

Eating at Wolftrap

- **Lunch.** At our school, you can bring a lunch or buy a lunch. At the beginning of the school year, your 1st through 6th grader will be assigned a number. Through a website or by writing a check to Wolftrap Elementary, you can put money on their account so they can purchase lunches. Lunch attendants will give a sticker to your child to let you know when their balance is low and needs to be replenished. For payment options and more information, please see www.myLunchMoney.com. At this site, you can also see what your child has purchased for lunch in the past.
- **Daily Snack.** Students are encouraged to bring a healthy, nutritious snack for the classroom.

Health of your Child

- **Sick or Late Child.** Wolftrap uses an attendance line (703-319-7373) for absences and tardiness. You must call this number and leave a message if a child is going to be absent or late.
- **Health Room (Clinic).** Wolftrap has an on-site health room (clinic) staffed by a school health aide. If your child is using medication that must be taken during the school day, you must contact the health aide and follow the rules established by the Fairfax County School Board.

Parking at Wolftrap

- **Parking.** Parking around Wolftrap is limited, so you will need to park on the streets surrounding the school for some events. Please be respectful of your neighbors by not blocking their driveways and pay close attention to the “No Parking” signs.

Yearly Calendar Including PTA Fundraisers

August
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Open House: Generally held the Friday before school starts in September. Class lists are posted near the classroom doors. Parents and students have an opportunity to meet with their new classroom teachers. In the cafeteria, you may deposit money into your child’s lunch account by writing a check to Wolftrap Elementary. Parents are also notified of class assignment by mail, usually Wednesday of the same week, at their home address.
September
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Friends of Wolftrap: An opportunity to give a tax-deductible contribution to our school.▪ Back to School Night: An evening event for parents to become more familiar with their child’s classroom and teacher. School administration and PTA will have a brief introductory video. Teachers will give an overview of the school year. Parents can sign up for conferences, field trips, and volunteer opportunities. The evening is divided into two sessions to permit parents with more than one child to meet each of their children’s teachers.▪ New Family Coffee: A casual opportunity for new families to meet with school administration, PTA officers, and other new families. Information is presented and a question-and-answer period follows. This is highly recommended to become more familiar with the school.

October

- **Kindergarten Harvest Celebration:** Harvest party for the Kindergarten class, complete with games, art and “hoedown” fun, with parent participation.
- **Pizza Bingo Night:** Families preorder pizza and enjoy their meal with other Wolftrap families. Following dinner, a game of bingo is held in the cafeteria. Small prizes can be won.
- **Health Room Screening:** Hearing and vision testing for kindergarten and 3rd grades.
- **Fall Pictures:** A contract photographer will take individual portraits of the children for you and the yearbook.

November

- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Parents have a 15-minute period to meet with their child’s teacher to exchange information about the child’s progress. Throughout the school year, you can request additional conferences.
- **Fall Book Fair:** An opportunity for children to preview and purchase books. Money earned from the book fair is used to purchase items for the library.
- **Thanksgiving Lunches and Classroom Open House:** The school offers an open house opportunity for parents to share time with their children in the classroom. Open house begins 45 minutes before your child’s scheduled Thanksgiving lunch – the first 30 minutes is in the classroom with a 15-minute transition time for parents to purchase their lunches. This is a unique opportunity for parents to enjoy a special meal with their child. Volunteers are also needed to help serve meals.
- **50/90 Dinner:** An event where 6th grade students serve a meal to the 50/90 club (a seniors club that meets at the Vienna Community Center) that 6th grade parents prepare and donate.

December

- **Colonial Days:** This event recreates colonial life for the 4th grade. Students and parents dress in colonial garb, participate in colonial activities, and share a colonial meal.
- **Winter Parties:** Celebrated at each grade level, organized by room parents.
- **Winter Concert:** Opportunity to showcase the talents of our school band, orchestra, and chorus. May take place in December or January in the gymnasium.

January/February

- **Family Skate Night:** Wolftrap families gather for a night at the ice rink. May take place in January or February and is usually at Reston Skate Quest.
- **Talent Show:** Wolftrap students have a chance to perform for their school and community. May take place in January or February at a local high school auditorium.

March

- **5K Run/Family Fun Run:** The 5K Run is a community event that encourages exercise and a healthy lifestyle. The race begins and ends at the school. May take place in March or April.
- **Spring Pictures:** A contract photographer will take a class photo.
- **Edison Exposition:** Student exposition of original inventions and experimental projects. Information is sent home in February to help students organize their work. Non-competitive, open to all students. May take place in March or April.

April

- **Ancient Civilizations Day:** Wolftrap’s 3rd graders celebrate four ancient cultures with parent participation. For one morning, each third grade classroom is decorated as either China, Egypt, Greece, or Rome. Parents bring in food from that country and provide two crafts. Each student dresses in costume for one of the countries above.
- **Spring Concert:** Opportunity to showcase the further progress of our school band, orchestra and chorus in the gymnasium.
- **World Heritage Night:** Wolftrap families and staff share and celebrate customs, foods, history and cultures of the diverse international heritages of our school. Exhibits and live entertainment are provided by the families for the families. Takes place every other year.

May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Worm Musical: The 1st graders star and sing in a unique show, showcasing their study of earthworms, for their parents. ▪ Field Day: Organized by the PE department with fun athletic games promoting sportsmanship and cooperation. ▪ Volunteer Breakfast: A time to appreciate volunteers and their contributions.
June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Renaissance Faire: Day-long event that recreates the Renaissance period for our 5th grade. Parents and students dress in costume and participate in special activities as well as share in a feast. ▪ 6th Grade Breakfast: A special celebration for the 6th grade students and parents hosted by the school and PTA in honor of graduation from elementary school. ▪ End of Year Picnic: Room parents for each grade level organize end of year picnics at Wolftrap Elementary grounds or at Glyndon Park.

Additional PTA Supported Activities

- **After School Enrichment Programs:** In the fall and the spring, the PTA offers many after school programs for students. For eight weeks, students can take classes in drama, movie making, sports, cooking, strategy games and many others.
- **Educational Rebate Program:** These programs collect Box Tops, Campbells labels, and Tysons A+ labels to provide additional revenue and resources for the PTA.
- **Chess Club:** The chess club offers students after-school instruction at various levels and an opportunity to participate in tournaments. The club has two sessions per year: spring and winter. Open to 2nd – 6th grades.
- **Cultural Art Assemblies:** Provides musical, artistic, and science-based programs, which enrich the educational curriculum.
- **Girls on the Run:** An after school program that trains girls in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades to run a 5K. The program educates and prepares the girls for a lifetime of self-confidence and healthy living.
- **GRACE Art:** A PTA art program that supplements and enriches Wolftrap’s art education. Sponsored by the Greater Reston Arts Center. Once a month October through March, parent docents visit your child’s classroom to discuss an artist and make a art project following that artist’s principles.
- **Growing Together Gardens:** A landscaping program that enhances the visual beauty of our school grounds as well as create an outdoor learning environment for our children.
- **Madison and Marshall Coalition:** Parent representatives from Wolftrap Elementary attend community action group meetings, which are held at the Vienna Community Center and inform Wolftrap parents about programs at Madison High School and Marshall High School.
- **Reflections:** A PTA sponsored competition that encourages children to explore their artistic talents. Students may submit works of art in four areas: literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts.
- **School Sportswear Sales:** An opportunity for students to purchase sportswear with our school’s logo.
- **Strategies Lab:** A very popular and fun center dedicated to promoting strategic and analytical thinking through the use of age appropriate games, puzzles, and creative materials. Once a month, each teacher takes their class to the strategies lab where parent volunteers teach the children new educational games. Examples of games are Quarto, Corridor, Rush Hour, and many others.

- **Teacher Appreciation:** Room parents from different grade levels organize a special appreciation lunch for teachers. Parent volunteers provide food such as salad and fruit. In addition, the PTA provides a small gift and a card on teacher and staff birthdays.
- **Used Book Drive:** Books are collected for classroom libraries and/or for community outreach programs.
- **Welcoming Committee:** A resource to new families in the community that pairs new families with mentoring families that can assist in the transition to Wolftrap Elementary.
- **Wolftrap Directory:** A PTA sponsored booklet that includes addresses and phone numbers of Wolftrap families. One free copy is provided with each parent that joins the PTA.
- **World Heritage Night:** A fun evening that allows our community to celebrate our international diversity.
- **Yearbook:** A year of Wolftrap events and class memories book is produced for and including all Wolftrap students.

Other Opportunities

- **Band:** School sponsored activity organized by the band instructor for 5th and 6th graders.
- **Chorus:** School sponsored activity organized by the music teacher for students in 5th and 6th grades.
- **Odyssey of the Mind:** An after school activity for children to develop creative thinking and problem-solving skills, practice cooperation, gain self-respect, and understand and appreciate their peers by working on team projects.
- **Orchestra:** School-sponsored activity organized by the orchestra instructor for students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades.
- **Recycling Program:** SCA sponsors recycling of cell phones that you can bring to the office and other various school-wide recycling efforts.
- **Safety Patrol:** School sponsored activity in conjunction with the Fairfax County Police Department to instruct, direct, and support students in a school based traffic safety program. Administered by our PE teachers. Available for 5th and 6th grades students with training at the end of 4th grade.
- **Student Council Association (SCA):** School counselors facilitate a yearly election of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and historian. Elections are open to 4th and 5th grade students. Representatives from each class in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades are chosen in the fall.
- **WTRP News Program:** Each morning, 5th, 6th graders, and Dr. Blain broadcast news and announcements over television that is shown in each classroom.

Parent Volunteer Positions*

- **Art Aide:** Parents can assist the art teacher in getting supplies or preparing materials for special projects.
- **Classroom Aide:** Opportunity to work in the classroom under the direction of the teacher and help individual students or a group of students with language arts, math, or computer skills. There
- **Health Room (Clinic) Aide:** Parents can assist the school health room aide with caring for the needs of individual children.
- **Chaperones:** Parents can volunteer as chaperones for field trips, or help coordinate trips with the classroom teacher.
- **Library Aide:** Parents can assist in the operation of the computerized circulation system, help students and staff check material in and out of the library, enter data for new material, shelve materials and assist students in finding material.
- **On-Call Aide:** Parents assist when short-term jobs arise during the school year.

- **Room Parent Program:** Room parents assist their child's teacher with class parties and organizing volunteers for field trips, special class projects, and other activities.
- *please note: Back to School Night is the best time to sign up for these opportunities.
Alternatively, please contact the PTA if you are interested in helping out with one of these.

Information/Resources

- ***Fairfax Public Schools Handbook:*** Distributed when students enroll.
- ***Family Gram:*** Newsletter prepared by Fairfax County Public Schools and distributed in your email.
- ***The Howler:*** Wolftrap PTA newsletter distributed monthly in email and on the website.
- ***Wolftrap: A Thoughtful School:*** Our principal's monthly newsletter is on the PTA website.
- ***Wolftrap Elementary School Directory:*** Distributed when you join the PTA.