

May 7, 2009



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, May 11th**
- **Tuesday, May 12th** 3:15-4:30 Girls on the Run, Rm. 253
7:00-8:00pm Chorus and Beatmasters Concert, Cafe
- **Wednesday, May 13th** 3:15-4:00 GEMS, Rm., 245
- **Thursday, May 14th** 7:30-8:00am Writer's Block Parent Open House, Cafe
3:15-4:30 Girls on the Run, Rm. 253
6:30-7:30pm Markon's Coffee House, Theater
- **Friday, May 15th** 6:00-8:00pm Girls on the Run Dinner, Cafeteria
- **Saturday, May 16th** 7:30am Girls on the Run Race, Fair Oaks Mall

SOL TESTING DATES

3rd Grade

May 21 – Reading
May 22 – Reading
May 28 - Science
June 1 – History
June 4 – Math

4th Grade

May 20 – Reading
May 29 – Math
June 2 – History

5th Grade

May 19 – Reading
May 26- Math
June 5 - Science

6th Grade

May 18 - Reading
May 27 - Math
June 3 - Science

Make-ups will be done during the testing window May 21 through June 5th

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

The Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) are working together to support the Student Illness Monitoring System (SIMS) to track certain communicable diseases. This system has been in place since 2005. The system allows for a daily review of absentee information to monitor for an increase in gastrointestinal and/or influenza like illnesses. Monitoring these illnesses on a daily basis allows for early identification and intervention.

When calling your school attendance line to report your child's illness, you should provide specific information about your child's reason for absence. If your child is ill, please be specific as to a physician's diagnosis such as strep throat or pink eye. If your child has not seen a physician, please be specific about the symptoms your child is having such as fever, cough, sore throat, headache, diarrhea or vomiting.

We hope that this program, combined with systems already in place to safeguard your children and school community, will enhance our understanding of certain communicable diseases.

If you have any questions about this monitoring program, please call your Island Creek Elementary school public health nurse at 571-642-6310.