

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 Wolfrap 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?

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

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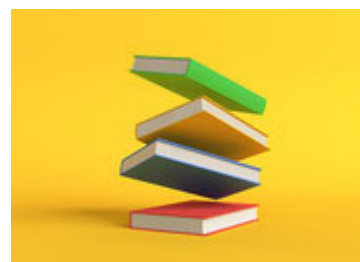
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Book Fair Now Open!

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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