



FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Laurel Hill Elementary School Site

Temporary address: 8501 Silverbrook Road
Lorton, VA 22079

March 20, 2009

Dear Families,

Welcome to our new elementary school! As a result of the School Board's recent boundary decision, your children will attend the new school at the Laurel Hill site beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. As the principal of this beautiful new community school, I am very excited about our opening and am delighted to welcome your children to this new adventure!

First of all, I want to introduce our assistant principal, Mr. Baek Chong. Mr. Chong has been an assistant principal at South County Secondary School for the past two years. He comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in our community. Mr. Chong begins at our school on April 1st.

I also want to give you an update on the progress toward our September opening. Construction is continuing as planned and we hope to be able to occupy the administrative offices in the spring. Books, furniture, and computers are being ordered for delivery during the summer. I am interviewing candidates interested in working at our school to select the most dynamic and child-centered staff possible. The School Board will vote on the name of our school in April. We are eager for that decision and will use our new name with pride.

In the next several weeks, I will be visiting Halley, Lorton Station, and Silverbrook Elementary schools to meet with our students. At that meeting, the students will be able to recommend equipment for our new playground. We'll also be talking about a mascot and our school colors. I encourage you to make this a topic of discussion at the dinner table to help your child come up with suggestions for our mascot.

In April and May, I have scheduled some evening gatherings to help us get to know each other and to learn more about the school. I will also be attending PTA meetings at Halley, Lorton Station and Silverbrook. We will talk about forming our PTA at these events. Please see additional information on the back of this letter.

I hope you are watching our website for information about the school. I know many of you have questions about start times, SACC, and other issues. I will post all information on the website as soon as I receive it. The address for our website is <http://www.fcps.edu/cluster5/laurelhillsite/index.htm>.

Kim Frawley, my administrative assistant, and I are currently located in a trailer on South County Secondary School's parking lot. Our phone number is 703-495-6444. If we can answer any questions for you, please give us a call. We look forward to meeting you very soon!

Sincerely,

Suzie Montgomery
Principal



PTA
[Parent Teacher Association]
Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 31st
7:00 p.m.
South County Secondary School
Library

At this meeting, a state PTA representative will provide information and materials about forming a PTA. We will form a Planning Committee to undertake the steps to organize this new organization. Temporary committees such as Bylaws, Nominations, Publicity, Hospitality and Membership will also be formed. This evening will be an opportunity to learn more about the school and to help in planning the new PTA. We welcome parents to serve on these committees in preparation to charter a new PTA.

PTA Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, May 6th
7:00 p.m.
South County Secondary School
Library

At this meeting, we will officially establish the PTA by adopting the By-Laws, electing officers, and enrolling members. We will then bring forth ideas for the PTA for next school year. Come and be part of the inaugural PTA!