



# NAVY NEWS

## Mark Your Calendar

April 8	6th Grade Basketball Game, Oakton HS
11	Diaper Drive
15	VML, 5th Grade, 6
18	NLAL, 6
19	VML, 4th Grade, 6
19	PTO Meeting, 9:30
21	NSL, 6
May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
4	Bike To School Day

## PTO Board

President	Janna Wolff
1st VP	Sue Martin
2nd VP	Catherine Martin
Treasurer	Kathy Gustafson
Fin. Secretary	Beth Arnz
Secretary	Wendy Rosenblatt
Student Activities Dir.	Stephanie Hougaard

## Principals' Corner

With Spring time fast approaching, there are several announcements we would like to share with you for the upcoming months.

### Read Across America Week

This week students celebrated Read Across America Week. Classrooms had guest readers come to their rooms throughout the week.



### Student Placement Request for next year: ***DUE Friday, June 10***

If you feel that you have information about your child that **our staff does not already know, you are welcome to send that information to the principal via email to [jmcoch@feps.edu](mailto:jmcoch@feps.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 concern.
- 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.

## PTO Corner

Hello Navy Families! Spring will be here in just a few days! That means longer days of sunshine and warmer temperatures are coming. Your PTO is going to be busy bees this Spring. Here's what's coming up...

April 8<sup>th</sup> is the Navy Basketball game. We're playing Crossfield this year and the competition looks fierce! Our staff and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been practicing, all to make Navy proud. The Cheerleaders will be ready to lead the charge! Come out and support our teams. It'll be a great night!

The week of April 11<sup>th</sup>, the PTO Outreach Committee is hosting a Diaper Drive. All donations will go to the DC Diaper Bank. Check out their website for more information on this helpful organization:

[www.dcdiaperbank.org/about/](http://www.dcdiaperbank.org/about/)

Yearbooks are on sale now, until April 18<sup>th</sup>. Place your order now, or risk not having one in June.

May 4<sup>th</sup> is Bike to School Day. This is a wonderful way to get your student outside, exercising in the morning. This event takes a number of parent volunteers, and Ken Mahieu is leading the charge. Please stay tuned for more information and consider helping out that day.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week. There are a lot of activities that week, all to say thank you to the wonderful men and women who make Navy such a great school. Stay tuned for what our students will be doing and ways in which you can help.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6-8pm is the Navy End of Year Picnic. With food trucks and vendors and games and music, it should be a great kickoff to Summer.

And now that we've looked forward, I want to briefly look back. The PTO recently ran 2 fundraisers.

## PTO Corner Continued

The first, Original Works. While this is a fundraiser for the PTO, it's also an opportunity for keepsakes from your student's childhood. Elizabeth Gleason worked diligently and creatively with our Navy Art Teachers and we're grateful for all of their efforts.

The second fundraiser took place just this past week. On Tuesday night, the PTO hosted its Online Silent Auction and Dining for Dollars event at Dogfish Head Alehouse. This was our big Spring Fundraiser, and it couldn't have happened without the work of some dedicated people. Jen Wienke brought Dogfish Head on board for a fun setting for this event. Alexis Lloyd, Jill Corderman, Natalie Rose and Leslie Leisey secured donations and publicized this event enthusiastically. However Sue Martin championed the Auction and worked incredibly hard to make it happen. Thank you to everyone who dined at Dogfish Head and who purchased things from the Auction. The money raised all goes back to Navy and makes our school one of the best in Fairfax County. The final tally for funds raised wasn't available in time for publication, but we'll share them with you after Spring Break. We just wanted to say thank you to our volunteers and to our Navy families for their support.

Enjoy your Spring Break! We'll see you all back at Navy on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>!

Janna Wolff  
President,  
Navy Elementary PTO

## Principals' Corner Continued

### Spring Break

This year Spring Break will be from March 21-March 28. The school office will be closed during this time. School will resume Tuesday, March 29. If you are traveling, we hope that you have a safe vacation.

### April 22: Kindergarten Orientation for Parents and Rising Kindergarten Students

The Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for Friday, April 22. The meeting will be in the cafeteria and will start at 9:00 am. This meeting is for parents who have children coming to kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. **Children are also encouraged to attend the orientation.**

### Lost and Found

We have noticed a large amount of clothing in our Lost and Found. Please have your child check the Lost and Found if they are missing any items.

### Two Hour Early Release and Teacher Workday

April 21: Students will be dismissed 2 hours early.

April 22: Student Holiday

We hope that everyone has a fantastic Spring!

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

## Navy's Family Movie Night

Thank you so much to everyone that volunteered at the Family Movie Night. A special thanks to Ms. Cofer and Mr. Dyer for their technical assistance with the movies. We had a good turn out and the kids had a lot of fun.

## Sixth Grade Navy Basketball Game



Hey Navy! Let's get ready! The 6th Grade Navy Basketball game is coming! This year the game will be played against Crossfield Elementary on April 8 at Oakton High School. There will be a Staff Basketball game, a 6th grade Girls basketball game and a 6th grade Boys basketball game. There will also be cheerleaders from the 5th and 6th grade. Come support our 6th graders at this fun event and let's show Crossfield our immense Navy pride!

## ECO Club News



### Trex Plastics Recycling Challenge

Did you know that we are in 3rd place in NoVa in the Trex Plastics Recycling Challenge? We have **one more month** before the challenge ends to become #1 and earn a Trex bench for our school's garden. Bring in your plastics by **April 13th** to be counted in this competition. We will continue to collect and recycle plastics after this date as well.

### Earth Week Celebration Monday: April 25-April 29

It's Spring.... come join us in celebrating our Earth during a week long celebration with all Navy students. We will plant, study soil and invasives, and beautify our outdoor garden spaces. Please consider volunteering to work with our students and donating to this fun and important event. A sign up genius is forthcoming — look for it soon!

### The Courtyard Garden and Mural Projects

This March, Eco Schools begins renovation of the interior courtyard garden (located near Mrs. Cooksey's kindergarten room). Our plan is to create an outdoor learning classroom for all grade levels and plant natives with ties to the curriculum. We also hope to paint a mural alongside the Pollinator Garden (located near the 6th grade wing and Kiss N' Ride doors). If you are interested in donating funds to either project or collaborating on a class donation, please contact Stephanie Drost ([sedrost@fcps.edu](mailto:sedrost@fcps.edu)) or Jennifer Naughton ([jmnaughton@verizon.net](mailto:jmnaughton@verizon.net)). We appreciate your support!

## Navy Newsletter Submissions

If you have any Navy News you would like to see in the Navy Newsletter, please contact Katie Faircloth: [katie@thefaircloths.com](mailto:katie@thefaircloths.com).



## Diaper Drive

As parents, all of us can relate to the expense of diapers as we care for our children. Imagine what a hardship that might be for families on a very limited budget.

**How You Can Help:** The Navy PTO Outreach Committee is sponsoring a diaper drive to benefit the DC Diaper Bank. The DC Diaper Bank provides diapers to social service organizations that are already helping families in need through comprehensive programs and services. The diaper distribution network distributes an average of 100,000 diapers to 3,200 families each month in the DC, Maryland and Virginia areas.

**What We Need:** New, unopened packages of diapers (**any size**, however size 4 -6 are most needed) or partial pack of clean, unused diapers accepted (\*If they are opened please label them with the size diaper and number)

**When:** April 11- April 15

**Where:** Please place your donations in the bin outside of the Main Office Your donations will be sent to a local drop-off point and will be distributed for immediate use.

Thank you in advance for helping many local area families in need.

For more information on this organization visit

[www.dcdiaperbank.org/about/](http://www.dcdiaperbank.org/about/)



### Navy PTO Board Slate: 2016-2017

The Nomination Committee for the Navy PTO is excited to announce the slate for the Navy PTO Board for the 2016-2017 school year.

- President: Janna Wolff
- 1st Vice President: Dana Rosensweig
- 2nd Vice President: Catherine Martin
- Secretary: Kristen Calder
- Treasurer: Mike Bush
- Financial Secretary: Beth Arnz
- Director of Student Activities : Uzma Geloo

At the Annual Meeting on May 18th at 9:30am the final vote will take place.



### Navy Bike To School Day

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Second Annual Navy Bike to School Day will take place on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Last year, we had almost 180 participants. Look for permission slips and details to be sent home with your child after Spring Break, and a Sign Up Genius for volunteers that will appear in the weekly email blast. We are also guaranteeing no thunderstorms on the way home this year! Questions, please contact Ken and Kristin Mahieu at [ksmahieu@hotmail.com](mailto:ksmahieu@hotmail.com).

