



On the Run

A Bi-Weekly Newsletter of Colvin Run Elementary

January 11, 2011

www.fcps.edu/colvinrunes

www.colvinrunpto.org

Attendance: cresattendance@gmail.com

Transportation Changes: crespd@gmail.com

Dragon Days Calendar

<i>January 17</i>	<i>Martin Luther King Holiday – No School</i>
January 19	SCA Sponsored Character Day
January 24	Talent Show Auditions
January 25	Talent Show Auditions

Due to inclement weather, the “Race to Nowhere” movie scheduled at Langley High School this evening will now be held February 2nd at 7:00pm.

Attention Parents of Rising 7th Graders

Cooper Middle School

February 9 – morning coffee for parents of rising seventh graders 9:30 am, Cooper MS

February 10 – evening coffee for parents of rising seventh graders at 7 pm, Cooper MS

February 17 – Elective Fair for parents and their rising seventh grade students 7 pm

March 3 – Snow date for the Elective Fair

*Director of Student Services:
Michele Boak (703)442-5800*

Kilmer Middle School

March 3 – Rising 7th Grade Curriculum and Orientation Program 6:30 pm

March 10 – Snow date for Curriculum and Orientation Program, 6:30 pm

*Director of Student Services:
Valerie Hardy(703)846-8816*

Longfellow Middle School

January 18 – Math Open Enrollment Information Session 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Longfellow Cafeteria

February 9 – Curriculum Night 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Longfellow Cafeteria

- Special Education Parents Meeting 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, library
- ESOL Parents Meeting 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Lecture Hall

February 15 – Elective Fair 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 22 – Snow Date for the Elective Fair

*Director of Student Services:
Gail Bigio (703)533-2600*

I THANK YOU FOR
ACTIVELY CARING FOR PEOPLE



sponsored by:
Center for Applied Behavior Systems



Virginia Tech and the *Actively Caring for People* Program

Tomorrow Colvin Run will host the *Actively Caring for People* Program, which has been designed and will be presented by students from Virginia Tech. This program, paid for courtesy of the Colvin Run PTO is designed to decrease bullying behavior, while increasing self-esteem, belonging, empathy, and compassion in students. Teachers will reward two students with an *Actively Caring For People* wristband each day as a way of recognizing kind acts that are observed between students each day. Each child will wear the wristband twice over the course of the program to create a sense of increased belonging in the classroom. The goal of the

program is to create an overall environment where “caring is cool”. Students will be surveyed over a series of seven weeks with aim to promote even stronger relationships among students. The results for our children will be long lasting school-wide positive behavior.

2011-2012 Screening for Advanced Academic Program Center placement:

If you are interested in referring your child for consideration for AAP Center placement, please complete and return a copy of the AAP Referral Form and the Parent/Guardian Questionnaire. The forms that require your completion are located at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt/forms.html> .

Barbara Hoffman will be coordinating our screening process this year. Mrs. Hoffman is a retired FCPS AAP Resource teacher who has many years of experience with both the process and working with teachers and children throughout the County. Please address your referrals to her and return them to CRES no later than February 4, 2011. She will be available beginning next week to answer any questions you have about the process.

Second grade Colvin Run Junior First Lego Team ("The Machine") Visit Reston Hospital

This year's lego challenge is to model a medical device and tool. The second grade team (Dean A., Maxwell D., Harrison L., Alec B., Will P., and Danny O.) decided to model da Vinci Robotic Surgery. Luckily, the staff at Reston Hospital was more than happy to spend time with the boys showing them the \$2 million surgical robot. They really pulled out the red carpet for the boys. They were greeted by a robotic surgeon, an OR nurse, and a trainer for the da Vinci system. After answering MANY questions and letting them interact with the robot, they team was treated to a snack in the hospital cafeteria.





Let's Work Together to Keep Children Safe

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SHOUSE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

Parents in the community have expressed safety concerns near the Shouse Village Community Center parking lot during school pick up. The lot entrance that is closest to Towlston Road is congested with cars coming in and out, as well as from cars parking on or along the driveway entrance. Because this entrance is so close to the school crossing, it has the potential to create a hazardous situation. Therefore, the association is asking that anyone who uses the lot at this time use the far entrance on Shouse Drive to both enter and exit the Community Center parking lot when picking up children after school from Colvin Run. In addition, when parking in the lot, please park in spaces rather than along the driveway entrance. Orange cones will be placed in front of the entrance closest to Towlston Road during school pick up time as a reminder to use the other entrance.

Dan Vavonese, Shouse Village Community Association President, along with Steve Hockett, Colvin Run Principal, thank you for your cooperation and understanding

2010 CRES Food and Coat Drive: Warming Inside and Out



Thank you Colvin Run families! Because of your generosity, we were able to deliver 100 boxes of food and over 100 bags of clothes to the families of Hybla Valley ES. We were met by the Principal, Assistant Principal and PTO President, who were thrilled to see the large donation to help their families in need. They were truly moved by your kindness. We are so proud that our Colvin Run community reaches out with big hearts to our neighbors when they are in need. A special mention to all of the parents who helped clean, sort, pack and deliver over the past two weeks, we couldn't have done it without you!

Colvin Run Service Learning Projects 2010-2011

Colvin Run students, staff and families are committed to caring for the community and learning about their responsibilities to the world, both locally and globally. Through grade level and school-wide service learning projects, all students participate in engaging activities and learn to contribute to society. Furthermore, these projects are connected to the Fairfax County Public Schools Program of Studies and its curriculum. Student reflections are held after each project and activity, helping CRES staff gain insight to its impact. Below are the 2010-2011 school year service learning projects:

Kindergarten: Helping People in Need

Lead Teacher – Sheryl Powers

Dates: Spring 2011

Info: CRES kindergarten students will collect items for a local organization to support community members in need. Students will assist in the collection by sorting, bagging and boxing the items and then creating photo journals to reflect what they have learned.

1st Grade: Sister School Connection Lead Teachers - Kelly McCullough & Jen ShughartDates: Throughout the year

Info: The first grade will partner with peers at Hybla Valley ES to build a relationship with those students. Students will write to each other throughout the year. This bond will lead to a field trip to meet, play and picnic together in the spring.

2nd Grade: Packets for Hospitalized Children Lead Teacher – Cindy BenderDates: April 2010

Info: Students will design and create puzzles in art packets for children at the Georgetown University Hospital's Lombardi Cancer Center (LCC). A liaison from LCC will visit CRES, sharing with students how their work impacts the young patients at LCC. Books from a well-known author will be used as the inspiration for the artwork on the puzzles.

3rd Grade: Warm-Up America

Lead Teacher – Kerry Hunt

Dates: December 2010 – January 2011

Info: Students learned how to knit with the help of teachers and parents. Each student created at least one square and when combined, a blanket per class was donated to Warm-Up America. Students are in the process of creating a class photo story book where each child wrote detailed entries about their experience.

4th Grade: Recycling Initiative

Lead Teachers – Karl Bittner & Deb Witt

Dates: Throughout the Year

Info: Comprised of fourth grade students, the Green Team is in charge of keeping CRES environmentally friendly. The Green Team picks up recycling each week, while teaching others about recycling rules. Students learn about environmental issues, have an assembly to learn about recycling in Fairfax County, made posters that are hung in the school and will be celebrating Earth Day at CRES this spring.

5th Grade: Sneaker Drive

Lead Teacher – Shari Sturm

Date: April 2011

Info: Students will think globally while they learn about sustainability and perpetual farming as they do the sneaker drive. PPPF Africa takes gently used sneakers and athletic shoes to Africa to be sold in cities. The money earned helps rural African families obtain livestock, equipment and the knowledge to be able to maintain a farm for years. Students will advertise the sneaker drive, assist with the collection and learn about the global needs, all while connecting to the FCPS

curriculum. The sneaker drive also ties into the annual Colvin Run Fun Run held in the spring.

6th Grade: Wolftrap Beautification

Lead Teacher – Becky Timm

Date: March 2011

Info: A park ranger from Wolftrap will visit CRES to educate and explain to students the role of humans in the environment, as well as their individual role during the project at Wolftrap. Students will travel to Wolftrap to plant trees, clear brush from walking paths, pick up trash and recyclables and pull plants foreign to the habitat.

Bus Driver Breakfast

Lead Teachers – Marlene Guroff & Nathan Herendeen

Date: September 28, 2010

Info: Bus drivers, including their supervisor, were invited to a breakfast in the CRES teacher's lounge. Parents supplied casseroles, fruit salads, coffee cakes and beverages. During the breakfast the Character Education program was reviewed by Mrs. Guroff, Mr. Herendeen, Administrators Mr. Hockett and Mr. Lonnett and PTO President, Erica Glembocki.

Food & Clothing Drive Lead Teacher – Sue Leonelli

Date: December 2010

Info: Students donated food and clothes to the students and community of Hybla Valley ES. CRES families donated their time to wash the donated clothes, sort, pack and deliver the items to HVES. 100 boxes of food and over 100 bags of clothes were donated, along with gift cards to stores.

Jump Rope for Heart

Lead Teachers – Sally Smallwood & George Garlick

Date: March 7, 2011

Info: Students will raise money for the American Heart Association and participate in the event on a Monday afternoon. All CRES students will learn heart healthy tips and what to do to maintain high levels of physical fitness throughout their lives.

Fun Run

Lead Teachers – Marlene Guroff & Nathan Herendeen

Date: May 7, 2011

Info: Close to 200 participants are expected to walk and run to support their favorite charities at the annual Colvin Run Fun Run. The event will be held at Shouse Village, where attendees will begin the morning with lively music and community building activities.

Digital Books Available for Home Use

We are excited to announce that we now have access to three digital libraries with a variety of ebooks and eaudiobooks that can be accessed anywhere in school, at home, or wherever there is Internet access! Students and parents can access these digital books for individual reading, homework, research, and fun!

Families are encouraged to spend time together exploring these databases to find the books that might be best for them.

Username and Passwords are needed to access these resources when away from an FCPS computer. They are provided below. Please do not share these with non-FCPS persons. This information is also located in Mrs. Forester's Library 24/7 Blackboard class under a button called Digital Books.



The **TumbleBook Library** is a collection of animated, talking picture books created from existing picture books which have been licensed from children's book publishers and converted to the TumbleBook format.

www.tumblebooklibrary.com

Username: fairfax Password: fairfax



TumbleReadables features 8 categories containing nearly 125 Read-Along titles: picture books, early readers, chapter books, middle school readers, YA/teen Novels, children's classics, classics and Shakespeare. These Read-Alongs highlight the sentences as they are being read, and turn the page automatically.

www.TumbleReadables.com

Username: fairfax Password: login

myON Books contains digital books from Capstone Digital myON Books cover fiction genres and nonfiction titles. All are complete with optional reading supports – highlighting and audio – and glossary to help increase reading achievement.



www.myON.com School Name: Colvin Run ES Username: colvinrun Password: library



Parents, please note that these books serve the needs of a wide range of students' interests and ages. Not all books are going to be appropriate and/or interesting to every child. As with any online experience, parents should supervise and guide their children's choices.

From the PTO...

PTO Meeting – Friday, January 14 at 9:30 am in the Theater

Catch up with friends and the latest CRES news at this month's PTO meeting! Agenda items include:

- The PTO's planning process for preparing for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Information on a new parent advocacy group: *Parents for Full Day Kindergarten*

As always, come early for coffee and treats provided by the Hospitality Committee chaired by Karen Joostema and Teri Fahlgren. Thank you ladies!

Starry Night Talent Show 2011 – February 25th

Warm up the voice, tune the instruments and perfect the moves - the 2011 Talent Show will be here before you know it! This year's shows will be on Friday, February 25th and auditions will take place on **January 24th and 25th**. **Audition sign ups and information packets are now available online at www.colvinrunpto.org** . A mandatory rehearsal for all participants is scheduled for Thursday, February 24th, times to follow.

NEW THIS YEAR! In order to streamline the audition process and production of the show, each act *must bring to the audition*:

- a completed audition form for the act
- completed and signed permission slips for every participant
- if the act has accompanying music, a labeled CD cut to 1 minute 15 seconds to be left with the coordinators at the audition –info packet contains “how to” tips.

We're looking forward to another great evening of CRES talent!

The Talent Show Committee - talentshow@colvinrunpto.org

Skate Night was a huge success!



We had over 350 skaters take to the ice and many more mingling in the crowd! We hope everyone enjoyed the evening! Thank you very much to our organizers, Maria Maebius and Martina Lavrisha, and all of the volunteers that helped them to allow us a fun family evening on the ice . Even the Dragon showed up and skated with the children! See you on the slopes February 1st at Whitetail Ski Resort!

**Colvin Run Day at Whitetail Ski Resort! –
Tuesday, February 1st**



You've survived ice skating so bring the family for another great outing but this time to the snowy mountains! Tuesday, February 1 is a Student Holiday so pack up the family for a day of skiing, snowboarding or snow tubing! See the pricing that follows and be sure to bring a voucher with you. No pre-registration is required EXCEPT for the Kid's Mt Camp for ages 4-7 which can be done online at www.skiwhitetail.com. Hurry though, this camp fills up quickly! Please direct any questions about Ski Day to skate_ski@colvinrunpto.org. See you on the slopes!

Special Group pricing for Colvin Run Elementary School

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Lift tickets only (8:30 am-10:00 pm) | \$41 |
| EZ Learn to Ski/Snowboard (ages 8 & up) | \$46 |
| Includes class lesson, equipment rental & lift ticket for 7 beginner trails. | |
| All Mountain Package (ages 8 & up) | \$58 |
| Includes class lesson, equipment rental & lift ticket for all lifts. | |
| Trailblazers (ages 4-7) | \$79 Half Day* |
| | \$109 Full Day** |

Reservations required at www.skiwhitetail.com
Click on tabs: Schools/Kid's Mt Camp/Reservation

(*Two hour instructional ski time and snacks, 9:30-12:00 or 1:00-3:30 pm)
(** Four hours instructional ski time, snacks, lunch, 9:30-3:30)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Optional helmet rental for anyone | \$9.00 |
| Snow Tubing * CRES earns 20% | \$16/one hour |
| | \$19/two hours |
| Meal Pass | \$9.00/per person |
- Picnic lunches are also welcome in the Lodge.

Colvin Run Day at Whitetail Ski Resort!
Tuesday, February 1, 2011
Please print this voucher and present at Group Sales.
Slopes open at 8:30 am, Snow Tubing (time tbd)

Voucher is good per family or group of friends and must be presented for discount.