

CALENDAR:

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- May 11:** 6th Grade Field Trip to Oakton Planetarium
- May 14:** 6th Grade Play (1:30-2:45 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
- June 5:** 4th Grade Picnic (8:45 am-1:15 pm) at Meadow Lane Park
- June 8:** 5th Grade Picnic (9:00 am-12:00 noon) at Meadow Lane Park
- June 8:** 6th Grade Picnic (9:00 am-12:00 noon) at Glyndon Park
- June 8:** PTA Meeting (7:00-9:00 pm)
- June 9:** 5th Grade Renaissance Faire (8:30 am-2:30 pm)
- June 9:** 4th Grade Writing Workshops
- June 9:** 5th Grade Concert (7:00-8:00 pm) in the Gym
- June 10:** 1st Grade Picnic (9:30 am-1:30 pm) at Meadow Lane Park
- June 10:** Band & Strings Concert [4th-6th grade] (7:00-8:15 pm) in the Gym
- June 11:** 6th Grade Luncheon (11:00 am-1:30 pm)
- June 12:** FIELD DAY (all day) [Rain date: 6/17]
- June 15:** 3rd Grade Picnic (9:00 am-12:00 noon) at Meadow Lane Park
- June 16:** 2nd Grade Picnic (11:00 am-2:00 pm) at Meadow Lane Park
- June 18:** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (dismissal is at 11:05 am)

The calendar for the entire school year is on our website at: www.fcps.edu/ViennaES/

Principal's Corner

“April showers bring May flowers, but what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.”

-- my third-grade teacher

April AND May showers have certainly brought spring flowers. As a child, I remember my very favorite color in the crayon box was “Spring Green.” I love the color of the new leaves on the trees. The dark green of summer is beautiful, too, but there is nothing like spring green. I am so relieved that the sun has returned to lift our spirits!

This time of year brings a sense of urgency to our teachers, our students, and our families. With the end of the school year right around the corner, we feel torn between our desire to sprint to the finish line while wishing for two more weeks to complete all the tasks that remain! I imagine you feel the same way with your hurried schedule of spring sports, school work, and family responsibilities. In spite of the pace of life in May, take a moment to tell a joke, talk about your favorite color in the spring palette, or read a book with your child. Taking a moment to pause will refresh your spirits!

SOL Testing Dates

May 19:	4th grade Reading
May 20:	3rd grade Reading
May 21:	5th grade Reading
May 22:	6th grade Reading
May 26:	4th grade Math
May 27:	3rd grade Science
May 28:	5th grade Science
May 29:	6th grade History
June 1:	3rd grade Social Studies
June 2:	4th grade VA History
June 3:	3rd grade Math
June 4:	5th grade Math
June 5:	6th grade Math

Principal's Corner (continued)

The month of May and early June is heavily scheduled with Standards of Learning Tests for third through sixth graders. Although SOL review and focus is important, it is equally important to remember that the assessments are a dipstick of a whole year of learning for your children. The best gift you can give your child is not a late-night, high-pressure "cram" session, but to have a calm and confident attitude as you discuss and review, and to maintain a schedule that allows them to come to school after a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. Please send your child to school on time and reschedule any appointments and travel during the testing window. The state and federal laws surrounding these assessments require 100% participation for our students.

Thanks for your continued support in so many, many ways. I feel grateful to be a part of this school community each day.

Regards,

Jeanette

It's Elementary...



FIELD TRIPS

4/22 2nd grade Huntley Meadows

4/22 5th grade Schlesinger Concert Hall

4/24 6th grade Pamplin Historical Park

4/30 Kindergarten to National Zoo

5/1 4th grade to Oakton Planetarium

5/6 1st grade to Green Springs Gardens

5/8 3rd grade to National Zoo

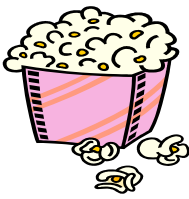


4th Grade's Virginia Day & Wax Museum on April 28th



Counselor's Corner, by Mrs. Gross

I'd like to take a minute to fill you in on our cafeteria program, "Keep it Green"! Our classes have responded beautifully to the green cups and the golden plates. As of this point in the year, there have been zero (0) discipline referrals from the cafeteria to the office!



All of our students have earned a classroom movie and popcorn. Most have earned ice cream served to them by Mrs. Black. Many classes are well on the way to earning their ninth plate and a class lunch. We had hoped to have a barbecue, but due to the realities of renovation, we have slightly changed our plans. Any class that has received a ninth plate by June 12th will receive a pizza lunch on Monday, June 15th. Lunch will feature music by our own DJs, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Wilson.

Please take a moment to commend your child for his or her good behavior in the cafeteria. We really appreciate it.

On another matter, attached is a flier about a respite care program that the county provides. For those of you providing care to grandchildren, you may want to look.

Enjoy these days of spring. I hope to see you around the building...and the trailers! Take care.

Student's Intention for the Next School Year

Please look for the "Student's Intention" Form, which went home in the Wednesday Envelope.
Please complete and return this form as soon as possible. Thank you!

Several of our band students performed their final concert of the year with the **Kilmer-Thoreau Area Honor Band** on May 7th at Madison HS. This group is 115 members strong, one of the biggest (and best) groups we've had in several years! The concert promises to be enjoyable...an evening of true VERTICAL ARTICULATION & COLLABORATION!

Vienna students that participated are:

Justin Brunjes - french horn

Kate Miller - flute

Veronica Ruby - clarinet

Brittney Sutton - clarinet

Evan Miller - french horn

Danny Walsh - trumpet

Peter Njoroge - clarinet

Tyler Ham - TUBA

At the baton...Debra Barlow, Band Teacher

Let's Have a Picnic — Food Safety Tips

Preparing, serving, and eating safe food is important whether we are at home, or on a picnic. We must constantly practice safe food handling to avoid illness.

Keep cold foods cold (below 41°F)

Chill all meats, egg products, starchy salads, and custards to below 41° F before packing for the picnic.

Put cold food into a well insulated, lidded cooler with ice around it.

Put the cooler in the passenger area of your car rather than in the hot trunk.

Keep your cooler in the shade and avoid opening and shutting the lid too often.



Don't spread the bacteria, which may infect the food and ultimately you.

Wash your hands before working with food.

Wash your hands again after working with raw meat or poultry.

Put the cooked meat onto a clean place for service.

Cook meat thoroughly to an internal temperature of 160° F and serve immediately.

Put leftovers in the refrigerator immediately when you get home if you have not been gone more than 4 hours.

Providing you have practiced all the above safety tips, your food should be safe to keep and eat the next day.

Pack your picnic basket and cooler and enjoy a safe picnic.

Congratulations to the Vienna Elementary School students that participated in the annual Strings Solo & Ensemble Festival — EVERY one of our students received a **Superior** rating, the highest possible, for their performance! Kudos to our Strings teacher, Mr. Fissell, as well!

Soloists:

Samantha Van Heest
Phillip Yu
Hannah Yu
Peyton Thomas
Ryan Lucas
Alec Biles
Rachel Popkin-Hall

Duets:

Courtney Moffitt & Karyss
Gordon
Mia O'Leary & Avis Lu
Jack Fox & Phillip Yu
Jisu Kim & Rachel Popkin-Hall
Ryan Lucas & Nozomu Honda

Trios:

Peyton Thomas, Anna Nease &
Vicki Spina
Sean deVilla, Nozomu Honda &
Ryan Lucas

Congratulations to Sam Baxter, this year's recipient of the Optimist Club Helping Hands Award. He was presented with the award at a dinner and ceremony on May 6, 2009 at Marco Polo Restaurant.

Articles and news releases on a variety of topics and issues (including the H1N1 Virus, Summer Programs, grading scale changes, and immunization requirements) are available at:

<http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/publicat/wire.htm>.

WOW... look at all these Golden Plate recipients!



- 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.



PTA's Evening of Art & Dessert...



Congratulations to the newly-elected SCA Officers for the 2009-2010 school year:

President	Grayson Campbell
Vice President	Jimmy Goldsmith
Secretary	Cole Reed
Treasurer	Nozomu Honda