



NAVY NEWS

Mark Your Calendar

June

- 5 End of Year Picnic, 6 PM
- 8 Science Fair, 9 AM
- 9 Band Concert, 7 PM
- 19 Last Day of School, Dismissal 1:20 PM

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Principals' Corner

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here. There are a number of events taking place over the next couple of weeks. Below you will find a schedule of events, as well as some other important information.

June Events

- Friday, June 5: End of the Year Picnic, 6:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, June 9: Band Concert, 7:00 P.M.
- Thursday, June 18: 6th Grade Promotional Assembly, 9:00 A.M.
- Friday, June 19: Last Day of School for Students. Dismissal is 1:20 P.M.

SOL Scores

Preliminary SOL reports: On the last day of school you will receive a preliminary report of your child's SOL scores.
Official SOL score reports: An official SOL score report including all test results will be mailed to you at the end of the summer.

Virginia Board of Education Excellence Award

Navy has been selected to receive the 2015 Virginia Index Board of Education Excellence Award. Attached is information about the award, see pages 6 and 7. We want to thank our teachers, students and parents for all of their hard work and dedication in making this happen. Way to go!



PTO Corner

It is hard to believe this is my last newsletter article of the year and also as President of Navy PTO. It has been a pleasure to be on the board for two years and I have met so many fantastic people along the way. I feel so fortunate to have so many parents that have been willing to step up and volunteer which has made my job that much easier. To all of you - Thank you so much!

The past few months have been busy. We had a spectacular Teacher Appreciation Week lead by Stephanie Hougaard. She did a great job and I am happy to report she will be moving to the position of Student Activities Director. I'm sure she will do just as well in her new role. Thanks Stephanie for putting in hours and hours for Teacher Appreciation Week! It was fabulous!

We also had our first ever Bike to School Day lead by Ken and Kristin Mahieu. This event was incredible! We never did get an exact count but I believe we had over 180 bikers! Even though the afternoon did not go as planned, this event was a great one and I hope this continues for years to come. A great new tradition at Navy! Thanks Ken and Kristin for the countless hours you spent getting so many things in place.

Principals' Corner continued

Student Placement Reminder: LAST CALL and DUE June 12

The following message is one LAST reminder for student placement for next year.

If you feel that you have information about your child that our staff does not already know, you are welcome to send that information in letter form, addressed to the principal or via email to jmcoch@fcps.edu.

Please consider the following if you are providing input:

- Include information to identify your child and his/her rising grade level.
- Include information about specific learning needs or learning styles that help your child to be successful.
- Identify any family situations or family history that may affect a placement (ex: sibling had a particular history with a teacher and you request another).
- Please do not request a particular teacher.
- Do not make a request for your child to be with a particular friend unless there is a social issue that would prompt further discussion with you.
- Provide information about any child who you feel your child should be separated from in his/her homeroom class. The teachers are usually already aware of this need.

Summer Office Hours

The office hours this summer will be 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. or by a scheduled appointment.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for an enjoyable year at Navy. The students, staff, and parents/guardians have been fantastic. Have a wonderful Summer!

—Jon Coch, Principal; Faye Cofer, Assistant Principal, Molly Boe, Assistant Principal

A Navy Pollinator Garden Thank You

This year the Navy Pollinator Garden has undergone tremendous growth enabled by a growing community of administrators, teachers, parents and community members. An overwhelming thank you to Stephanie Drost, second grade teacher and Eco Schools Leader, who began the garden and helped establish the Eco Schools Program at Navy several years ago, was awarded a FCPS Schoolyard Stewardship Mini Grant this year for \$3,000 to enlarge the space and worked tirelessly to make these plans a reality.

This year, parents joined with the teachers to form Navy's Eco School Team. Beginning in September, the team met to plan and prepare for our Eco School Projects -- a thank you to Holly Palay, Carey Workman, Mark Cohen, Lorraine Marshall, Linda Myers, Christina De Porter, Matt Dyer, Holly Eelman, Hilorie Malmberg, Rachel Tolman, Megan Shontz, Kristi Helton, Felice Banson, Elizabeth Gleason, and Victoria Mutarelli. This year, Jen Naughton also took on the Parent Lead role offering constant support and community communication which allowed our Eco Team to reach our goals. A special thanks to energetic volunteers who helped with garden clean-ups and supported our Earth Week Garden Art Project, they include Tracy Meleski, Indira Nittala, Songal Sanghvi, Chennel Polhemus, , Giri Kosuru, Kris Rogers, Susan Conrad, Sandy Simoncelli, Bhuvana Prathap, Gwen Harter, Jennifer Condro, Anisha Chugh, Cheryl Szipsjak, and Amber Baloch. The support from administration, Jon Coch and Navy PTO President, Dana Wozny was constant and always helpful -- thank you. Thank you to all the parents who are generously supporting our upcoming "Bring a Plant to School Day" and John Mutarelli for his engineering skills as he takes on the building of our garden arbor project using the landscaping timbers decorated by our students on Earth Day. Using the lumber, we will also have two benches built by staff members for our community to have a place to stop and rest while visiting our Pollinator Garden.



And finally a big Navy thank you to Dave Freeman, owner of Oaktree Property Care for his amazing support and dedication to this project. Dave advised, labored, designed and implemented this expansion. He gave countless hours of his time and energies to the school pro bono. Please consider him for your own landscaping needs. He has vast plant knowledge and his landscape work is of the highest aesthetic. Come view it at Navy in the enlarged Pollinator Garden between the 6th grade hall and Mrs. McCoy's art room! **Dave Freeman, Oaktree Property Care, 703.862.8733, OaktreePropertyCare@me.com.**

PTO Corner Contd.

As we look ahead, we will be ending the year with the Family Picnic and the Science Fair. We will need some volunteers for these events so please see if you can put in an hour or two to help out.

The Family Picnic is tonight, June 5th from 6:00-8:00 PM on the fields of Navy. We plan to have food trucks in the Kiss and Ride area this year so the front parking lot will be open for parking. The moon bounces and obstacle course will be set up on the field. We will also have a couple of face painters. This event is FREE for all Navy Families. You can choose to purchase food from the food trucks or you can also bring your own picnic! This a fun event for the entire family. Please keep your fingers crossed that it does not rain, as if so, the event will be cancelled.

We have a record number of students participating in the Science Fair on Monday, June 8th. Thanks to all those that are volunteering as I know it gets difficult at the end of the year with time running out. We truly appreciate you giving your time!

As I end my Presidency, I want to thank my current Board, Kathy Gustafson, Lori Reed, Sue Martin, Kris Rogers, Wendy Rosenblatt, and especially my right hand, Cindy Barber! Thanks to all of you for your constant support! I also want to thank Mr. Coch. He really has made Navy a tremendous school and I hope the parents will continue to support the Navy PTO so that we can keep Navy at this level of excellence!

—Dana Wozny, Navy PTO President



Science Fair: June 8, 2015

There are close to 250 kids participating and about 180 projects in this year's Navy Science Fair on June 8th. What an awesome accomplishment for the school. No medal, trophy or award will ever be as rewarding or enriching as developing passion and interest in your children in science. Thanks to all the parents and teachers for encouraging your kids.

We will have volunteers to help students check in and locate their reserved space. We still need more volunteers; if you have time to help, please [click here](#) to signup.

If you would like to attend please see the schedule below. Please note that there is a parent's portion and a student's portion. Come during your respective time slots for your child's grade.

Schedule of Events: Science Fair Day, June 8th

9:00-12:30: **SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPATION: STUDENTS ONLY!! SEE BELOW FOR PARENT INFORMATION**

PARENTS PORTION: WELCOME IN THE AFTERNOON

1:30 - 2:00 – Science fair open to families and guests of K-3rd grade students

2:00 - 2:30 – Awards K-3 ceremony (in cafeteria)

2:45 - 3:15 – Project pick-up for participants in K-3rd

2:15 - 2:45 – Science fair open to families and guests of 4th-6th grade students (in gym)

2:45 - 3:15 – Awards 4-6 ceremony (in cafeteria)

3:15 - Project pick-up for participants in 4th-6th

School Supply Kits

Have you ordered your school supply kit for next year yet! Visit www.shopttkits.com by June 12th! Enter our school code 93773 . Kits will be available for pick up on Meet the Teacher day/Open House in August! website <http://www.shopttkits.com>



Help Needed! Open Committee Positions

The PTO needs your help! We are trying to fill several positions for the next school year. Please consider helping your child's school by volunteering your time. If you would like more information or are interested in any of these positions, please contact Cindy Barber at cindybarber5@gmail.com.

- o Navy PTO Website Coordinator
- o Communications Coordinator
- o Fall Fun Night Coordinator
- o Veteran's Day Committee



PTO DOLLARS at WORK

Throughout the 2014/2015 school year, the Navy Elementary PTO has donated over \$65, 000 to the school! Thanks to your contributions the school was able to allocate the following funds to enhance our school and student experience!

PBL Training \$13,000	Field Trips \$8,400
Smartboard Speakers & Rails \$1,400	Projectors & Installation \$10,000
Medieval Times \$1,200	Colonial Faire \$980
Books for Bookroom \$ 1,350	Classroom Teachers Fund \$11,000
Assemblies \$2,850	Eco School Garden \$600
Grade Level Improvements \$1,200	Field Day \$250
Science Fair \$450	Spelling Bee \$145
Runner’s Club \$1,000	End of Year Picnic \$250
Fall Family Fun Night \$1,700	Bike to School Day \$350
Art Department \$1,500	Veterans Day \$50
Read-A-Thon \$125	Blue Notes/Folders \$1,600
Teacher Appreciation \$5,200	Administration Week \$625
3 D Printer \$1,650	

Congratulations to the 2015/2016 PTO Board

President: Janna Wolff
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Virginia Board of Education

Excellence Award

Presented in 2015 to

Navy Elementary School

Fairfax County Public Schools

WHEREAS, the Board of Education established the Virginia Index of Performance to provide incentives and recognition for public schools and school divisions that exceed the minimum requirements for learning and achievement of the Commonwealth's rigorous Standards of Learning program; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Index of Performance measures the progress of students toward advanced proficiency and excellence in reading, mathematics, science, and history and social science, and on other indicators of student and school performance, and recognizes schools and school divisions for academic excellence; and

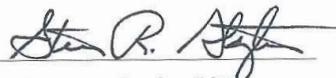
WHEREAS, to qualify for recognition under this program, achievement of the students in a school or school division must exceed the Commonwealth's accreditation standards and the minimum federal accountability requirements; and

WHEREAS, recognition also requires a pursuit of academic excellence resulting in a significant percentage of students demonstrating advanced proficiency across the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for recognition, schools and school divisions also must expand opportunities for learning and achievement as evidenced by progress on multiple indicators of school and student performance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education recognizes the achievement of these objectives by awarding this 2015 Board of Education Excellence Award.


Christian N. Braunlich
President


Steven R. Staples, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Public Instruction



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May 18, 2015

Mr. Jonathon Coch
Principal
Navy Elementary School
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Fairfax, Virginia 22033

Dear Mr. Coch:

I am pleased to congratulate Navy Elementary School for being selected to receive the 2015 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Board of Education Excellence Award. A certificate is enclosed in recognition of your school's achievement.

A school receives this distinguished award for being *Fully Accredited*, for not being required to write a plan for improvement under the *ESEA Flexibility Waiver*, and for making significant progress toward educational goals established by the Board of Education and the governor. In addition, the school must earn 80 VIP points (including bonus points) in each content area. Detailed information about the Virginia Index of Performance Awards and criteria are available online at this link:
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/va_index_performance_awards/index.shtml

The Virginia Department of Education values your school's exemplary accomplishments and expertise. Your continued dedication to students is greatly appreciated. I extend best wishes for continued success for the 2014-2015 school year.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Staples

SRS/BWR/cb
Enclosure
c: Dr. Karen Garza