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The State of Our School, 2017!

On Tuesday evening, Ms. Hertzberg addressed the PTA and community through Flint Hill's first "State of Our School" address. She highlighted the School Innovation and Improvement Plan (SIIP), in addition to **what's new** and **on the horizon** for our students. Specific programs and supports, including special education and advanced academics, were discussed. Since all students access critical and creative thinking strategies and resources, Ms. Hertzberg explained how Flint Hill supports equitable learning experiences for all learners through the use of Thinking Routines and other inquiry-based practices. Administration feels strongly about strengthening the communication between home and school and looks forward to future opportunities to celebrate what makes Flint Hill the most special school in Fairfax County!

Updates from Administration

This weekend, Lowes (City of Fairfax), will begin construction in our courtyard, rebuilding our greenhouse, in addition to many other exciting projects that will support **outdoor learning** opportunities across our school's campus. We are very excited for what is in store for us, and hope you are, too!

Also outdoors is our new "**Buddy Bench!**" Donated generously by the Nugent family, this bench will help to foster friendship on the playground. To read more about the origination of the Buddy Bench and how it made a home at Flint Hill, please read: <http://tinyurl.com/ybtpdrq>. A special thanks to Ellie Nugent for sharing her "hopes and dreams" with the entire FCPS community! This Buddy Bench supports Responsive Classroom practices and social and emotional learning. We are thrilled it has already been put to good use!



The **Vienna Halloween Parade** is coming up soon on October 25th, at 7:00 pm! We are gearing up to display our float and our interpretation of the theme, "**The Great Outdoors!**" We think this theme fits us to a tee! Wait until you see the hard work and craftsmanship of our students, teachers, and parents!

Please keep in mind that October 31st is "**Book Character Dress-up Day!**" Administration has their costumes all set and can't wait to see your children and our staff dressed for the occasion! Please consider joining in the fun! Parents, you are invited to dress-up, too! In addition, a **BBQ** will be held that day, sponsored by FCPS Food and Nutrition Services.

Other Important Information

Thank you, PTA! Pumpkin Bingo was a complete success this evening! We can't wait until the next opportunity to get together and play!



Thanksgiving Card Contest Winners!

GRACE Art proudly announces that Mary Elizabeth Ulses is the winner of this year's Thanksgiving Card contest sponsored by K3 Construction! Joseph Bird received second place!

Congratulations to each of our contest winners! Please check out their submissions here: <http://fhespta.org/programs/grace-ar/>

Patriot's Day, November 10th

Our Patriot's Day slideshow presentation from last year is being updated. If you have submitted a photo in the past, you do not need to resend the image. If you would like to submit a photo of a family member that is serving, or has served, please upload it here by November 3rd: <https://goo.gl/forms/x9BiL4cyNSPGLLKg1>

Please consider joining us for this special day!

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