



NAVY NEWS

Mark Your Calendar

October

- 20 CyberSafety & Bullying Presentation, 6:30
- 23 Fall Family Fun Night
- 23-30 Book Fair

November

- 13 PTO Meeting with Kathy Smith, FCPS School Board, 9:30

PTOBoard

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Principals' Corner

It's hard to believe that we are already at the beginning of October! Below are a few events that have happened or will be happening soon.

Back to School Nights

It was great to see so many of you at the Back to School Nights. We hope that the teacher presentations provided you the information for your child to have a successful year.

Preparing for Parent/Teacher Conferences

The end of the 1st quarter is approaching and soon it will be time for parent/teacher conferences. These conferences are an excellent opportunity to find out how your child is adjusting to the new school year and to get to know his/her teacher. Below are some tips to ensure that the conference is productive and positive.

1. Speak with your child about their thoughts on school prior to the conference.
2. Bring up the tough questions or concerns that you or your child might have.
3. Be prepared to answer questions that might be asked by the teacher about your child.
4. Share what your child enjoys most about school.
5. Team with your child's teacher to determine goals and expectations.
6. Understand that teacher feedback is critical to your child's academic success.
7. Note the important points of the conference.
8. Share the results of the conference with your child.
9. As a parent, you are the most important teacher in your child's life.
10. We are a team! Together we will work to ensure a positive and successful school experience for your child.

PTO Corner

Hello Navy Families,

Our school year has gotten off to a great start and so has the PTO! We have a lot of wonderful and fun activities planned for Navy this year, some of which have already taken place.

October is a busy month at Navy Elementary. We're already halfway through, but we have a lot coming up. On Tuesday, October 20th, from 6:30-8:30pm, the PTO is bringing Chad Brockway to come speak with parents. Mr. Brockway has an extensive background in intelligence, and federal law enforcement; he has worked extensively with emerging technology, social networks, and cyber operations. Mr. Brockway's presentation to parents will focus on keeping our students safe and their vulnerabilities through technology and social media. He'll cover cyber bullying, cyber safety, addiction and crimes against children. This is an important topic and one that Navy Elementary students are dealing with on a daily basis. Come learn how we can keep our community safe. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

On to fun things – October 23rd is a busy day! On October 23rd, the students have their first CAPs assembly: Joe Romano presenting "Books! The magic is real!", which is always a big hit. Additionally, that day is Navy's Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Students will show off their creativity and imagination by decorating pumpkins at home and bringing them to school that day. The best pumpkin in each grade will win! Entry forms are in today's Friday Folder and can be found at the www.navypto.org.

Principals' Corner Contd.



Family Life Education (FLE)

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides a comprehensive, sequential Family Life Education (FLE) program for kindergarten through grade twelve. Instruction is seen as a partnership among parents and guardians, the school, and the community in supporting the learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of all or part of the Family Life Education program. Students who are opted out are provided with age-appropriate, nonpunitive alternative health instruction, and every effort is made to foster respect for family choices. If you wish to opt your child out of all or part of FLE for this school year, opt out forms will be included in your child's back-to-school/orientation packets and are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>. Please fill in the opt-out form and return it to your child's school prior to Family Life Education instruction.

Detailed grade-level program descriptions are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml> and FLE grade level-specific lessons are available for parents online in FCPS 24-7 (Blackboard) Parent View. Parents/guardians will need the new SIS account to access FCPS 24-7. Account information is available at your local school or online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/instructionaltechnology/247help/parents.shtml>. Grade level-specific lessons are also available at the Fairfax County Regional Library in the City of Fairfax (this location does not have media). Grade level-specific lessons and media are also available for review at your child's school library. Due to copyright permissions, we are unable to stream media online.

Navy will be hosting a Parent Preview Night the evening of Wednesday, November 11 in the library. Grades K-3 will be from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Grades 4-6 will be from 7:15-8:15 pm. Parents will have the opportunity to review materials that will be taught to your children and have questions answered. Teachers will provide dates of when they plan to teach the FLE curriculum at their grade level.

Please contact Molly Booe, mebooe@fcps.edu, if you have questions.

PTO Corner Contd.

On the evening of October 23rd, the PTO is hosting its annual Fall Family Fun Night and Book Fair. At the Book Fair, you can check out your student's and teacher's wish lists and see the latest in children's literature. The Fall Family Fun Night happens at Navy from 6:30-8:30pm. Students are encouraged to wear their costumes and come to Navy for free games, bingo and ice cream! Some teachers and administrators may even be sent to the Navy "Jail" for \$1! Please remember that volunteers make the Fall Family Fun Night happen. If you can spare an hour, please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084faaac2ba20-navy>.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Ladies Night Out at Undeniable Boutique on September 28th! It was a very fun evening, spent shopping, nibbling and mingling after hours. We also need to thank Taralyn Kohler for organizing this event, along with Leslie Stewart and Anisha Chugh for their assistance. What a great way to kickoff the year!

Lastly, but most importantly, October 23rd is the culmination of the PTO's No Fuss Fall Fundraiser! The Fundraiser is in full swing right now, having begun on October 8th. Our goal is to have 100% of Navy families participate. We are asking for donations of \$50/student or \$100/family, but any amount is appreciated. If we have 100% participation, then this will be our only fundraiser for the entire school year! The PTO is hoping to have enough money to fund field trips, assemblies, the Science Fair, and Colonial & Medieval Faires, as well as the Year-End Picnic and Family Movie Night. The PTO also funds thousands of dollars for Classroom and Technology Enhancements each year. All donations to this No Fuss Fundraiser are tax-deductible and 100% of the money stays at Navy. So let's meet our goal and have 100% of our Navy Families participate – thank you!

The Navy Elementary PTO is *your* Parent-Teacher Organization. If you have questions, or suggestions, please reach out. Our goal is to help make Navy Elementary the best for all of our students. Together, with your talent and time, we make that happen!

Janna Wolff
President, Navy Elementary PTO



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Advance Academic Program (AAP) Information

Kristen Scudder, our Advance Academic Resource Teacher, AART, will be hosting an AAP Parent Meeting on October 21 at 9:00 am in the cafeteria. She will be going over some general information about AAP, as well as a timeline of when referrals are due this year. Please note that the county referral dates have been moved up this year. If you are NEW to the county (Grades 3-6), the deadline to submit your child's referral is October 9, 2015. If your child was in the county last year (Grades 2-6), the deadline is January 15, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Scudder.

In addition, please view some information about the Advance Academic Programs in the county.

Continuum of Advanced Academics Services

<http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/images/new/AAP%20Continuum%20-%20Medium.jpg>

<http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/continuum/es.shtml>

Testing and screening information

<http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/packet/TestingandIdentificationTimeLineFCPSParents.pdf>

Parent Information Packet

<http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/packet/ParentInformationPacketFCPS.pdf>

Thanks and have a great day!

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



Happenings at the Navy Pollinator Garden

The Navy Pollinator Garden has some exciting visitors occupying our garden. Please come visit before they fly to Mexico! Over 30 monarch butterfly chrysalis were spotted on the overhang and brick wall near the 6th grade wing. There are also monarch caterpillar munching on milkweed - its food source in North America. Navy Elementary was certified as a monarch waystation this past year. This marks an important step for our school and our environment as monarchs are an endangered species and they are losing their major food sources of milkweed in the United States and oyamel fir trees in Mexico. ([Read more here](#)). It is truly amazing that Navy has so many chrysalis ready to hatch and spread their wings -- we should be proud of our efforts. The Navy Community is encouraged to come view the monarchs in all their stages in the Navy Pollinator Garden this Fall!

Eco Schools Fall Garden Beautification Day

On Friday, October 9th Eco Schools sponsored a Fall Garden Beautification Day. The Navy community came together in the Pollinator Garden to plant, transplant, mulch, add a river rock pathway, paint border rocks, install a compost bin and hook up rain barrels. Stephanie Drost, 5th grade teacher, discussed milkweed and gave volunteers seed pods to bring home and plant. A BIG thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and were a part of this day with a special thank you to Leslie Stewart for the donation of river rocks.

If you would like to be a part of Eco Schools, please visit our link on the Navy website to see how you can be a part of the team. <http://www.fcps.edu/NavyES/ecoschools/getinvolved.html>. **Questions?** Contact Stephanie Drost, sedrost@fcps.edu or Jennifer Naughton, jmnaughton@verizon.net.

Navy PTO “No-Fuss” Fall Fundraiser

ONE MORE WEEK!
October 8th-23rd

A GREAT BIG thank you to all those Navy families who have already donated to the “No-Fuss” Fall Fundraiser!

We are well on our way to reaching our main goal of **100% Participation** by all of our Navy Families.

We still have **ONE MORE WEEK**, so let’s dig deep and raise the funds necessary to provide our students with new technology, specialized teachers & fun-filled events for the whole family. Navy is a great school - let’s keep improving so we can make it even better for our children!

It’s so Easy!

You can donate either **On-Line** at navypto.org or by writing a **check to Navy PTO** and sending it to school with your child. You can download the form at navypto.org

All we are asking is that each family **please donate \$50 per student or \$100 per family.**

ALL donations are 100% tax deductible, 100% in support of Navy & 100% appreciated!

Make sure you track our progress by following us on Facebook!

Dining For Navy

Join us for our first Dining for Navy event on Thursday, November 12th at Fanfare Eatery and SweetFrog located in the Greenbriar Shopping Center. Please drop your Fanfare receipt (not credit card receipt) in a box marked Navy Elementary at the restaurant once you place your order. Can’t make it on the 12th of November? Fanfare Eatery has offered to keep our event ongoing for 30 days.

Just send in your receipt to the Navy front office and Fanfare will donate 20% of all food purchases from November 12th through December 11th to Navy!



FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Family Fun Night

NAVY ELEMENTARY invites you to FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT!
Friday, October 23rd 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Wear your costume and join us for an evening of Ice Cream Sundaes, Bingo, Book Fair & Hallway Games, including The Jail – put a teacher or staff member in Jail!

Parents: We need your help! Please volunteer for the event: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084faaac2ba20-navy>



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.

Ladies Night Out

Thank you to the moms and staff of Navy Elementary who came out to support the Ladies Night Out Fundraiser at Undeniable Boutique. The evening was filled with shopping, conversation, sips and nibbles. We wish to thank Undeniable Boutique for generously offering a percentage of all sales to Navy Elementary and to Ozzie's for hospitality for the after-party. Thank you also to Undeniable Boutique and Ozzie's for the fantastic door prizes.

