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# Family Newsletter

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## Early Closing on Wednesday, November 25, 2009

All Fairfax County schools will close two hours early on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> the day before Thanksgiving. Students in grades 1-6 will be released at 1:15. The midday kindergarten runs will be on a Monday schedule. Morning and afternoon kindergarten will end and begin at 10:40 am.

Grades		Time
<b>1 - 6</b>	<b>Wed., 11/25</b>	<b>8:35 a.m.-1:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Wed., 11/25</b>	<b>AM 8:35-10:40 a.m. PM 10:40 -1:15 p.m.</b>

### FCPS Holds Budget Dialogues

Due to public demand, Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools will hold three additional community dialogue sessions to discuss the FY 2011 budget on Wednesday, December 2. The sessions will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at three locations:

- Hayfield Secondary School
- Herndon High School
- Lake Braddock Secondary School

To register for one of these sessions, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget). Additional information is available on the county's budget web site or by calling 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

### Kiss and Ride Rules Important to Follow

Our Kiss and Ride Crossing Guard, Cheryl Belloli, is always looking for ways to help us improve our safety record. She has some concerns and would like for all of us to consider the following:

- Children should be discharged at the designated Kiss and Ride area and never by the curb near the handicap parking.
- Non-handicap drivers must park in a regular parking spot. Unless a parent or child has a handicapping condition, the handicap parking spot should not be used at any time.
- Parents should always follow Mrs. Belloli's directions. Her view of the area and her experience as Crossing Guard help her know how to keep all children and parents safe.
- Parents need to be observant of the crosswalk markings. Sitting in the crosswalk or parking in the crossing box are dangerous and should never occur. Mrs. Belloli has begun to place cones at the Kiss and Ride area to block it off when it is full in order to keep us safe.
- Cars should never sit on Springstone to wait to pull into the Kiss and Ride lane. Buses and emergency vehicles may need quick access and must have the right of way.

Thank you for your keeping all of our walkers and riders safe!

### Box Tops and the Power of 1!

Thank you for supporting BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION and our school. From now until **December 1**, everyone who joins Box Tops online will earn five Box Tops for our school. If 400 people sign up for box tops, that will earn our school \$200. That's cash our school can use to buy anything it needs. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com/one](http://www.boxtops4education.com/one), register to become a member of BoxTopsForEducation.com and designate a school to support, filling in all requested information completely. Invite your friends (neighbors, relatives, etc) and encourage them to invite their friends. Before you know it, you've turned the **power of one** into the power of millions! Thanks for your support and special thanks to PTA chairs, Tina Cook and Carolina Anea, for planning and organizing this program for 2009-2010!

## **UMES Reflections Winners Announced**

UMES PTA Reflections Sponsors announced the winners of this year's Reflections Contest at the school level. Congratulations to all of the participants and winners! The students' names are listed below with their last names removed to ensure their safety. The first place winners move on to compete at the county level. At the February Reflections Recognition Awards held at Union Mill, the winners of the county Reflections Contest will be announced and student's projects will be returned.

## **Reflections Results**

### **Visual Arts:**

#### **Primary (K – 2 Grades)**

1<sup>st</sup> – Jane (Most Beautiful Flower) --Maltman  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Rachel (Leaves in Fall) --Scrafford  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Yuna L (Under the Sea) --Maltman  
HM – Katherine (Beauty on Stage) --Stevenson

#### **Intermediate (3 – 5 Grades):**

1<sup>st</sup> – Stephanie (Garden Decorations & Flowers) --Hess  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lila (Girl Looking in the Mirror) --McAdoo  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Rose (Beauty of Nature) --Bardenhagen  
HM – Leyna (Forest At Dawn) --Bardenhagen

#### **Middle (6<sup>th</sup> Grade):**

1<sup>st</sup> – Jamie (Mother Nature) --McLaughlin  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Grace (Origami) -- Renn  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Jamie (Crane in the Seashore) -- McLaughlin  
HM – Grace (Something You Find in Roses)-- Renn  
HM – Blake (Ingredients of Fall) – McLaughlin

### **Photography:**

#### **Primary (K-2 Grades):**

1<sup>st</sup> – Erin (Beauty is Above Us)—R. Wysocki  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lauren (Yellow Delight) -- Scrafford  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Erin (Beauty Is All Around Us) --R. Wysocki  
HM – Lauren (Orange Blossom) -- Scrafford

#### **Intermediate (3 – 5 Grades):**

1<sup>st</sup> – Sam (House on the Creek)-- Carlstrom  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Anna (Butterfly Breakfast) --Whitney  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Grace (Beauty is 49 Years of Marriage) -- Whitney  
HM – Billy (Apple Orchard in the Fall)--Townsend  
HM – Margot (Friendship Between A Flower & A Butterfly) Hoernke

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#### **Middle (6<sup>th</sup> Grade):**

1<sup>st</sup> – Brendan (Natural Bridge #1) -- McLaughlin  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Alexander (Alaskan View) -- Walker  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Brendan (Natural Bridge #2) -- McLaughlin  
HM – Claire (Sunny Day At the Beach) -- Renn  
HM – Blake (Beauty is Bursting)—McLaughlin

### **Literature**

#### **Primary (K – 2 Grades):**

#### **Middle (6<sup>th</sup> Grade):**

1st – Haley – R. Wysocki  
1<sup>st</sup> -- Grace -- Renn  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Nikhil -- Divers  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Namisha -- McCullor

#### **Intermediate (3 – 5 Grades):**

1<sup>st</sup> – Delaney -- Carlstrom  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Emma -- McAdoo  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Anna -- Whitney  
HM – Delaney – Carlstrom  
HM – Sidney -- Patton

### **Dance Choreography**

**Primary (K – 2 Grades):** 1<sup>st</sup> – Katherine -- Stevenson

**Intermediate (3 – 5 Grades):** 1<sup>st</sup> – Emma -- McAdoo

### **Film Production**

**Intermediate (3 – 5 Grades):** 1<sup>st</sup> – Sophie -- Pak

*(Note: HM is Honorable Mention)*

## **"Up, Up, and Away" Free Movie Event for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Girls**

On November 21, 2009, Ally and Carly from Girl Scout Troop 2933 are organizing a movie event at Little Rocky Run Rec. Center #2 for 1st-3rd Grade girls. They will be watching the movie, "UP," frosting cookies, making a craft and playing games. Sleeping bags and pillows are optional, and there is no fee to attend. The event will be chaperoned and there are two sessions -- Session #1: 1st & 2nd Grade, from 10am-1:45pm; Session #2: 3rd Grade, from 2pm-5:45pm. Please RSVP by 11/19 by phone to (703)266-4372 OR email @ [grecco36@aol.com](mailto:grecco36@aol.com). Please support Carly and Ally in making their Bronze project a success. We hope you can come! Thank you!

## **Student Council Association (SCA) Thanksgiving Food Drive**

The SCA will be collecting food in November to help those less fortunate in our area. We are asking that every student at Union Mill bring one or more canned or boxed food items so others may have enough food for their Thanksgiving. Boxes will be in the front lobby until November 18 to collect the items. The SCA thanks you for your generosity and support!!

### UMES Bookfair the Week of November 16<sup>th</sup>

Laura Sorenson, UMES Librarian, and her committee of PTA Library Volunteers will be sponsoring our annual UMES Bookfair the week of November 16th. Parents are welcome to stop by the library anytime to buy books for their children. Please join us for this week of fun!

### Advanced Academic (formerly Gifted and Talented) Referrals

Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the AA center screening process by completing and submitting a Gifted and Talented GT Center Referral form to Susan Shadis, School Principal, no later than February 5, 2010. Second graders not in the pool and all third through sixth graders are screened only by referral. Forms are available on the FCPS AA Program web site at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt/index.html>. For additional information call Sandy Chang at 703-322-8575 or [JSChang1@fcps.edu](mailto:JSChang1@fcps.edu)

UMES Calendar At a Glance						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
15 A Week Book Fair SCA Food Drive	16 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Math eCART	17 4 <sup>th</sup> grade Math eCART	18 Thanksgiving Lunch (1-3)	19 Thanksgiving Lunch (4-6)	20	21
22 B Week	23	24 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Human Growth & Development Parent Preview Night	25 2-hour early release	26 Thanksgiving	27 No School	28