

# Colin Powell Elementary School

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## **Please Have Your Child Stay Home if They Are Sick**

Our school system in collaboration with the Fairfax County Health Department recommends that students with influenza-like symptoms (fever with a cough or sore throat) stay at home and out of school until at least **24 hours** after they are free of fever, or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines. If students have flu-like symptoms, they should not participate in any school activities, in school-aged child care (SACC) or be out in the community except to seek medical care. If a child appears to have an influenza-like illness when he or she arrives at school, a parent or guardian will be notified and asked to pick up the child. Parents should ensure that their emergency information is up to date and that they pick up their children when notified. When calling the school attendance line to report your child's illness, parents should provide specific information about their child's reason for absence. If the child is ill, please be specific as to a physician's diagnosis or the symptoms your child is having such as fever, cough, sore throat, headache, and diarrhea or vomiting. Also, please remember when calling you child in sick, you must call the school's attendance hotline at 571-522-6060 and not the main office. Please leave your name, your child's name, reason for the absence and a phone number in case we should need to contact you. Please speak slowly and clearly when pronouncing each of your names.

## **Hypnotist to Bring Outrageous Show to Fairfax High School!**

Incredible Hypnotist, Jimi Gibson, is bringing the acclaimed "Hypnosis, The Show" to Fairfax High School on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, presented by the Fairfax High School 2010 All Night Graduation Celebration Committee. Jimi Gibson takes you on a fantastic hypnotic journey! Through his original blend of unbelievable hypnotic demonstration and side-splitting comedy Gibson creates a must-see outrageous event. His comedy hypnosis show is as ENTERTAINING as it gets! First, he gets the audience pumped up. Then, he takes volunteers from the audience (about 15-20 of them) and HYPNOTIZES THEM RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY! Ever seen your girlfriend talk to her shoe? Well, you will. Ever seen a math whiz FORGET HOW TO COUNT TO TEN? Well, you will. How about seeing your friends remember the vivid details of a Martian landing? I don't want to give away all the fun stuff you'll see in the show, but I will say this: YOU HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE! The performance at Fairfax High School will benefit the 2010 All Night Grad Celebration, an alcohol-free, drug-free after-graduation celebration to keep the 2010 graduating class of Fairfax High School safe on graduation night. The show will be held at Fairfax High School Auditorium on Sunday, October 25 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are only \$10. They can be purchased at the door beginning at 6:30 pm.

## **Fairfax High School Theatre Camp – November 3rd**

The Fairfax High School Theatre department is offering a one day drama camp for grades 1 - 8 on the upcoming teacher workday Tuesday, November 3rd from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The cost is \$40. All proceeds support the FHS theatre students. Please see [www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org) for full details and a registration form.

## **A Special Invitation to our Active Military and/or Veteran Family Members**

On Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Colin Powell Elementary School will be honoring our Veterans and members of our Armed Forces with a special Veteran's Day assembly. The assembly will take place from 9:40 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. We would like to extend a special invitation to all military personnel and veterans to be honored at our Veteran's Day assembly. If you or a member of your family is a veteran or a member of our military and would like to be recognized at this event, please send a note to our school office, attn: Tammy Wallace, with the person's name, branch of service, rank/rate and active duty or veteran status.

## The 2009-10 Colin Powell Yearbook Cover Art Contest

The 2009-10 Colin Powell Yearbook Cover Art Contest has begun! Flyers regarding criteria for cover design have been distributed in a previous Tuesday folder as well as an attachment at the end of this electronic newsletter for you to print. Please consider sharing your talent and submitting an entry! Please submit all entries on or before Monday, November 16, 2009. Please submit entries WITH entry form to the Office to the attention of "Karen Kramer/PTA Yearbook".

**There will be one winner PER GRADE (K-6)! Encourage all ages K-6 to submit an entry!**

## Lunch Account Reminder

There are three easy ways to purchase meals:

1) ONLINE using [www.mylunchmoney.com](http://www.mylunchmoney.com)

This service is easy to use, convenient, private, and secure. There is a \$1.95 convenience fee when adding funds to your account. You may check your student's funds and which they have purchased at no charge. To open a new account you will need your student's identification number. This number can be obtained from the school office.

2) CHECK - Make checks payable to Colin Powell Food Services. You may send a check to school with your student. Please put your student's name on the check. If possible, include their lunch money access code.

3) CASH - Please send cash to school in an envelope labeled lunch money, with your student's name, teacher's name, and grade. A complete lunch, which costs \$2.65, includes one entree, choice of two vegetables and/or fruits, bread, and milk. Online and checks are the preferred method of payment. Please make every effort to ensure your student has lunch money every day. We are seeing increasing numbers of students who do not have lunch money.

## Advanced Academic Program Parent Information Nights

Fairfax County Schools will be offering parent information nights throughout the school system as a way of introducing and /or clarifying information pertaining to the Advanced Academic Programs (formally known as the Gifted and Talented program). After a brief overview of Advanced Academic Programs grades K – 12, there will be break-out sessions for parents interested in learning more about each of the following: the screening process for full-time advanced academic programs, part-time advanced academic services, and middle and high school advanced academic opportunities. These evening events are taking place on the following dates and times:

October 13, 2009	Oakton High School	7:30-9:00 p.m.
<b>(Please note that this location is closest to our school community)</b>		
October 15, 2009	Annandale High School	7:30-9:00 p.m.
October 19, 2009	West Potomac High School	7:30-9:00 p.m.

Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the Advanced Academic center screening process by completing and submitting an **Advanced Academic Center Referral form to the Mr. Hull, school principal, no later than February 5, 2010.** No late referrals will be accepted.

Second graders not in the pool and all third through seventh graders are screened only by referral. Forms are available on the FCPS Advanced Academic web site and in the *Parent Information Packet* available at the local school. Advanced Academic web site: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt>

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

October 21	1 <sup>st</sup> grade field trip to EC Lawrence Park (Hoffman, Farmer, Brown)
22	1 <sup>st</sup> grade field trip to EC Lawrence Park (Harmon, Stratford, Barbrow)
22	6 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Camp Highroads
23	6 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Camp Highroads
23	Mini-Walk for the Homeless (a special teaching/learning activity for all grades)
November 2/3	Parent/Teacher Conferences (students do not attend school these days)
November 3	Election Day

# Attention All Students!

## Enter the YEARBOOK Cover Art Contest!!

The Colin Powell Yearbook Committee needs your talent!!

The theme for our yearbook is “*Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*”, and we are looking for a Colin Powell student to create this year’s design for our full-color custom cover! All entries will be judged by the Yearbook Committee. ***There will be one winner PER GRADE (K-6)! The 6<sup>th</sup> grade winning entry will appear on the front cover. K-5 winners will appear on the back cover. Encourage all ages K-6 to submit an entry!***

### **Criteria for your design:**

- \* The following words **must be included** somewhere in the design:
  - Colin Powell Elementary School (spelled correctly please!)
  - 2009-2010
  - Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow
  - You may also include your name written in the lower right-hand corner
- \* Your **original** design must be on white, **unlined** paper, 8 1/2” wide x 11” tall, VERTICAL layout.
- \* Please keep in mind that about ½ inch around edges may be cut during printing.
- \* Suggested media includes: marker, crayon, watercolor, acrylic paint, or construction paper collage—make sure paper is glued down well!
- \* Pencil drawings, sloppy, incomplete **or past deadline** art will not be accepted.
- \* **Copyrighted art cannot be used.**
- \* Do not fold or roll your artwork.
- \* Remember your artwork must be turned in by the DUE DATE, **Monday, November 16.**

To submit your artwork, write your **FULL NAME, GRADE & TEACHER** on the Submission Form **attached below**. **Attach the form** to the bottom edge of your artwork (using transparent tape on the back side of your paper).

Submit your artwork to the Colin Powell office, to the attention of “Karen Kramer, Yearbook Cover Art” on or before **Monday, November 16, 2009**. If you have any questions, call Karen Kramer, CP Yearbook Chair, at 703-502-8874, or email [KSKramer@cox.net](mailto:KSKramer@cox.net).

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### **Colin Powell 2009-2010 Yearbook Cover Art Submission Form**

(Please attach to bottom of your artwork, using tape on the BACK SIDE of your paper)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (K-6)\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_