

The Viking Voice

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- Calendar of Events:**
- Nov. 2
 - PTA Meeting
 - Nov. 7 & 8
 - Parent Teacher Conferences - No School for Students
 - Nov. 11
 - Makeup Picture Day
 - Nov. 15
 - AAP Parent Meeting
 - Nov. 17
 - 1st Grade Holiday Luncheon
 - Nov. 23
 - 2-Hour Early Release for Students
 - Nov. 24 & 25
 - Thanksgiving Holiday (School Closed)

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Parent-Teacher Conference Time

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the first quarter of the 2011-2012 school year! The teachers are preparing for the parent-teacher conferences which will be held at the end of the first nine weeks. Most of these will be held on the two teacher workdays, Monday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 8th. This meeting should help build strong parent-teacher partnerships. To help make your meeting productive you may want to:

- Let your child know about the conference.
- Ask your child to share with you his/her thoughts about school.
- Write down questions and ideas you want to discuss.
- Be prepared to share what you think the teacher needs to know to help your child learn.

Build on this meeting by talking with your child about what you and his/her teacher discussed during the conference. Make sure he/she knows that you and the teacher are working together to help him/her have a successful year.


Laraine W. Edwards
 Principal



- Articles of Interest**
- Principal's Corner
 - Victorious Vikings
 - Student Safety
 - Top Pacer Scores
 - 1st Grade Holiday Luncheon
 - Odyssey of the Mind
 - Federal Survey
 - White House Ornaments
 - Winter Chorus Concert
 - 2nd Grade Book Character Parade
 - Frightfully Fun Fall Dance
 - Book Fair

Don't forget to
 "Fall Back" on
 November 6, 2011 at 2:00 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time





VICTORIOUS VIKINGS AWARDS

**Congratulations to these students for being
KIND, SAFE, and RESPONSIBLE**

Kindergarten: Isabel A., Teagan M., Renee M., Jack K.

First Grade: Bea L., Seth M., Madison S., Tommy G.

Second Grade: Nora C., Shantal M., Zineb L.

Third Grade: **Sheyla V., Megan M., Caroline P., Cameron S.**

Fourth Grade: Chase W., Catalina F., Abby M., Teonna P.

Fifth Grade: **Ethan K., Mary C., Jacqueline E., Charlie S.**

Sixth Grade: Ismael S., Brandon L., Maria B., Nicolas A.

Names are selected by random drawing at each grade level from all Victorious Viking slips earned by students each week. Names may not be drawn on weeks shortened by holidays.

Student Safety To and From School

We want to ensure consistency in our message about students coming to and from school. It is important that you continue to speak with your children about appropriate ways to cross streets while coming to school. Patrols are always available to model safe conduct, but are in no way responsible for crossing students and stopping traffic. Please be sure to assess your child's route to school, and address any necessary issues with them that you may see. Below you will find some pertinent information about the roles that patrols play in this matter and also how you can support the safety of your child.



Patrol Responsibilities

As stated in the AAA School Safety Patrol Handbook, patrols should never stop traffic. Only police officers and adult guards have the right to stop vehicles. Patrols serve as another set of eyes to ensure that students are exhibiting safe conduct to and from school. A patrol member **ONLY** holds back classmates when they see oncoming traffic. The main purpose of the patrol is

to model and teach safe behavior.

School Board Policy on Walking Routes

Policy 8610.5

FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Transportation

School Bus Transportation and Walking Routes

IV. ROUTES

C. Walking Routes

Parents are responsible for selecting their children's walking routes to and from bus stops, schools, and home. Parents are also responsible for providing supervision that is appropriate for the student's age, the student's maturity, and conditions on the route.

The Division Superintendent's staff does not assess all possible walking routes, supervise those routes, or guarantee the safety of any particular route. Staff members provide general safety information to school communities and respond to requests for specific information and advice when practicable. Staff members also assess routes for unusual hazards when concerns are brought to their attention.

Jason Pannutti, Assistant Principal



TOP PACER SCORES



<u>Grade</u>	<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>	
6th	Taylor C.	84 pts	Callahan C.	92 pts
	Nicole M.	84 pts		
5th	Allison R.	74 pts	Gavin K.	96 pts
			Logan B.	96 pts
4th	Eunice C.	63 pts	Chase W.	88 pts
3rd	Megan M.	104 pts	William B.	100 pts
2nd	Brooke R.	66 pts	Ryan B.	84 pts
1st	Lauren T.	61 pts	Connor G.	69 pts

Our fitness testing is underway. Here are our to Pacer Scores.
WAY TO GO!! From: Mr. A & Mr. Ginger



Holiday Luncheon for First Grade Parents

We would like to extend an invitation to parents of **1st grade students ONLY** to attend the annual Holiday Luncheon on **Thursday, November 17th, at 12:50 PM**. Each year parents of first grade students are invited to come and eat lunch with their child on the day designated as the "Holiday Luncheon".

To assist with the planning of this event, parents are asked to purchase special lunch tickets in advance for the luncheon. Please return the form coming home in today's Wednesday envelope.

The price for parents and non Virginia Run students is \$3.65. Checks should be made payable to "VRES Cafeteria".

YEARBOOK PREPARATION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY!



Don't forget to submit pictures that you've taken at school for parties, lunches, at the playground, etc. This request will be in effect until March 2012 when the final submission of the yearbook is due, so you have plenty of time to get those photos turned in.

We prefer you digitally submit the pictures. If you choose to hand photos in to your child's teacher or the main office, we cannot return them. Contact Robin Osterhout at 703-815-9320 or robin.osterhout@gmail.com.

Reminder...Make-Up Picture Day is Friday, November 11th,
If you are having your child retake their picture, you must send back the
original picture package.



Federal Survey

You will be receiving your
Federal Impact Aid forms, **via**
your Wednesday envelope TODAY.
Please complete the form and return it
ASAP to your child's teacher.

We must have a completed form for **each**
and every student, which means that you
will be notified if the form is not returned.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind is a fantastic program
where no one tells you what to do; it's up to
your team to decide! If you're creative, inven-
tive, a performer, or a writer and you enjoy
taking on new challenges, this program is for
you.

We are currently looking for a few 5th or 6th
graders to fill out a team. For more informa-
tion, contact Mark Cutlip at [markcut-
lip@yahoo.com](mailto:markcutlip@yahoo.com) or go to
www.odysseyofthemind.com.

White House Ornament Sale 2011



Pre-orders for the 2011 White House Ornaments are
now going on. All proceeds from the sale will aid our
PTA in their continued support of our school's
programs.

Ornaments are \$18.00 each or \$16.00 each for orders
of 15 or more.

We will contact you to arrange for pick up once they
arrive. Be sure to reserve yours now...we always sell
out!

For more information, contact Toni Metcalf at:
VRESOrnamentSales@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars now!



The Winter Chorus Concert will be
here before you know it. The evening
performance for parents, guardians and
friends will be on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00
P.M. in the cafeteria.

The Chorus will be singing multi-cultural songs from
around the world to get you into the spirit of the holi-
days. This is sure to be a night to remember.

On another note, the 3rd graders have received their
recorders. They are thrilled to be learning this new
instrument. It is such a joy and privilege to teach
such eager students.

Musically yours,
Mrs. Sharon Everton
Mr. Jeremiah Tyler
sdeverton@fcps.edu
jjtyler@fcps.edu



AAP (GT) NEWS from Judy Gartlan



There will be a Parent Information Meeting regarding AAP Levels of Service on
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011 from 9:00 - 9:45 AM. in
Learning Cottage #1. Please join us and learn more about AAP
Services at Virginia Run and Bull Run.

Attention: First & Fifth Grade Parents Lunch Times Switches on Thursday, Nov. 17 ONLY!!

Due to the Holiday Luncheon, First and Fifth grade students will switch lunch times on Thursday, November 17th. Fifth grade lunch times will start at 11:30 and First grade will start at 12:50 p.m.



Virginia Run Elementary School Presents Polynesian Dance Club for Fitness, Fun and Facts

Polynesian dance promotes physical fitness and self-discipline while increasing self-esteem.

The primary emphasis of the club will be on the dances, music and language of Hawai'i, but will also include exploration into the lands of Tahiti and New Zealand. Polynesian Club is open to students in grades 1-6.

To sign up or get more information, please contact Mrs. Bundens at spbundens@fcps.edu.

Distribution of Fliers and Literature

Wednesday, November 16th is the second quarter designated date for non-profit organizations to use the backpack system to send home literature and fliers.

All announcements/fliers must carry the following disclaimer: "These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent or this school."

All announcements/fliers must be approved by the administration in advance. Upon receiving approval, the organization is responsible for supplying the copies (in sets of 30) to the school by Friday, Nov. 11th.

Materials may then be displayed in the parent information area in the front of the lobby.



Win a \$500 shopping spree and a \$1,000 donation to your favorite school

The merchants at Centrewood Plaza in Centreville are planning a holiday promotion again this year that will involve a drawing for a \$500 shopping spree and a \$1,000 donation to a local school. The entry form includes space for the participant to fill in the name of his or her favorite school (Virginia Run!!). To be eligible for the shopping spree, participants just need to fill out an entry form (found at the Virginia Run website) and drop it off at a participating Centrewood Plaza business before 10 a.m. on December 2, 2011. No purchase is necessary.



The holidays are right around the corner... So is the *Holiday Shoppe*!

The Holiday Shoppe is a “store” set up in our Gym where students can shop with a helper and have their gifts wrapped all in secret!

**The Holiday Shoppe will be December 8,
from 5:30-8:30 p.m., with special hours for our younger students.**

We need quite a few volunteers to help with the shop:

- Set Up
- Cashiers
- Table helpers
- Gift Wrap



We also need older student volunteers to escort our younger clients through the Shoppe. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Erin Thornburg at epthornburg@fcps.edu or Tamara Russler at russlers@verizon.net.

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**Los dias festivos estan a la vuelta de la esquina
...igualmente las compras para las festividades!**

Nuestra “tienda,” The Holiday Shoppe, esta cituada en el gimnasio donde estudiantes tienen la oportunidad de comprar, con la ayuda de uno de nuestros asistentes, y tener sus regalos envueltos, todo en secreto.

The Holiday Shoppe estara abierto comenzando el 8 de diciembre del 2011, de 5:30 a 8:30PM, con horas especiales para los estudiantes mas jovenes.

Necesitamos voluntarios para asistir en los siguientes labores:

- Arreglo del local (mesas, articulos)
- Cajeros
- Asistentes de Mesa
- Envultura de los regalos

Tambien necesitamos estudiantes voluntarios para acompañar a los clientes mas jovenes durante sus compras de mesa en mesa.

Si usted esta interesado en donar su tiempo para asistir en el Holiday Shoppe, favor contactar a Erin Thornburg por correo electronico a epthornburg@fcps.edu, o Tamara Russler al correo russlers@verizon.net.





Mrs. Rhee's Class



Mrs. Petry's Class



Ms. Giffuni's Class



Mrs. Antoncic's Class

**SECOND
GRADE
BOOK
CHARACTER
PARADE**



Mrs. Poch's Class



FRIGHTFULLY FUN FALL DANCE

A frightfully fun time was had by all who attended the Fall Costume Dance on October 28th. Angry Birds, large household appliances, eye balls, hulks, princesses, and many other characters enjoyed dancing, a raffle and a costume contest. The costume contest winners were judged by grade and three winners for each grade were awarded various gift cards to Toys R Us. Two classes, Mrs. Darif's and Mrs. Herbert's, tied for having the most attendees, and they will have a donut party in the coming month. The sixth grade also benefited from the fun night with food sales and the raffle of the Rock Board Scooter. Congratulations to Natalie L. for winning the scooter. The sixth grade made over \$700!! Special thanks go out to Joni Gorvett, Amy German, Tobi Yum, Suzanne Brown, Melissa Tucker, and Lisa Liskey for their helping hands, and to Annie Sutton for organizing this event. The PTA extends a special thanks to all of Virginia Run's wonderful parents who brought their children out for the dance.

