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Our Students' Spelling Is All the Buzz!

Our third through sixth graders, plus our Jr. Spelling Bee champions, participated in a very challenging Spelling Bee this evening! Tatiana McAleenan, Sarah Taylor, and Srikanth Bala are the winner, runner-up, and second runner-up respectively. We wish these students the best of luck as they proceed to the next round. To all of our students who participated, you should be so proud of your efforts because we are proud of you! Thank you, once again, to Haley Small and Becky Eckerman for organizing this event!

Updates from Administration

Project Based Learning is on Display!

Today, our fifth graders participated in their culminating event for their most recent Project Based Learning unit on ancient China. Students from all four classes did a wonderful job showcasing their knowledge through interactive exhibits. It was extraordinary to witness their confidence and poise as they took such pride in their work and in one another. All of our fifth grade students, and their families, should be smiling ear-to-ear beacuse of their efforts today. This learning experience showcased their research skills, ingenuity, as well as artistry. Portrait of a Graduate attributes, such as collaboration, communication, critical and creative thinking, as well as goal-oriented learning was on display alongside their exhibits. Administration can't wait for the next event as we learned so much today!

Here are some snapshots from the event: https://tinyurl.com/y8exs6dz
If you look closely, you will see our Region 1 Superintendent, Mr. Douglas Tyson!

Attendance

We want to inform you of recent changes in FCPS policy regarding attendance. We recognize that some of you have questions regarding notification you have received recently through text message or email. These are automated messages that are generated through the Student Information System as a result of new Virginia code. We encourage your support in helping us navigate this new regulation by ensuring that you read the definitions for absences, and inform the front office of any absences in a timely manner. For additional information, please see Attendance Regulation 2234 as it has been updated. This document can also be found on Board Docs. Changes were made to align the FCPS regulation with the current Virigina code.

Testing Information

New public FCPS Student Assessment webpages are now available for parents/guardians to access basic information about their children's required assessments. In compliance with *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) testing transparency, these webpages give an overview of:

- Right to refuse participation in state testing (e.g., SOLs)
- Required assessments at each grade level
- Resources for accessing and understanding assessment results

Other Important Information

Supporting Students Social and Emotional Well-Being

School counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers work collaboratively with the Public Health Nurses (PHNs) to provide students with access to behavioral health supports while at school. These school professionals are members of the student services team in every FCPS school, and are available to consult with you. They can meet with your child individually, or in a small group, in order to help him/her develop strategies and skills to navigate the educational setting. To reach a student services team member to support your child, please call your school's main number and you will be directed accordingly.

As previously shared, Healthy Minds is a new blog for parents, educators, and community-based providers who are interested in supporting student mental health and wellness. It represents a collaboration between FCPS' Office of Intervention and Prevention Services and the Prevention Unit of the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. It is part of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, which is designed to reinforce emotional wellness in youth and families.

Registration Now Open for Select 2018 FCPS Summer Learning Programs

Registration is now open for the following Fairfax County Public Schools summer enrichment camps and institutes: Institute for the Arts (IFTA), Elementary Institute for the Arts (EIFTA), STEM Camp, Tech Adventure Camp, and Adult and Community Education (ACE) Extended Day Enrichment programs. Information on camps and institutes, as well as other FCPS summer learning programs, is available online.

National Engineers Week

National Engineers Week, February 18th-24th, is an opportunity to increase your child's interest in STEM. On Saturday, February 17th, the Building Museum in Washington, D.C. will host a free engineering week event for families. You may want to consider attending!
For more information, click on the following link: http://www.engineeringfamilyday.org/

A Tiny Request…

Administration would like to encourage every Flint Hill parent to create their SIS account before the end of the year. Please visit this link for more information: https://tinyurl.com/zxzkfaq.

Getting to know you, getting to know all about you…

Our second grade teachers have completed their videos! Check out who has updated our Flipgrid!
https://flipgrid.com/72d830

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