

THE WOLFTRAP CONNECTION



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Upcoming Events

November 15-19 - Book Fair

November 17 - Walking Wednesday

November 18 - Volunteer for Teacher Support Team

November 24-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday



November 2021							October '21	December '21	January '22																		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Student Holiday	2 Student Holiday	3 Walking Wednesday PTA Meeting (7 pm)	4	5 Reflection Deadline Vets Wall of Honor Sk Fun Run Social	6			1	2				5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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28 Hanukkah begins	29	30																									

Message from Dr. Grove



Dear Wolftrap Families,

I am so thankful for all of our wonderful staff at Wolftrap and our community members. Thanks again to Ms. Andrea Dahl, who organized our display to honor Veterans in our cafeteria. I tweeted out pictures earlier in the week.

WELCOME! We have the opportunity to welcome some new staff to Wolftrap. Ms. Pervin Karaca is joining our

team as an Instructional Assistant, and Ms. Tina Delis will be joining us as a monitor and an additional manager for our Covid 19 protocols. Welcome to both ladies!

TENT DINING: We intend to continue with dining in the tent, even if our temperatures dip a bit. We will keep an eye on the weather conditions. Please help our teachers by making sure students are dressed appropriately for outdoor dining. If you are not sure when your students eat in the tent (2-3-4 and 6th grades), please contact your child's teacher.

BOOK FAIR: Don't forget to see details below about our Book Fair from November 15-19th. It will look slightly different this year, due to Covid protocols, but I am happy that it is back in person! This leads me to. . . **LOST AND FOUND:** The items from Lost and Found have been organized in the front hallway for your perusal when you come in. Please help us by retrieving your items and checking your child's items at home to make sure his/her name is in the item. We will be donating any unclaimed items during Winter Break.

SAFETY at our arrival and dismissal: In continuing efforts to keep students safe at arrival and dismissal, I would like to remind families that students who are late should not come to the building alone. **If you are going to drop off students after 8:30, please accompany your student to the door to be admitted.** If students are late, they are likely coming to the building without any staff to supervise outside, so it is imperative that an adult make sure they get into the building safely.

COVID SCREENING INFORMATION: The testing at Wolftrap will start tomorrow, November 16th, for families who have given permission. The number of families who have given consent will determine how many students are tested. As always, please don't hesitate to contact the office with any questions. The FCPS website with information is linked [here](#).

LAST CHANCE!!! HONORING OUR EMPLOYEES! Nominations will close this week for the Outstanding Employee Awards! To submit a nomination, please complete the nomination through [this Google form link](#). The google form link has more information regarding the criteria for each of these awards. **The deadline to submit a nomination is Monday, November 22, 2021.**

TESTING UPDATE: iReady (ES): Fall reports will be published by grade level: grades 1-2 the week of November 8 and grades 3-6 the week of November 29- VGA (ES/MS): Fall letters will be mailed by mid-January. CogAT score reports are delivered to the AAP team in early December to supplement the screening portfolios submitted for December 15 referrals. Scores will be loaded into the Student Information System (SIS) student test history and ParentVue by early January. If you have any questions about testing results, please contact Ms. Lisa O'Donovan.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and I would like to wish all of you a wonderful break. To that end, I have communicated to the Wolftrap faculty the need to give our

students (and themselves) a respite from the daily grind of schoolwork during the Thanksgiving holiday. I have shared with the faculty to not assign homework or projects to be specifically done over the break.

This Thanksgiving all of us need the opportunity to spend time with our families and friends. We want our students to have the opportunity to catch a breath from schoolwork. We also want our teachers to decompress and put their lesson plan books and laptops away for a few days to enjoy time with their friends and family. Our goal is to have students and teachers return to school anxiety-free without the pressure of looming deadlines. This is a unified message that Madison pyramid principals send out three times during the year: Thanksgiving, Winter Break and Spring Break. Again, I wish you a happy and restful Thanksgiving holiday.

Warmly,

Dr. Maggie Grove
Principal



Fall is in full swing, and in this season of gratitude and giving, we want to announce that the Wolftrap PTA will be participating in a **Giving Tuesday campaign** from now until Nov. 30th. While the PTA is well-known for our events and programs, did you know the PTA has already funded the following at our school this year?

- *Over \$14,500* in educational resources for our students, including: Lexia; handwriting books; Scholastic materials; BrainPOP subscriptions; and NoRedInk software
- Pledged *over \$15,000* in funding for resources in teachers' classrooms, grade level funds, and teacher grants
- *Over \$5,000* in diverse and inclusive books that have gone directly into grade-level classrooms
- *\$3,500* in funding to our library, STEAM Lab, and reading specialist rooms for new resources/materials
- *Over \$1,500* in teacher recognition, such as catered meals, birthday gifts, and celebration/condolences

Help us continue to provide funding to our students, school, and teachers by making a year-end, tax-deductible contribution to our Friends of Wolftrap donation campaign. The Wolftrap Elementary School PTA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization with Tax ID # 54-1605215.

There is no need to wait until Nov. 30th, so feel free to donate today! Thank you to those who have already made a Friends of Wolftrap donation, and thanks in advance to those who participate in this Giving Tuesday campaign.

2021-2022 PTA Board:

Corrine Fields, President (president@wolftrappta.org)

Debbie Rhoda-Choate, President-Elect (presidentelect@wolftrappta.org)

Ashley Uhl, Secretary (secretary@wolftrappta.org)

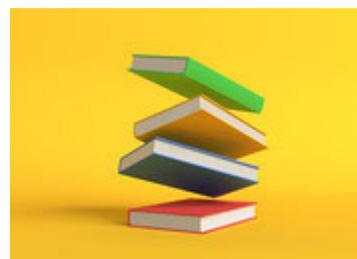
Laura Roper, Treasurer (treasurer@wolftrappta.org)

Book Fair Now Open!

Join us at the Book Fair!

November 15th – 19th

The Book Fair is back in person and in full swing! This is a fun event for the kids and an amazing fundraiser for our school – plus it's a great opportunity to purchase books around the holidays.



- **We still need volunteers - sign up [here](#) to help. Masks required.**
- **Sign up to visit the Book Fair with your family. Masks required for all in-person shopping at the school.**
- **Can't make it in person? Order [online](#) (now-December 1st)**

When you visit, be sure to ask for your child's typed and printed Wish List. Teachers also have a Wish List, so please consider donating to your child's classroom! We will label the books with your child's name so they can see their own names in the books.

For more information, please contact bookfair@wolftrappta.org.

Spotlight on Ms. O'Donovan



Welcome Ms. O'Donovan! Get to know our new Assistant Principal.

Tell us about yourself and your background in education.

I grew up in South Florida where I began teaching a VERY long time ago. I've taught 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades and spent some time as a Reading Specialist. I have always wanted to be a Principal so I've spent my years focused on gaining as much experience as possible to make me well rounded for this position.

What made you want to be Assistant Principal at Wolftrap Elementary?

I was thrilled to hear about the Assistant Principal opening at Wolftrap! I spent most of my years teaching in Region 1, live in Reston, and spend a lot of time in the Vienna community.

What is your favorite part about coming to Wolftrap every day?

I skip to work each day to see your children's smiling faces, get into classrooms, and build relationships with the staff and students. I have received such a warm welcome here at Wolftrap and have felt at home since day one. The students are friendly and polite and the teachers have an "All hands on deck" work ethic, which makes Wolftrap stand out from the rest. It is a true learning community.

As you look to the future, what are some of your top priorities and initiatives for Wolftrap?

I am still getting to know the history of the school community and look forward to working alongside Dr. Grove and the staff to create a new school Mission and Vision. Together we can build upon what is already in place here at Wolftrap.

Yearbook Cover Contest

Calling all 3rd-6th Graders! Show off your Wolfie Spirit by submitting original artwork for this year's Yearbook Cover Contest. The design must include:

- This year's theme: **The Pack is Back**
- School name: **Wolftrap Elementary**
- School year: **2021-2022**

Instructions: Entries are due by **Wednesday, December 15**. Use an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper oriented VERTICALLY. Any art medium may be used (crayons, paint, pastels, markers, etc.), but NO clip art, internet files, or copied work are allowed. Be

sure to fill all the space with **COLOR** and submit your art to the front office with your name, teacher, and grade on the back. Wolftrap Teachers and Staff will judge the entries, and runners up may also appear in the Yearbook!

Please keep sending photos and any questions to: yearbook@wolftrappta.org

Supporting our Teachers

Our wonderful teachers and school staff have been working tirelessly to keep our school running and our children safe. To recognize their ongoing efforts, the teacher appreciation committee will be organizing a monthly event for all teachers and staff. Each month will be sponsored by a different grade level.

This month, the **kindergarten families** will be contributing to a catered lunch for the teachers. To make this easy on parents, we are asking parents of kindergartners to contribute \$5-10 (or whatever you feel comfortable with) via Venmo to @michelle-scalise-5 or @wrosner by November 19th. If you have any questions or would like to contribute in another way, please contact mzscalise@gmail.com or wendy.l.rosner@gmail.com.

Lastly, we cannot thank the families of fourth graders enough for their amazing contributions to stocking the teacher lounge!

Thank you!



Veterans Day Wrap-Up



Thank you to all the men and women in our Wolftap community who have served in our military. It was wonderful to see our students' posters in honor of those in our community who have given so much for our country.

A special **thank you** to **Andrea Dahl** for all her hard work in making this project a success this year.

Pick Up and Drop Off Safety



Safety Reminder: Please do NOT drop off/pick up students along the school side of Talisman between Beulah and St. Roman.

For the safety of our Wolfrap students, please use the designated kiss and ride or park in permissible areas.

Party Updates

First Grade Party This Week!

Nov. 18 (rain date Nov. 19) at 1:30pm outdoors! Sign-up to volunteer [here](#).

Second Grade "Around the World" Recap

The second grade class had a great time rotating "around the world" through four stations at their party on the 11th.

- At the *Australia/Antarctica* station students played "Skippyroo Kangaroo" and participated in a penguin relay race.
- For the *Asia* station on the blacktop, Mount Kim leaders taught the kids some new martial arts skills.
- Mrs. Burdett led the *North America/Europe* Station where she photographed the kids in front of a green screen so it looked like they were interacting with famous landmarks.
- At the *Africa/South America* station kids made rain sticks out of paper towel tubes and assorted beans/rice/beads.

Two amazing parent volunteers captured the whole party on camera to commemorate the fun day. Thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers (including those who sent in supplies) who made this party a success!



Community Updates

Fairfax County Special Education PTA (SEPTA) Support Resources & Upcoming Events

SEPTA continues to provide great resources, events, and general links to support the FCPS community. All these opportunities are **FREE** unless noted. In most cases **you must register** if registration information is provided.

Check out our PTA website [here](#) for links or go directly to the SEPTA webpage [here](#).

Parent Resource Center



The FCPS Parent Resource Center (PRC) offers a welcoming and engaging environment for families, educators, and community members. They provide access to information and resources to support the success of all students, including those with learning challenges, special needs, and disabilities. You can find more information on the PRC [here](#).

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