
WOLFTRAP

A THOUGHT-FULL
SCHOOL

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Dates to Remember

5/20	Spring Chorus Concert 7PM	6/1	PTA Meeting
5/24	Presidential Award Reception	6/4	Grade 1 Worm Play 2PM
	SCA Breakfast 8:30AM	6/8	Grade 6 Musical 7PM
5/26	Last Chess Club Meeting	6/9	Grade 1 Author Celebration
5/27	Grade 3 Butterfly Bonanza	6/10	Grade 4 Biography Showcase 2:15
5/28	Spirit Day— Twin Day	6/11	Grade 4 Renaissance Faire
	2 Hour Early Dismissal	6/14	Field Day Grades K-3
5/31	Memorial Day Holiday	6/15	Field Day Grades 4-6

May 2010

Dear Community,

As special occasions occur throughout the year, each one provides me with time to think back on how I celebrated these days as a child, as a young adult, and now as the mother of three grown children. Mother's Day was yesterday and it brought back so many memories.

As a child, I remember doing the very traditional thing of making my mother breakfast in bed. As a young mother, I realized that my mom had probably been up for hours and prepared the meal which my father tried to pass off as a breakfast he made for us to serve her. I know this because I did the same thing several times.

As a young mother, living far away from my mother, I sent cards and flowers and had our children make pictures to send to their Grandma and their Nana. When we lived overseas, it was one of the few times we actually called back to the States and talked with my mom. Phone calls were expensive and were saved for only the most special of times and Mother's Day was at the top of my list.

This year I celebrated Mother's Day in a most amazing way and it will be a memory I will savor for a very long time. My oldest daughter, Jenn, and I ran a half-marathon together for the first time. We had been training for quite a while and were ready for the day. When I say I will remember this day it is not the race itself or the time we made, although I am proud of our time at 2 hours 23 minutes.

What I will remember about this day is the fact my daughter asked me many months ago about doing this together. For many Saturdays leading up to this race, we got together and ran and talked and shared thoughts and questions about "being a mom." I honestly do not remember having times like this with my mom. My daughter is that rare blend of an understanding military wife knowing her husband's job comes first right now and the most caring and dedicated mother of two young children. So much falls on her shoulders but as we have run and talked, I have come to learn what a strong young woman she has become.

What happened to the little girl who refused to wear dresses or anything pink or purple? What happened to the teenager who had a wicked serve in volleyball? What happened to the young professional juggling a full time job and graduate school? She is here. She is grown up and she still wants to spend time with her mother. I am the luckiest of all moms!

As young parents you are living in the best of times with so many activities to share with your sons and daughters. As I visit with our students, I hear about these parent and child activities ...sporting events, dance classes, chess opportunities, drama programs, and outdoor adventures to name just a few. And recently, one parent shared that she and her daughter are taking Zumba classes together. Wow, what fun! Enjoy all of these times because they are so very special. And if you are lucky, like I know I have been lucky, in 30 years or so, your children will still want to spend time with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anita Blain
Principal

MOVING or CHANGING SCHOOLS?????

If your child's plans to return to Wolftrap ES change over the summer, please notify the school as soon as possible. Call the office at 703-319-7300 or email Dr. Blain at AOBlain@fcps.edu.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Just a reminder that the last day of school is on June 24. Students will be dismissed early, after our annual (invitation only) awards ceremony. If your family will not be here on the last day of school, you must come to the school after the 24th to pick up report cards and all of the odds and ends from your child's desk along with art projects, supplies, etc. If you wish the report card only to be mailed to you please provide a stamped self addressed envelope to your teacher.

Missing Dishes??

Please be sure to pick up your dishes from the wonderful PTA luncheons. There are MANY serving dishes, utensils, etc in the teachers' lounge waiting to be taken home again. Please be sure to pick them up before the last day of school. They will be disposed of after that day.

Next Year's Classes

If you wish to inform Dr. Blain of any special considerations regarding your child as class lists are being created, please be sure to do so in writing prior to July 1. Parents may not request a specific teacher but any information which would assist in the correct placement of your child will be carefully considered.

Spring String Things

The String Program at Wolfrap Elementary School is an exciting and challenging opportunity open to all 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Learning to play an instrument for one's own pleasure is a lifelong gift that can begin right here at Wolfrap. Students begin with learning basic techniques and finish the 6th grade as accomplished young musicians. Please be looking for registration information to come home with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders prior to the end of the school year to register for classes in 2010-2011. There is also a great opportunity to get a head start or advance student playing skills this summer at Vienna Summer Strings held at Oakton HS. If you are interested please email me at hjacovissi@fcps.edu and I will send you the registration information. I look forward to meeting many new budding musicians this spring and next fall!

There are also extra opportunities for students who would like an additional challenge or enrichment. Some of our Wolfrap string students have recently participated in Solo and Ensemble Festival at Rachel Carson Middle School. These dedicated young musicians along with hundreds of others from our county went above and beyond and learned to perform as a soloist, duet, or trio in front of a judge to earn performance ratings. Wolfrap's performers did an outstanding job and will be earning medals and certificates at our spring concert!

All Wolfrap string students have been very busy this spring. Currently, all our students just finished preparing for our Annual Spring Concert that was held on May 11th at 7:00 pm. The students performed music from around the world to explore the music of other cultures as well as our own. Some of the cultures and countries represented included Germany, Italy, Russia, Scotland, and of course the U.S.A! Congratulations to all our Spring Concert performers!