



Navy News

Welcome Back!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept 6** First Day of School
- Sept 8** PTO Meeting (Media Center)
7:00pm
- Sept 12** Back to School Night,
Grades K – 2
6:00 – 7:00 & 7:00 – 8:00pm
- Sept 12** Sign up for After School
Activities begins, 9:00am
- Sept 13** Principal's Coffee
(Media Center), 9:00am
- Sept 14** Back to School Night,
Grades 3 – 6
6:00 – 7:00 & 7:00 – 8:00pm
- Sept 16** Fall Fundraiser begins
- Sept 21** Runners Club begins
- Sept 28** School Picture Day
- Sept 23** Ice Cream Social & Bingo
6:30pm
- Sept 23** Apparel Sale begins

PTO BOARD

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Mr. Coch helps out in the cafeteria

We had a wonderful opening for the 2011-2012 school year! We started the school year with approximately 795 students. It was great to see all of the staff and students returning to school and looking excited about the new year.

Parent and school communication is very important throughout the school year. Keep In Touch (KIT) is used for information about our school and weather alerts that need to be distributed in a timely manner. The link to register is on our website. Please register for the free service if you have not done so already.

We hope that everyone enjoyed Back to School Night on September 12th and 14th. Hopefully, this was an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, visit their classroom and learn about their grade level curriculum.

For additional information regarding grade level curriculum, please visit: www.fcps.edu/DIS/guides/es/index.htm (When you get to the link, just click on your child's particular grade level.)

It has been an outstanding start of the school year. We look forward to working with you and your children this year!

—Jon Coch, Principal and
Faye Cofer, Assistant Principal



PTO Corner

On behalf of the Navy PTO, I would like to extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful school year! The PTO has been busy this summer planning our events and we are excited to begin the new year. The Navy PTO's primary goal is to help create a better school and a better educational experience for our children. We strive to create an atmosphere where teachers, administrators and support staff can do their best work—and so can our children.

We have redesigned the Navy PTO website at www.navypto.org to make it even more informative and easy to use. Please let us know what you think and be sure to visit the site frequently for the latest information. For September, we are sending home a hard copy of this newsletter, however future issues will be available electronically only. If you did not receive this issue of the *Navy News* via email, then you are not registered on our website. This is a separate sign up than KIT or Blackboard, as we do not use any of the FCPS email distribution lists to send out the PTO newsletter. To continue to receive the *Navy News* please register your family now at www.navypto.org.

The success of all that we do at Navy depends on our parents. Each year the PTO sponsors fun events for our kids, runs programs to benefit the community and supports our wonderful staff. We are very proud to have so many parents here at Navy who are willing to give their time to plan and run our events, but we are always looking for new parent volunteers to get involved! Please consider joining a committee or offering your talents by completing the Volunteer form on the website; help make a positive difference in your child's life and school.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to school on August 24th to stuff open house folders; Anitha Pillai did a fantastic job of organizing our first ever back-to-school committee. I would also like to recognize our Teacher Appreciation Committee chairs, Rachele Aiken, Tori McMichael and Margo Smith, for arranging a delicious welcome back breakfast for our teachers. Finally, a special thank you to Jennifer Elder, Shirley Zhao, Betsi Fuhrman and Scott Rogers for their service as outgoing PTO board members and their time and efforts during the summer helping the new PTO board get ready for the school year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing all of you this year at PTO events and working together to make this a wonderful and successful school year!

— Jennifer Condro, PTO President

Navy Fall Festival - Mark your Calendars!

This year's Navy Fall Festival will be held on Friday, October 28th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The Festival is ramping up to be another fun-filled night of games, costumes, music and food! More information to follow, but in the meantime, please don't hesitate to VOLUNTEER by contacting Sue Martin at bsmartin3@verizon.net. Thank you in advance for your time and support!

After School Activities

After School Activities will be starting soon. This year the PTO is pleased to offer After School Sports, Chess Club and Mad Science. Information about these activities and how to sign up will begin to come home in the September 9th Friday folder. All sign-ups will be done online at www.navypto.org. Sign-ups will begin on **Sept. 12th**. All registrations are first come, first served.



Ice Cream Social and Bingo Night

Navy PTO cordially invites all Navy students and staff to the Annual Ice Cream Social and Bingo Night, Friday, Sept. 23rd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Come make your own sundaes, shop for Navy apparel and play Bingo. Prizes and fun for all!!! This is a free event, sponsored by the Navy PTO. Students must be accompanied by an adult to attend. This event is for Navy students and their younger siblings. Thanks and hope to see you there!!!

Questions or willing to volunteer? Please contact Anna Marie Jeweler at annamarijeweler@yahoo.com, Louise Kehoe at louise.kehoe.41@gmail.com, or Anne Yagerline at family@yagerline.net.

Acting For Young People (AFYP)

We are pleased to announce that Acting For Young People (AFYP) will be holding after school classes at Navy Elementary this Fall. The program will be held after school on the stage from 3:30–4:30pm and is open to grades 1st-3rd on Wednesday's and 4th-6th on Thursday's starting on October 12th and 13th and ends on December 7th and 8th.

Students will learn to use their own unique qualities to act, using theater games, improvisation, story telling and text. Through individual and group activities, young actors build confidence and each will make a significant contribution to our final presentation, held on the last class day.

If your student is interested in this program look for the registration information on www.navypto.org. Registration opens on Sept. 19 for this program.

LICE! Now That We Have Your Attention...

Have you ever been faced with the dreaded task of dealing with LICE? Then mark your calendars! Please join us Oct. 13th at 7:00 in the Media Center for this PTO-sponsored speaker. You don't want to miss this informative presentation given by M.J. Eckert, RN, co-founder and lice treatment specialist. Treatment and prevention techniques will be discussed!

Questions, contact Elaine Salis at rocksalis@yahoo.com.

Fall Fundraiser 2011-2012 Kick Off

Our annual no-sell Fall Fundraiser supported by the wonderful parents here at school kicked off this month!

Once again this year, we are asking for your help as we try to reach our goal of \$27,000. Reaching our goal would provide all of the funding the PTO has pledged towards, field trips, school events, staff development support, special student activities and so much more. We are asking for your support by donating \$50 for each student you have here at Navy. If you can

give more, please do! That's it...nothing else to buy or sell.

You can contribute online by credit card via secure payment form by going to www.navypto.org and selecting "Fall Fundraiser," or send in of \$50 per Navy student to one of your children's classrooms in an envelope marked "PTO Fall Fundraiser." The Navy PTO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your contribution may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please help us reach our goal!



Navy Spirit Apparel Sale

Show your school spirit! The annual Navy Elementary apparel sale begins Friday, Sept. 23 at the Ice Cream Social. This year, we will be offering a great selection of hoodless sweatshirts, polos, t-shirts, long sleeved shirts, car magnets and a cool sports tee, all with the Navy dolphin seen on our web site and in *Navy News*.

A limited number of tees will be available for sale at the Ice Cream

Social. Samples of all items in all sizes will also be available to help with ordering.

An order form will be sent home in the Friday folders and is also available online at www.navypto.org. All orders are due by Monday, Oct. 24th. Payment is by cash or check only and must be included with your order.

For questions about the apparel sale, please contact Karen Berube at k.designs@cox.net.



WHAT: A Great-Tasting Fundraising Event!
WHEN: September 1, 2011 - June 1, 2012
WHERE: Any Glory Days Grill in Northern Virginia

WHY: When you dine at a Glory Days Grill, the restaurant will contribute 10% of your total food purchases to the Navy Elementary School PTO. Bring your neighbors, friends and relatives, because the 10% applies to the total food bill.

HOW: Simply ask your server for a copy of your GUEST CHECK (not credit card receipt) and turn it in to your homeroom teacher or drop in Glory Days box in the front office. ***Make sure teacher's name and student's names are on the back of the guest checks as there will be prizes each quarter!

Questions? E-mail Maureen Larrazabal at mclarraz4@verizon.net.
www.glorydaysgrill.com

There are days, and there are Glory Days.™

Not combinable with any other promotions, offers or discounts. This 10% donation cannot apply to sales tax, alcoholic beverages or to any guest check that receives any other type of discount, coupon, offer or promotion. See Fundraiser Rules for full details.

Running Club Starts Sept. 21

We will again have our Navy Running Club that meets before school on Wednesday mornings from 8:00–8:30 am. We will begin talking to the students in class about the club to encourage them to sign up. The purpose of our program is to encourage physical activity and lifetime fitness. We also encourage parents to participate with our students.

We will be posting our Running club permission slips again on blackboard to help save the environment. If you can't print one from home, have your child get a permission slip from the P.E. Department. We hope to start our program on Sept. 21st.

If you don't have a blackboard account, please sign up to obtain one so that you won't miss any exciting announcements from any of your teachers. We will only have the program available for 1st through 6th graders. We thank you for your continued support of encouraging lifetime fitness with your children.

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Open Committee Positions

We are always looking for new volunteers to get involved with our events! Below is a list of our Open Committee Positions. We are currently seeking Committee Chairs to lead these events. If you would like to find out more about these committees or have an interest in leading/volunteering for them, please contact our 2nd Vice President, Mary Tchiprout, at mstchiprout@hotmail.com or 703 476-1294.

Audit Committee (July/August) - Perform the PTO end of year financial audit.

Community Outreach (throughout the year) - Organize events that help others in the community.

End of Year Picnic (June) - Organize the activities for the picnic and recruit volunteers to set-up, help out and clean-up at the event. This fun family event is scheduled for June 14, 2012.

FLEX (Winter/Spring) - Assist with after school foreign language classes.

International Fair (June) - Organize event and/or do country presentation for students. Scheduled for June 13, 2012.

Nominating Committee (Spring) - Recruit new nominees for next years' PTO Board.

Girls on the Run

In Girls on the Run, girls learn valuable life lessons, while also training for a 5K run. Girls on the Run uses the power of running—along with interactive activities, games and discussions of important issues such as resisting peer pressure, making healthy decisions and contributing to community—to build self-esteem and improve emotional and physical health. During the 10-week program, girls are empowered with greater self-awareness, a sense of achievement and a foundation in team-building to help them become strong, content and self-confident young women. The Girls on the Run team of Navy will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 pm. Each practice will include a lesson as well as a running component specifically designed to help girls build the stamina to run the 5K. The season starts the week of Sept. 26 and runs through the week of Nov. 28. Registration is open and you can find more information at www.getrnova.org.