments, and other communications with your children. Each FCPS student is given their own FCPS 24/7 Learning account.
- ✓ Parents have the opportunity to create their own account too to access all their children's accounts from elementary to high school! You only need to register once, as many of you did last year.



A **ParentView** account also gives parents the ability to update emergency contact information online through the "We Care" module in Blackboard. It is crucial that all contact information is kept up to date, so you can receive important and timely school information through the Keep-In-Touch system. More information on Keep-In-Touch is found at <http://www.fcps.edu/kit/>. Directions for getting your own FCPS 24/7 Parent account can be found on Terraset's website or you can register at Back-to-School Night on September 22. If you register at home, print out (or copy) your *unique registration key* and bring it and a valid picture ID to Terraset for validation to have your account activated.

The school will give you your FCPS 24/7 Learning Parent View username and then, your password will be emailed to you.

TERRASET'S STRINGS AND BAND DEPARTMENTS ARE ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS NOW

STRINGS: Terraset strings class is now registering. If your child has not received a registration form, it is not too late. Ms. Bongard has plenty of forms posted by her door. The registration deadline is on Wednesday, September 23rd.



BAND: Students interested in joining band at Terraset received registration materials following a band demonstration Friday, September 11th. Mrs. Essig will take applications for band through Wednesday September 23rd. If you have questions about the band, please call or email. 703-390-5600 jeanette.essig@fcps.edu

CALENDAR

September

- 16 9:30-1:00pm, 5th grade field trip to Wolftrap
- 18 Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale begins
- 22 6:15pm, PTA Meeting
7:00-8:00pm, Back to School Night
- 23 NNAT - 2nd grade
- 24 NNAT - 3rd - 6th