



**CALENDAR:**

- April 2:** 5th Grade Field Trip to the Museum of Natural History
- April 3:** Student Holiday — NO SCHOOL
- April 6-10:** SPRING BREAK
- April 20:** Kindergarten Orientation (1:30-3:00 pm)
- April 20:** PTA Meeting (7:00-9:00 pm)
- April 22:** 2nd Grade Field Trip to Huntley Meadows Park (9:00 am-12:00 noon)
- April 22:** 5th Grade Field Trip to Scheslinger Concert Hall (9:00 am-12:00 noon)
- April 23:** Volunteer Tea (9:00-10:00 am) in the cafeteria
- April 24:** 6th Grade Field Trip to Pamplin Historical Park (7:30 am-5:30 pm)
- April 26:** PTA Run for Fun (7:30-11:30 am)
- April 28:** 4th Grade's Virginia Day & Wax Museum (8:30 am-3:00 pm)
- April 30:** Kindergarten Field Trip to the National Zoo (9:15 am-1:45 pm)  
[Rain Date: May 7th]
- May 1:** 4th Grade to Oakton Planetarium (9:30-11:30 am)
- May 1:** PTA Evening of Art & Dessert — details to follow
- May 6:** 1st Grade Field Trip to Green Spring Gardens (10:00 am-12:00 noon)
- May 7:** 6th Grade Panoramic Picture
- May 14:** 6th Grade Play (1:15-2:45 pm & 7:00-8:30 pm) in the Gym
- May 18:** PTA Meeting (7:00-9:00 pm)
- May 25:** Memorial Day Holiday — NO SCHOOL

*The calendar for the entire school year is on our website at: [www.fcps.edu/ViennaES/](http://www.fcps.edu/ViennaES/)*

“SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION”

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## Principal's Corner

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" – Robin Williams

We have so much to celebrate, even when we are scraping renovation mud from our shoes! Here is what I want to “party” about...

- Happy students engaged in learning
- Daffodils
- Hard working, dedicated teachers and staff
- My puppy McGee and his house-breaking progress
- Renovation is progressing
- Supportive community
- Spring Break
- Cherry blossoms around the tidal basin
- Rain that makes our grass green and flowers grow

- My family and friends
- Did I mention Spring Break?

Our warmer weather brings requests for students to ride bikes to school, which is a wonderful treat for our students and their families. I do regret, however, that I am not going to be able to allow bike riding to school at this time. We do not currently know where and when our bike racks will be replaced. It is possible that students will be able to ride bikes at a later date, so stay tuned! We will post the permission form on our website.

a reminder, I do not accept requests for specific teachers. You may, however, send a letter or an email speaking about your child's strengths and learning styles. The staffing process continues throughout the summer. You will be provided with the name of your child's teacher prior to our Open House on September 3, 2009.

Thanks for sharing your wonderful children with us and have a fantastic break!

*Jeanette*

We are beginning to plan for next year, and as

### ***It's Elementary...***



March 17th — **Leprechaun Day** for Kindergarten

The Kindergarten classes enjoyed fun activities and yummy treats while on the lookout for leprechauns...

### **FIELD TRIPS:**

- SCA representatives delivered the canned goods to the Lorton Food Bank
- The third grade saw a theater performance at the GMU Center for the Arts
- Second-grade students had Math lessons at the National Building Museum
- The fifth grade visited the Museum of Natural History

- Every time you shop at **Office Depot**, Vienna Elementary can receive credit equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for *free supplies!* Simply give the school's ID Number (**70105111**) when you shop in the store or on-line.
- Turn in your **Box Tops for Education** to school; it's an easy way to support Vienna Elementary. You can find them on a wide array of foods and home products.

### ENERGY ZONE KIDS FITNESS CHALLENGE

Research shows children copy the behavior of adults in their life. If parents are physically active, the children will be active too. Exercise burns calories, which assist in maintaining ideal weight. **Fit adults and children exercise 60 minutes per day.**

#### KEEP MOVING TO STAY IN SHAPE...

Plan daily family walks.

Limit television and computer time to 1-2 hours.

Make exercise fun.

Encourage play outside with other children.

Assign chores that involve activity such as cleaning or walking the dog.

Help your children find physical activities they enjoy.



**Remember, making a healthy change takes time and don't expect perfection.**



**Effective March 1st, the new "a la carte" price for an entrée (purchased separate from or in addition to the complete lunch) is \$1.90.**

### ATTENTION PARENTS of 5th-GRADE STUDENTS

Since July 2006, a booster dose of **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) is **required for all students entering 6th grade** if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. The recommended age for the booster is 11-12 years of age, but 'Boostrix' may be given at age 10.

**Please check your child's vaccination record and send in the documentation from the doctor for the Tdap booster as soon as possible; this paperwork must be in the school office in order for your child to enter 6th grade.** If your child has not received this booster as of yet, please contact your doctor to make an appointment or visit the Health Department where school-required immunizations are free of charge. Bring a copy of your child's vaccine record to the appointment.

Health Department District Offices are located at:

HRDO 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Suite 100, Reston, VA 703-481-4242

JWDO 3750 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 703-246-7100

FCDO 6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, VA 703- 534-8343

## Counselor's Corner, by Mrs. Gross

We're approaching the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 2008-2009 school year! The beginning of a new quarter is a great time to reflect on past accomplishments and future goals. Has your child shown academic growth this year? Personal/social growth? With nine weeks left, there is still plenty of time to work on a variety of issues. Let your child tell you what they would like to accomplish this quarter. You may be surprised at their ambitions.

I am looking forward to teaching lessons on safety this month. As always, I will be doing my push for wearing helmets. Please, please, please, stress this at home, too. In the older grades, we will also be talking about the internet, safety rules at home and being safe in the community.



I hope everyone enjoys their spring break! I will look forward to hearing about your adventures.

Please let me know if I can be of help with issues revolving around school success. You can reach me at (703) 937-6031 or at [Beth.Gross@fcps.edu](mailto:Beth.Gross@fcps.edu).

Take care.