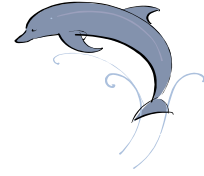


Navy News



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January 25, 2010

Message from the Principal

Dear Navy Families:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Navy Elementary School has received the Governor's Award for Excellence for the third year in a row! We were notified last week that our school has continued to make the necessary gains in reading, as evidenced by standardized test scores, in order to receive this award. I am very proud of my hardworking staff and students as well as our dedicated parents who continue to hold education at the forefront. Thank you for all you do to support us in educating our Navy students.

It is hard to believe that we are just days away from the half way point in our school year. As a reminder to everyone, Friday, February 29th and Monday, February 1st are student holidays. Teachers will be involved in inservices and planning. Student progress reports

will be sent home on Friday, February 5, 2010.

In the event that another snow day is used prior to the President's Day holiday, President's Day will become a snow make-up day. Two-hour late openings do not affect additional days being added to our school year.

We are looking forward to our Strings Concert on January 27th. The concert will be held in the afternoon for our students and again at 7:00 P.M. that night for parents.

Our annual, National Geographic Geography Bee, was held on Wednesday, January 6th. Miss Shaikh, our school Bee coordinator, organized classroom competitions which were held in each of our fifth and sixth grade classrooms to determine the candidates who would compete in the school-wide competition. After several rigorous rounds, the winner

was fifth grader, Sameer Dandikar. Sameer will take another test which may qualify him for the state competition in Williamsburg, VA this Spring. Good luck, Sameer!

In February our SCA will be sponsor a "Hearts for Haiti" fundraiser for the Haitian people. This is a joint effort with our PTO. A special form will be located on Blackboard as well as the Navy PTO.org website for parents to download, and write a special message to their Navy student. Messages will be attached to lollipops and delivered to students on Feb. 11 and 12. These "candygrams" will be sold for \$1.00 each and 100% of the proceeds will go to the Red Cross for Haitian Relief. Please help us raise funds for this cause in a fun and memorable way.

Sincerely,
Katie and Mark

NAVY PTO

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Latest FCPS Budget Information

FCPS Superintendent Proposes FY 2011 Budget, Cuts Include FLES, Freshman Sports, 594 Positions

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Jack D. Dale has released the school system's FY 2011 proposed budget of \$2.3 billion, which includes \$104.8 million in cuts and cost avoidances, \$3.4 million in new and increased fees, and a projected enrollment growth of 1,760 students. The proposed budget includes a class size increase of one student, and the elimination of the foreign language in the elementary schools (FLES) program, general education summer school, all high school freshman sports, and 594 positions, including 81 in central office support for schools. The proposed budget also includes no salary increases for employees for a second consecutive year.

"For the third straight year, I have submitted a budget that includes major cuts due to dismal local and state economic conditions," said Dale. "These cuts will have a long-term and far-reaching impact on maintaining our high student achievement and excellence for which FCPS is widely known and respected. Student achievement remains our main focus, and while we have directed our diminishing resources to support students and staff members working directly with our students, there is no doubt that many programs that parents and students have come to expect will be gone."

Dale has proposed new fees for athletic participation (\$100 per student per Virginia High School League sport); fees of \$75 per test for students taking Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) tests and the actual cost of the PSAT test; an increase in community use building revenue of 20 percent; and an increase of 30 percent in monopoly revenue.

In addition to eliminating all freshman sports, two additional sports—winter cheerleading and indoor track—will be eliminated along with the drill team coaching supplement, and swim and dive team practices will be reduced by 50 percent. These moves will result in the elimination of approximately 300 coaching supplements. Operating fund support for behind-the-wheel driver education, the elementary focus program, and the extended learning program will be eliminated. Pimmit Hills Alternative High School will be closed, and its students sent to one of the other two FCPS alternative high schools or another FCPS program. Support departments will again undergo significant budget reductions, averaging 20 percent over the past three years.

"To prevent more damaging cuts, I am requesting a county transfer increase of \$57.8 million to preserve full-day kindergarten, elementary band and strings, elementary foreign language immersion, and to avoid further increases in class sizes for general and advanced academic education, including Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST).

"FCPS engaged its employees, parents, and members of the community in dialogues this fall to determine priorities and to get suggestions as to how to approach this year's budget challenges," explained Dale. "We received thousands of suggestions and comments and have incorporated this feedback into our decisions. What we clearly and consistently heard was that FCPS needs to maintain high student achievement and high caliber teachers for our long-term success."

The Fairfax County School Board will hold public hearings on the FY 2011 budget on January 25, 26, and 27 at Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road in the Falls Church area of Fairfax County; the speakers list for those public hearings is now open at <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/requestspeak.htm>.

For complete information on the FCPS FY 2011 budget, including the budget calendar, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm>.

Hearts for Haiti

The Navy SCA and PTO are bringing you the chance to send a special valentine AND help with the relief efforts of the Red Cross in Haiti. Please watch for the "Hearts for Haiti" flyer in this week's Friday Folder for more information! Help us help those in need.



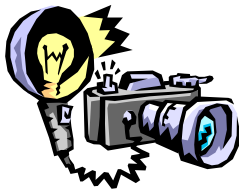
Attention 4th-6th Grade parents!



Does your child have a flair for the dramatic? There are still a few spaces left in our Imagination Stage after school acting class. The class will meet on Wednesday afternoons starting February 3rd for 8 weeks. If you are interested in signing up your child, please go to our web site at www.navypto.org to get more information and register today!

YEARBOOK CLUB and CANDID PHOTOS!

On Tuesday, January 26th, Navy Club and Candid pictures will be taken for the yearbook. Please tell you kids to listen to the time that their group will be taken and head to the stage when told. For example, Dolphin Discovery/Mad Science begins at 8:45am.



Also, yearbook sales will begin in the next few weeks. Flyers will come home multiple times in the Friday folders.

AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB



Space is still available for Chess Club on **Thursday** and **Friday** Class. Classes will begin the first week of February!

All-Levels Chess - Grade 4-6 Thursday
Advanced Chess - Grade 1-3 Friday

If you are interested in signing up, please go to our web site at www.navypto.org to get more information and register today!

save

lives

give blood

There is an urgent need for all blood types!

GIVE BLOOD
in honor of Mrs. Amon

Monday, Jan. 25
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 4 to 8 p.m.

Navy Elementary School Blood Drive

The Inova Blood Donor Services Bloodmobile
will be located in the parking lot.

Please make your lifesaving appointment today!
Visit inova.org/donateblood and use sponsor code 7122
or contact Kendra Sullivan @ (703) 860-0201
or ksksully@cox.net

*In celebration of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month
everyone who completes the donor screening process will receive a cozy, plush scarf.*

*16-year-olds must present a signed Inova Blood Donor Services
Parental/Guardian consent form to donate blood.*

For safety reasons, children are not allowed in the Bloodmobile.



Photo ID required.
Allow one hour for donor visit.

1-866-BLOODSAVES
(1-866-256-6372)
www.inova.org/donateblood

NAVY PTO

Newsletter Information

Would you like to see your
information printed in the next edition of the
newsletter? Just

send your articles/pictures by

February 5th to Kelly Eyer

NavyNewsES@gmail.com. Editing

for space/content may occur.

Thanks for contributing!



*Important
DATE!*

PTO Meeting Reminder:
February 2nd
7 pm
Media Center

10 Secrets to A Stress-Free Home & School Workshop for Parents & Teachers



Thursday, February 18, 2010
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Navy Elementary School
3500 W. Ox Road / Fairfax, VA 22033

- ✓ **Create a calm home—eliminate yelling and arguing.**
- ✓ **Improve focus, attention and behavior in school.**
- ✓ **Create stress-free mornings and homework time.**
- ✓ **Relieve anxiety, meltdowns and sensory issues.**
- ✓ **Eliminate defiance and disrespect.**

Join us for a humorous, practical workshop with nationally-recognized expert Kirk Martin, who has trained over 75,000 parents and teachers. Helpful in reducing anxiety and stress in all families, including those with special needs.

The Workshop is FREE to the community. Bring friends and neighbors—we'll have a great time, have several "Ah-hah" moments and leave with a dozen practical tools that will help immediately. **Visit www.CelebrateCALM.com to learn more.**

RSVP to LRShepherd@cox.net by February 4 in order to attend. Space is limited. This event is sponsored by Navy PTO.

NAVY PTO SKATE NIGHT...

It's this week!!!

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF SKATING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH**

5:00-9:00PM

RESTON TOWN CENTER

ICE RINK

**\$3 OF EACH \$10 SKATING FEE WILL
GO RIGHT BACK TO NAVY! (Stop by
the Navy PTO table next to the rink to
get a ticket)**

WE WILL ALSO HAVE HOT
CHOCOLATE, COOKIES AND GLOW
NECKLACES ON SALE FOR
\$1 EACH!

**THERE'S NO SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY, SO
STAY AS LONG AS YOU'D LIKE AND HAVE
FUN!!!**



Hope to see you there

January 2010

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31	1 Student Holiday — No School					

- January 25—
INOVA/Navy ES
Blood Drive
8am -2pm
4pm-8pm
- January 28—Skate
Night @ Reston Ice
Rink 5pm-9pm
2nd Marking
Period Ends
- January 29-
Student Holiday-
No School
- February 1-
Student Holiday-
No School
- February 18-
PTO Workshop
7pm Navy ES

