



# WESTBRIAR NEWS

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For Every Child  
In Every Classroom  
Every Day

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Your  
Calendar



Third Grading Period Begins Wednesday, February 1
Advanced Academic Referral Forms Due Gr. 2-6 February 3, 2012
PTA Meeting 7:30pm Wednesday, February 8
SCA Spirit Day-PJ Day with stuffed animal Friday, February 17
<b>President's Day</b> <b>Monday, February 20</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip Lisner Theatre Friday, February 24
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip-National Symphony Orchestra Thursday, February 29

Dear Westbriar Families,

What a difference a year makes! Last year, my fingers were crossed that your children would be back to school this week. What an incredibly warm winter! I hope I haven't jinxed us for a snowy and cold February.

Recently, Governor McDonnell and Virginia's Board of Education announced this year's schools and school divisions that earned the 2012 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) awards for advanced learning and achievement.

Once again, Westbriar has received the 2012 Governor's Award of Educational Excellence. Out of all the schools in Fairfax County, including middle and high schools, only 22 schools received this distinction. I am proud of the efforts of staff, students and parents, all working together for the benefit of all our students' successful achievement.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

*Joanne*

Joanne C. Goodwin  
Principal

*Aileen*

Aileen Flaherty  
Assistant Principal



## Looking Ahead . . .

Tuesday, March 6	SOL – Grade 5 Multiple Choice
Wednesday, March 7	SOL-Grade 5 Writing
Wednesday, March 14	PTA Meeting
Thursday, March 15	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Authors' Tea, 8:00am
Tuesday, March 20	Kindergarten Field Trip (Jacques,Foster)
Wednesday, March 21	Kindergarten Field Trip (Couch, Meoni)
Friday, March 23	International Night

### Attention Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

Kilmer Middle School will host a Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night for current sixth grade students and parents on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 -8:30 pm. Our snow date is Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, elementary school counselors will be invited to Kilmer for a registration presentation. Further information about Curriculum Night will be shared at that time.

### Magnet Schools Application Process

The application deadline for Bailey's Elementary School for Arts and Sciences and Hunters Woods Elementary School for Arts and Sciences is March 1. A parent information night will be held at Hunters Woods Elementary on February 7 at 7 p.m. and at Bailey's Elementary on February 9 at 7 p.m.

Applications are available on the following websites:

[www.fcps.edu/is/magnetschools/](http://www.fcps.edu/is/magnetschools/)  
[www.fcps.edu/BaileysES](http://www.fcps.edu/BaileysES)  
[www.fcps.edu/HuntersWoodsES](http://www.fcps.edu/HuntersWoodsES)

### Advanced Academics News and Deadlines: REMINDER!!!

Parents of students in grades 2-6 may submit a referral form for the AAP Center to Mrs. Salo **no later than February 3**. Optional parent information and/or samples are due no later than **February 10**. Referral forms and screening information are available at: <http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/index.shtml>.

Parents of **second grade students** whose scores qualified them into a screening "pool" have been notified by a letter in January. Students in this pool are automatically **considered** for AAP Center placement; a parent referral is not required. Optional parent information and/or samples for second grade pool students should be submitted to Mrs. Salo no later than **February 10**.

Parents of **second grade students**, whose scores did **not** put them in the screening "pool", may submit a parent referral for AAP Center placement. Referrals are due to Mrs. Salo **no later than February 3**.

Any students who are found **eligible** for AAP Center placement for the school year 2012-13 are notified by letter in early May.

Please contact Mrs. Salo at 703-937-1727 or Mrs. Goodwin at 703.937.1700 if you have questions.

### SOL Schedule

As we plan for the grade 3-6 SPRING 2012 Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests, we would appreciate your help! Please do not plan any vacations or doctor's appointments during the dates your child is testing.

#### SPRING 2012 SOL Testing Schedule

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Reading (Part 1)	Thursday, May 17
Reading (Part 2)	Friday, May 18
Math	Tuesday, May 22
History	Thursday, May 24
Science	Wednesday, May 30

##### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Reading	Wednesday, May 16
Math	Wednesday, May 23
VA History	Tuesday, May 29

##### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Writing-Multiple Choice	Tuesday March 6
Writing-Direct Writing	Wednesday, March 7
Online Writing Multiple Choice	Tuesday, March 13
Online Writing Prompt	Thursday, March 22
Reading	Thursday, May 17
Math	Thursday, May 24
Science	Wednesday, May 30

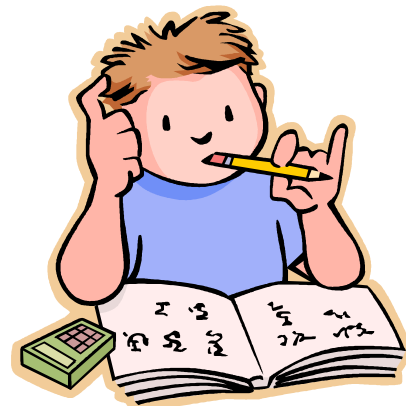
##### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Reading	Tuesday, May 15
Math	Tuesday, May 22
US History (to 1877)	Friday, May 25

##### 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Math	Tuesday, May 22
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If you have any questions, email Aileen Flaherty [akflaherty@fcps.edu](mailto:akflaherty@fcps.edu)



### Clinic Needs

The clinic is in need of shirts and pants sizes 8-12 boys and girls. If you have any you would like to donate, please bring them into the clinic.

### NEED TO REPORT A TARDY OR ABSENCE?

Call the Westbriar Attendance Line at 703.937.1717

(line is open 24 hours a day) or email

westbriarattendance@fcps.edu

Give your student's name, teacher's name and the reason for the absence or tardy.

### Other Handy Reminders...

- When sending checks or cash to school, please label completely!
- If you are making a change in after school plans or transportation arrangements, you must send in a note or email westbriarattendance.com. If the change involves another family, parents of both students must send a note. This is for your child's safety!
- Label clothing, backpacks, lunch bags, instruments with your child's name!
- Check lost and found in the cafeteria if you discover that an item of clothing or a lunch box is missing – it's probably there!

### Parent's Responsibility for Child's Walking Routes to/from School or Bus Stops

Help us to inform and remind parents of their important role in the safety of their child.

- 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 to the student's age, the student's maturity, and conditions on the route.
- FCPS staff does not assess all possible walking routes, supervise those routes, or guarantee the safety of any particular route.
- Staff provides general safety information to school communities, and responds to requests for specific information, and advice when practicable.
- Staff also assesses routes for unusual hazards when walkers, parents, or others bring concerns to their attention.
- Special arrangements or precautions to include meeting their child at stops may be needed for younger riders such as kindergarten or FECEP.

Contact Information: [Linda Farby](#) 703-446-2000

### REMINDER:

**All kindergarten students** riding regular afternoon school buses are to be met at their bus stop by the parent, a guardian, or a sibling in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, or the driver will ask that the school be notified by transportation of the student's return to school and provide an estimated return time.



### Thank you, Mrs. Lonnett!

We would like to recognize our school counselor, Cori Lonnett, as we celebrate National School Counselors Appreciation Week February 6-10. This week highlights the tremendous impact that counselors have in helping students achieve success in school. We appreciate all that Mrs. Lonnett does here at Westbriar.



**From the FCPS Food and Nutrition Services Energy Zone****NUTRIFAX****CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

The two major oral health diseases are tooth decay (dental caries) and gum (periodontal) disease. Both diseases are influenced by nutrition and diet. Nutrition plays an important role in the development of teeth and oral tissue. Dental caries result from the interaction between the tooth, oral bacteria, and dietary carbohydrates (sugar and starch).

Plaque is a sticky film of bacteria that forms on our teeth and turns the sugars and starches in our food into acids. These acids act on the tooth enamel and cause tooth decay. If high-acid producing or sugar foods (raisins, cookies, cakes, potato chips) are consumed, they should be eaten with meals, not as snacks. Cheeses, popcorn, raw fruits and vegetables are low-acid producing food and make healthy snacks.

**To prevent dental disease, remember to:**

1. Brush teeth after every meal with fluoridated toothpaste.
2. Floss teeth daily.
3. Visit the dentist and dental hygienist regularly.
4. Eat a nutritionally balanced diet.
5. Avoid foods that stay in the mouth a long time and stick to teeth (raisins, hard candies, and caramels).