

Navy News

Happy 100th Day of School!

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the 100th day of school! Time seems to fly by at Navy. The students and staff are continuing to work hard each and every day. Please read the following announcements that have happened or are coming soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb 6-9 Grade Level Spelling Bee Preliminary Rounds
- Feb 9 General PTO Meeting, 7:00pm
- Feb 20 President's Day – No School
- Feb 21 Navy Spelling Bee, 9:00am
- Mar 7 Parent Education Night, 7:00pm
- Mar 8 Barnes & Noble Book Fair

PTO BOARD

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ARTICLES ARE DUE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE ON FEB 24.

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REMINDER

General PTO Meeting February 9th, 7pm in the Media Center – hope to see you there!

Parent Liaison Navy welcomes our new Parent Liaison, Sara Severiano. She speaks both English and Spanish. She also works at Oakton HS and Frost MS, so she is a useful link for families interested to know more about secondary and high school. Parent Liaisons help provide information and assistance to parents who need to support their child at home and ensure their success in school. They serve as a communication link between home and school. They welcome and orient families to the school and familiarize them with the FCPS procedures and practices. They can also connect parents with the appropriate people within the school or community to help meet the family's needs. You can contact Sara on Tuesdays and Fridays at 703-262-7100 or by email at sseverianos@fcps.edu.

FCPS: New Report Card (Coming to Elementary Schools Next Year) All elementary schools in Fairfax County will be using a new standards-based progress report starting in the 2012-2013 school year. Navy Staff will be getting trained in February about this new progress report card. Please see the link below that provides information about the new progress report card. <http://www.fcps.edu/is/elemprogreport/index.shtml>

Management of Allergies Fairfax County (FCPS) in cooperation with an Allergy Task Force comprised of community members, Fairfax County Health Department and FCPS staff has developed a "Guideline for the Management of Life-Threatening Allergies." The guidelines are designed to provide support to school staff for the management of students with life threatening allergies. Please see the flyer that is attached to the *Navy News*.

Inclement Weather If you have not already registered for Keep in Touch, please do this. Winter weather brings school delays, early closings and cancellations. You will get these messages from FCPS instantly if you are registered on Keep in Touch. The link can be found on our Navy website. Also prepare to have a plan in place in case of a cancellation, two hour delay, or an early dismissal due to inclement weather.

Presidents' Day School will be closed on Mon., Feb. 20th, for President's Day.

Student Arrival Please remember that the earliest students can arrive at school is at 8:20 a.m. We do not have supervision until 8:20 a.m. in the cafeteria. Thank you for your attention on this topic.

Have a fantastic day!

—Jon Coch, Principal and
Faye Cofer, Assistant Principal



PTO Corner

We have officially made it to the halfway mark of the school year and I hope that it has been a great first half for you and your family! Typically this monthly newsletter is delivered electronically only, but we wanted to reach out and make sure that everyone is seeing this important monthly communication. You should have also received this newsletter in your email Friday morning as well; if you did not receive it, you may not be registered on the Navy PTO website. Please take a minute to go to www.navypto.org and click on the Register button at the top. The Navy PTO tries to use email as a primary method of communication about upcoming events, schedule changes and other important information, so we appreciate you taking the time to register with us. All the previous issues of the *Navy News* are also available on our website, so take a look to see what you may have missed.

Thank you so much to Angela Evans and Roshni Lauber, who made our two January PTO events such great successes. The annual Jinx Amon Blood Drive had a terrific turnout and we appreciate everyone who took the time to come and give the gift of blood. We also had lots of happy families enjoy the annual Skate Night at Reston Town Center and are grateful for all the volunteers who collected tickets, made hot cocoa and made sure the night was a great one!

Our next General PTO Meeting is Thursday, February 9th at 7pm in the Media Center. All Navy families are automatically members of the PTO, so please come join us to hear more about your PTO's ongoing efforts, to ask questions of your PTO Board and the Principal and to learn more about upcoming events at Navy.

— Jennifer Condro, PTO President

Navy Elementary First Annual Scripps Spelling Bee

Please encourage your 3rd – 6th grade child to participate in Navy's First Annual Spelling Bee. Permission slips and grade-specific 100-word study lists have been sent home, but additional copies can be received in the Media Center. After your child has learned his/her grade specific list, he/she is ready to learn words for other grade levels. The next grade-specific list can be picked up at the library.

Prior to the school-wide Spelling Bee on February 21st, there will be a written preliminary round. The dates for the written grade level tests are: 3rd grade February 6th, 4th grade February 7th, 5th grade February 8th, and 6th grade February 9th. The top winners of the written round will participate in the school's bee. The winner of the Navy Spelling Bee will go on to represent Navy in the Fairfax County spelling bee, and then possibly on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Anne Werner or Donna Waybright. Go Navy Spellers!

After School Activities

Registration is now closed for most winter After School Activities, but some openings are still available for the Wednesday Mad Science class and Chess Club. Please go to www.navypto.org for all the details and to register for these activities.

Spring Carnival

Mark your calendar — the first ever Navy Spring Carnival is coming on March 16th! The committee is working hard to make it a fun event for everyone. There will be games, crafts, music, fun food and more!

We are in need of more volunteers to help. We are currently seeking some volunteers that are extremely crafty or handy to help with designing the games and items for the carnival. Please email Dana Wozny at woznyva@verizon.net if you have a couple hours to help! Thanks in advance!

Look for lots more information about this fun, new event coming via email and Friday Folder soon!



Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to keep cutting and save those Box Tops! Box Tops for Education is a fun and easy way to help support Navy! All you have to do is clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of family products from brands like Cheerios®, Betty Crocker®, Pillsbury®, Ziploc®, Kleenex®, Juicy Juice® and more!

Did you know that each Box Top coupon is worth a dime to Navy students? One dime may not seem like much, but it adds up to a real change. If each student at Navy brings just 10 Box Tops this year, our school would earn over \$600!



Jumpstart Your Day the Healthy Way!

Parents and teachers: Mark your calendars and take advantage of this free, informative presentation on March 7th, at 7:30 in the Media Center.

Jumpstart Your Day the Healthy Way! We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. But what does that really mean? And why? Explore why we want to give our kids (and us!) the healthiest breakfast possible, and how it's really easy. Learn about a new super food that's easy to use. Short "cooking" demo and samples provided!

Interactive presentation presented by Debbie Katz, certified holistic health coach. For more information go to www.waytogohealthy.com.

Watch for Original Works program this Spring!

This month your children will be creating a piece of artwork in their art class that you can purchase. The Navy Elementary PTO is working with Original Works to offer parents/families wishing to have a keepsake item such as a mugs, garden flags, pot holders and so much more showcasing their child's very own artwork. The artwork and price information will be sent home via your child's backpack in late March. These will make wonderful gifts for Mother's Day and so many more occasions.

Attention Students!

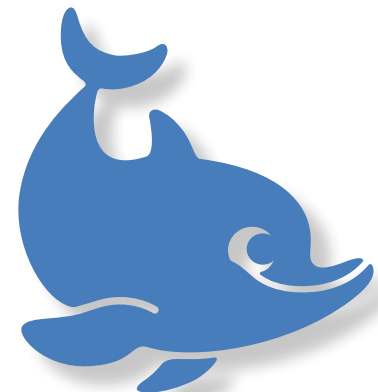
Although we haven't had much snow this winter, the Navy PTO wants to know – what is your favorite thing to do on a snow day? Write a few sentences letting us know how you would spend a snowy day off of school and we will print some of your answers in our next Navy News! Submit your responses to the front office in an envelope labeled "Navy News" and be sure to include your name, teacher name and grade. Be sure to remind your parents to read next month's newsletter to see if your response was included!



Dining for Navy at Glory Days Grill

When you dine at any 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. Just 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.

Please remember that our Quarterly Glory Days contest is going on all year long; students in the class that turns in the most Guest Checks from Glory Days each win a coupon for a free ice-cream sundae and the teacher will receive a gift card to Glory Days. The 2nd Quarter winner will be announced soon and the next quarter could be your turn to win – so please turn in those guest checks and don't forget to put the teacher name & student name on the back.



**A New Resource
for Schools and Parents**



MANAGEMENT OF
**LIFE-THREATENING
ALLERGIES**



Fairfax County Public Schools

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Find it online at: www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/healthservices/AllergyHandbook.pdf

Management of Life-Threatening Allergies is a new publication to help Fairfax County Public Schools school staff members care for students with life-threatening allergic conditions and to provide parents guidance about how allergies are addressed in FCPS.

Development of these guidelines was a result of a collaborative effort of parents, community members, Fairfax County Public Schools, and the Fairfax County Health Department who were part of an Allergy Review Team that was formed to review and update existing information about the management of life threatening allergies in Fairfax County Public Schools. Questions? Contact FCPS Student Health Services at 571-423-4402.