

January 30, 2018

# The Wolftap Connection

A biweekly newsletter jointly published by the Wolftap Administration and PTA

## From the Principal

The month of January has flown by due to snow days, Martin Luther King holiday, and the school planning day and teacher workday. As you are aware, our 1st semester is quickly coming to a close and progress reports outlining your student's mastery of content standards will be distributed on February 6. Please take time to review these reports with your child, celebrate successes, and set goals for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

**STUDENT SAFETY:** An incident occurred almost two weeks ago that I would like to bring to your attention. One of our students was hit by a car after dismissal when attempting to cross Talisman Drive and St. Roman Drive. While fortunately the child was not injured when the car backed up into her, I share this incident with you to serve as yet another reminder of the importance of student safety while driving in the Wolftap neighborhood. It is reported to me that cars are frequently seen dropping off and picking up students on the public streets adjacent to school property. Our Kiss-n-Ride was specially designed by FCPS Safety and Security to ensure maximum student safety. Please slow down, use the Kiss-n-Ride appropriately, and always be mindful of students walking and biking. Parking in crosswalks or speeding down Talisman are frequent occurrences and I urge you to stop and think about what could happen if carelessness causes a preventable tragic accident.

**BUDGET:** Superintendent Scott Brabrand presented a \$2.9 billion Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget, with a focus on employee compensation, to the Fairfax County School Board at its business meeting on January 11. The FY 2019 Proposed Budget represents an increase of \$118.7 million, or 4.3 percent, over the FY 2018 Approved Budget. I highly encourage you to become informed about and involved in the budget process! Please see this site for detailed information: <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget>

**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:** We will hold this annual event on Friday, April 13 at 2:00 PM. Please stay tuned for more information.

**SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPRECIATION WEEK** (February 5-9, 2018): Please join me in thanking Mrs. May and Mrs. Johnson for the outstanding service they provide Wolftap students and their families!

I am looking forward to seeing our students' presentations at Edison Expo on January 31!

Sincerely,  
Teresa Khuluki  
Principal



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## OTHER HAPPENINGS

### Edison Expo

Wednesday, January 31 6:30-8:30  
in the cafeteria

### Walking Wednesday

Wednesday, February 7th

### Spirit Day - Crazy Hair

Friday, February 16th

### No School

Monday, February 19th

### Dining for Dollars- MOD Pizza

Thursday, February 22nd

## Greetings from the PTA

There will not be a PTA meeting during the month of February since the weather allowed us to meet in January. As always, if you have questions or need to contact the PTA Board for any reason, please send an email to [PTABoard@wolfrappta.org](mailto:PTABoard@wolfrappta.org). Our next PTA meeting will take place on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am in the Teachers Lounge.

### News and Upcoming PTA Events

**Fundraising:** We don't want Fundraising to be a lot of effort for our parents or students. That's why we've tried to simplify things by offering parents the opportunity to donate directly to the PTA through Friends of Wolfrap instead of having students go door-to-door selling various items.

We've reached 79% of our goal for Friends of Wolfrap this school year. Please consider donating so that we can continue to provide fun and educational programs and events for the school and students. You can make donations through the PTA website ([www.wolfrappta.org](http://www.wolfrappta.org)) by logging in and clicking on "My Account" or by writing a check to Wolfrap PTA (labeled Friends of Wolfrap) and sending it to the school with your student. FOW donations are 100% tax deductible. Families that donated to FOW in 2017 should have received a tax donation receipt from the PTA. Receipts were sent home with your child last week. If you have any questions about your 2017 donation, you can email [secretary@wolfrappta.org](mailto:secretary@wolfrappta.org).

**Technology:** As the first step in an ongoing strategy to support technology upgrades at Wolfrap the PTA joined with the school to purchase 100 new Netbooks, and are now being utilized for sixth grade use.

**6th Grade Service Project:** Thank you to everyone who donated at the Talent Show to Preemies Today. We collected over \$475!

**Beulah Road Safety Initiative:** Supervisor Catherine Hudgins and FCDOT will host a community meeting to discuss design updates on the Old Courthouse Road Realignment Project on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, in the cafeteria of Wolfrap Elementary School at 7 p.m. Meeting details: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/events/old-courthouse-2-1-18>.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Wolfrap Elementary School has a great presence on Twitter, managed by Mr. Campet. Follow the school [@WolfrapES](https://twitter.com/WolfrapES). The brand-new STEAM Lab has its own handle: [@WolfrapSTEAM](https://twitter.com/WolfrapSTEAM). Follow them for great photos of school day happenings!

The PTA has both a Facebook Page and a Facebook Group. Follow the page for information you might want to share with your neighbors and join us in the group for school-specific conversations. See you there!

## YOUR PTA BOARD

Michelle Ramos, president  
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## Safe Routes

Last Thursday (1/18), a 3rd grader leaving school with her mother and brother was bumped into by a vehicle backing up at the corner of Saint Roman & Talisman. Thankfully, she just had a bruise and was shaken up but this should have NEVER happened. The Safe Routes Committee implores parents and caregivers to remain 100% alert when on or near Wolftrap property, especially at drop off and pick up. Finally, please do not park or stop in the no parking zones along Talisman before or after school.

## Walking Wednesdays

Congratulations to the 3rd grade for their second consecutive Golden Sneaker Award. This was well deserved as both Walking Wednesdays in January were in the single digits or teens. Pictured below is 3rd grader Kaitlin Arnold accepting the award from Kinsley Wintermute and Marianne Lee. Walking Wednesdays will continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.



## Skate Night

14th Annual Family Fun Skate Night - February 24, 2018!

Location: SkateQuest, 1800 Michael Faraday Drive Reston, VA 20190

Looking to celebrate the end of cold weather? Want to enjoy a fun filled night with your family and friends? We have the ice rink reserved for Wolftrap's exclusive use along with the upper mezzanine area for dining.

Registration will be open online from January 30 - February 23, 2018. Login in to your PTA website account to register. Tickets include skate pass, skate rentals, glow stick, pizza and soda for \$15 before the event on PTA website, or \$20 at the door. (At the door only cash or check will be accepted). This event is a "fun" raiser for our school and we encourage everyone to skate. No minimum skating ability is required and everyone is welcome!

For more information and to help us with this event, contact [skatenight@wolftrappta.org](mailto:skatenight@wolftrappta.org).

## Dates for SOLs by grade level:

Grade 3: May 14 & 15 (Reading), May 24 (Math)

Grade 4: May 17 (Math), May 22 (VA History), May 30 & 31 (Reading)

Grade 5: May 9 (Reading), May 16 (Science), May 23 (Math)

Grade 6: May 10 (Reading), May 25 (Math)

## Kilmer Middle School Rising 7th Grader Curriculum Night

February 8, 6m (Snow date Feb 13) @ Kilmer Middle School.

Two additional information sessions will take place from 5:15-5:45 pm. Session topics include the Advanced Academic Level IV Program and ESOL services in Middle School.

In addition, Kilmer Middle School counselors will be visiting each feeder elementary school between January 30 – February 8 to speak with sixth grade students about the variety of course options in middle school, the course selection process, and provide the opportunity for students to ask questions about their upcoming transition. Course selection sheets will be sent home with your child immediately following curriculum night.

## 3rd Grade Project Based Learning Project

Town of Vienna mayor Laurie DiRocco has asked students to transform our town snow plows. Third grade teachers and Mrs. Mallino have given students this challenge: How can you, as a citizen of Vienna and graphic designer, turn a snow plow into a mobile canvas that advocates cultural awareness? This PBL (project based learning) opportunity will showcase authentic learning as students work together through all of the Portrait of a Graduate skills to create impressive designs with a catchy slogan. Chosen designs will be transformed into real paintings on snow plows in an effort to raise cultural awareness for our entire Vienna community. Mayor DiRocco hopes to showcase the snow plows in Vienna parades and events!

## Wolftrap Announcements

Thank you to the Wolftrap ES community for supporting Preemies Today, a local non-profit organization committed to helping families managing the early arrival of precious children. At the annual Talent Show on January 6, 2018, the sixth grade children announced an effort to support those who will come after them by initiating a collection at the end of the show. The collection yielded four hundred seventy seven dollars and change. These funds have been given to the Preemies Today organization, which is based in Fairfax. To learn more about the efforts of this organization, please visit <http://www.preemiestoday.org>.

## Box Tops Contest

The winter Box Tops Contest has begun! Place all Box Tops in a zip-lock bag and drop them off at the main office or "Feed the Wolf" in the front lobby. Don't forget to label the bag with your child's name and teacher's name in order for the Box Tops to be counted in the contest. The homeroom class that sends in the most Box Tops will win either extra recess time or a pajama day. The top individual contributor also will win a prize. Box Tops are due February 12. For a complete list of participating products, visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). The top individual contributor also will win a prize. For a complete list of participating products, visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

## STAFF BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|---------|
| Laura McBride    | Jan. 30 |
| Sharon Kassing   | Feb. 5  |
| Amy Beans        | Feb. 7  |
| Jessica Bennett  | Feb. 10 |
| Jan Buckner      | Feb. 11 |
| Joseph McClure   | Feb. 13 |
| Karen Dehoratiis | Feb. 13 |
| Annie Van Hilst  | Feb. 20 |



## Edison Expo, School Science Fair

Edison Expo - Wednesday January 31 from 6:30-8:00 PM

"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."  
Thomas Edison

The Wolftrap Elementary School Edison Expo will be held tomorrow - January 31 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Cafeteria. Join us as your fellow students showcase projects in Science, Technology, Engineering, Architecture, or Math. AoPS Academy and Stemtree will also be participating and have hands on activities for our students. If you would like to submit a project but missed the registration deadline, please email us at [edisonexpo@wolftrappta.org](mailto:edisonexpo@wolftrappta.org).

## RACE TO THE 5K

3, 2, 1....go! Mark your calendars for the **Wolftrap 5K/Fun Run**, a fun event for the whole community on **Sunday, April 8**. A big thank you to our title sponsor, **Garai Orthodontic Specialists**. This year's theme will be, "Running Through the Decades." Runners are encouraged to wear a costume from their favorite decade and prizes will be awarded to the best costumes!

### Sponsorship Opportunities!

**Calling All Wolftrap Family-Owned Businesses:** Sponsoring the Wolftrap 5K is a great way to show your support for the school while promoting your business to the Wolftrap community. **Does Your Child or Children Want to be on the Race T-Shirt?** Each year individual Wolftrap Families sponsor the race -- showing their school pride and earning the opportunity for their family name to appear on the official race t-shirt.

Sponsorship levels range from \$250 up to \$1,000, and are tax-deductible to both businesses and individual families. If your family or business is interested in being a race sponsor, please contact [funrun@wolftrappta.org](mailto:funrun@wolftrappta.org). Check the race page for continued event and sponsor updates ([https://wolftrappta.membershiptoolkit.com/5K\\_Fun\\_Run](https://wolftrappta.membershiptoolkit.com/5K_Fun_Run)).

## Yearbook Sales end March 9

Order yours direct through this link:

[http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1139749/Wolftrap-Elementary-School/Yearbook/20180111041604513160/CATALOG\\_SHOP/YB\\_BOOKS/Yearbook/20180111041604523160/](http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1139749/Wolftrap-Elementary-School/Yearbook/20180111041604513160/CATALOG_SHOP/YB_BOOKS/Yearbook/20180111041604523160/)

## STRATEGIES LAB

Attention Strategies Lab  
Volunteers.

### NEW INFORMATION

New directions and videos are now available for our January/February rotation. [Click here](#) for full details.

