

# Welcome Back Crocs



August 2011

## Island Creek Elementary School

We hope you had a fantastic summer and are excited for the new school year to begin! Soon you will be able to meet your new teachers, see old friends and meet new ones, too!

Island Creek Elementary School  
7855 Morning View Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22315

### Attendance Line

571-642-6363

### Health Room

571-642-6310

### Main Office Line

571-642-6300

### School Website

<http://www.fcps.edu/islandcreekes/>

### Open House at Island Creek

During the open house, you will receive a packet of information and forms that will assist in setting your child up for success on the first day of school. Thank you for making this packet a priority.

Each year Island Creek produces a student handbook that includes information that is important for our school community. The handbook is available on the school website and is a valuable resource for you and your family. If you do not have internet access and require a paper copy, please call the school office.

### Class Lists and Open House

Class lists will be posted on the school doors (door #1) at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31. Open house will be Thursday, September 1 from 2:00-3:00 pm. Students are invited, with a parent, to find and visit their classrooms during the open house.

### Kindergarten Orientation

There will be a Kindergarten Orientation for those Kindergarten students and parents who did not come to the orientation in March. The meeting will be on August 31 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

### First Day of School

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6. Classes will begin at 8:40 a.m. and students will be dismissed at 3:20 p.m. On Mondays, school will begin at 8:40 a.m. and end at

12:50 p.m. Walkers and car riders should arrive to school no earlier than 8:20 a.m. **Students who arrive at school after 8:40 a.m. will be marked tardy, so please be prompt!** We ask that all students who are able to ride the bus or walk to school do so to avoid a back up in the Kiss-N-Ride loop.

- **Please remember that all students must have updated immunization information on file and a complete registration packet in order to start school on September 6.**
- **Parents of students who do not meet these requirements will be called to bring their student home until these requirements are met.**

The following link will give you more information regarding extended hours/locations of the

various Health Department offices offering immunizations for school entry:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/immun/immunupdate.htm>

## New Assistant Principal!

When you are here at Island Creek, please stop by and introduce yourself to your new Assistant Principal, JoVon Rogers. Mrs. Rogers comes to us from Riverside Elementary in FCPS and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. Welcome Mrs. Rogers!

## Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch menus will be sent home every month listing the meals to be served by our cafeteria. These menus, as well as information about putting money on your child's lunch account and how to apply for free or reduced meal prices, can also be found at [http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/food\\_at\\_school/](http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/food_at_school/). Meal prices are as follows:

2011 -2012 Prices	Students	Adults
Breakfast	\$1.50	\$1.95
Elementary Lunches	\$2.65	\$3.65

## School Supplies

A list of recommended supplies is available in the school office and also on our school website at:  
<http://www.fcps.edu/islandcreekes/supplylists.html>

## Student Forms Available Online

Emergency care, health information, **Opt Out booklets** and other required forms can be found online at <http://www.fcps.edu/forms.htm>. The opt out parent flyer can be found at:  
<http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/publicat/familygram/optout/optoutflier.pdf>

**Family Life Education Opt Out Information, as well as preview materials, are available at:**  
<http://fcpsnet.fcps.edu/ssse/translations/familylifefeed.htm>

Paper copies of these forms are also available upon request from our front office.

## Transportation

Bus transportation will be provided for Island Creek students living more than one mile from Island Creek Elementary School. The Bus Transportation Route List will be available at Open House and in our front office. **Parents should look carefully at the bus runs and choose the stop closest to your home. Do not assume that your child's bus will be the same as previous years!** The pick-up time is provided for the first stop of each run. Bus run numbers are posted in the bus window because the actual bus number may sometimes change. Students should arrive at the bus stop ten minutes before the scheduled pick-up time, since pick-up times may vary slightly from day-to-day due to traffic.

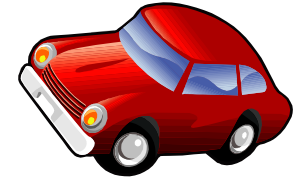
**It is important that we know how students will get home from school each day, beginning with the first day of school. The beginning of the year packets will include a form so that parents can advise what dismissal option they are using. Please let the teacher know how your student will get home each day from school. Changes in dismissal must be in writing.**

## Back-to-School Night

Parents will learn about the school year and our instructional programs on *Back-to-School Night*. This annual event will take place on Monday, September 12 starting at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. *Back-to-School Night* is for parents only; no child care is available.

**We are looking forward to another exciting school year!**

# Island Creek Dismissal Options & Locations



## School Bus/Child Care Bus Riders

- Kindergartners walked to buses by teachers/instructional assistants/safety patrols
- First graders walked to buses by safety patrols
- Grade 2-6 students participate in silent dismissal process (via television) from classroom to bus loop
- Staff will be on duty to supervise the process

## Kiss-N-Ride

- Participating students dismissed to Kiss-N-Ride area. Kindergarten is walked out by Kindergarten assistants.
- Parents enter loop, stay in car and display car tag with student name(s) in window.
- Safety patrols and staff members are on duty and assist students into cars

## Walkers / SACC

- Kindergartners escorted to front lobby/door 1 by teachers/instructional assistants/safety patrols
- Grade 1-6 students participate in silent dismissal process (via television) from classroom to front lobby/door 1
- Staff will be on duty to supervise the process