

# THE WOLFTRAP CONNECTION



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# November 2021

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## Message from the Principal



Dear Wolftrap Families,

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of the first quarter! Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving are right around the corner, and our students and staff continue to work hard in classrooms across the building.

**SAFETY at our arrival and dismissal:** I sent out a message earlier last week about the accident that occurred in our crosswalk at Beulah. Our clinical staff has worked with any students who needed some extra support during this time. We continue to send our well wishes to these members of our Wolftrap family during this time. Please join me in respecting their privacy and keeping them in your thoughts.

Unfortunately, this brings me to a continuing challenge with having families use Talisman as a drop off and pick up point for students. If you plan to remain in your car to drop off your students, please use the Kiss and Ride lanes. If you are running late, it is also

appropriate to drop your students at Door One and escort them to the door. However, **PLEASE** do not drop off students at the corner of Wolftrap's sidewalk and Talisman (this is why we have cones along that corner). This blocks traffic on Talisman, and drivers are not prepared to have other cars stop there. We will be having increased adult supervision to remind drivers of this rule for student safety. Please help us with this effort. Thank you!

**Veteran's Day:** One of our parents, Ms. Andrea Dahl, has volunteered to continue her work with gathering photos to honor veterans in our families. Thank you, Ms. Dahl! You should have received a piece of cardstock from school, where you can post pictures to honor members of your family who have served in the military. Ms. Dahl will post these in our cafeteria for students to admire. This is always a treasured part of our Veteran's Day celebration. Students from Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops will be appearing on the news show to highlight Veteran's Day to our community. Additionally, Ms. Barker, our music teacher, has recorded students singing the songs that honor the various branches of the military. These will also be shared on the news show.

**Covid Screening Testing:** Families have reached out to me upon receiving information from FCPS about upcoming screening. This service will be provided by an outside vendor, and we are still preparing for this testing to commence. In order to streamline the process for families who have to register multiple students, FCPS has moved the start date for **all** student screening testing. Testing will begin on November 15<sup>th</sup>, **for those who have given consent**. Information will be forthcoming about how to preregister and provide consent for COVID-19 testing through a secure online portal shortly. Please know that we will communicate any information on this process as soon as we are able to give the details about how this testing impacts Wolftrap directly. As always, please don't hesitate to contact the office with any questions. The FCPS website with information is linked [here](#).

**HONORING OUR EMPLOYEES! I'm often asked how to honor a teacher or other employee at Wolftrap. . . now is your chance!!!** Nominations are now open for the Outstanding Employee Awards! To submit a nomination for a Wolftrap Elementary School Outstanding Employee in one of the categories below, please complete the nomination through [this Google form link](#). You may nominate one employee at our school or multiple employees (one individual may only nominate one employee per category.) The google form link has more information regarding the criteria for each of these awards and the eligibility requirements are below.

**The deadline to submit a nomination is November 22, 2021.** If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lisa Johnson at [ldjohnson4@fcps.edu](mailto:ldjohnson4@fcps.edu) Our counselor, Ms.

Johnson, is heading up this process, and we thank her for her work! Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to honor our amazing staff!

**Upcoming Religious and Cultural Observances:** This week, we celebrate Dia de los Muertos (November 1) and Diwali (November 4). Dia de los Muertos is an opportunity to remember and celebrate the lives of departed loved ones. Wolftrap hopes everyone who celebrates finds peace and happiness today. Diwali celebrations symbolize the victory of light over darkness. To everyone celebrating, we wish you a fun and festive Diwali!

**Progress Reports:** Instead of sending paper copies of progress reports home, parents can view/print their student's progress reports on [SIS ParentVue](#). First quarter progress reports will be available on November 6 at 6am. If you do not have a SIS ParentVue account, please email Caroline Kamel [ckamel@fcps.edu](mailto:ckamel@fcps.edu) for help.

Thank you for all that you do to support Wolftrap.

Warmly,

Dr. Maggie Grove  
Principal



It is hard to believe we are already into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter in the school year. We have a lot of wonderful events and programs being rolled out by the PTA between now and the holidays.

- Don't forget to have your student submit their Veterans Day poster so we can decorate the cafeteria in honor of our veterans.
- Mark your calendar for our annual Book Fair from Nov. 15-19 in our school library after school hours. We will also have an online Book Fair selection for you to shop.
- Our Original Works program has two groups of deadlines, depending on when your child was able to submit their artwork. Look for flyers coming home in your student's backpack.

Tonight we will host our first evening PTA meeting at 7pm. Please join us for PTA updates, including a presentation from our Safe Routes to Schools team who has advocated for many years for safety at the Talisman and Beulah intersection. Hear about the VDOT construction plans that have been approved and help our team with ideas for advocacy for continued pedestrian safety. We look forward to seeing you there.

**2021-2022 PTA Board:**

Corrine Fields, President ([president@wolftrappta.org](mailto:president@wolftrappta.org))

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## Spotlight On Dr. Maggie Grove



Get to know our new Principal, Dr. Grove!

**How long have you been at Wolftrap and in what capacity?**

I am beginning my tenth year at Wolftrap. I started in January of 2012, when I took over a fourth grade classroom. I taught fourth grade for 4 years after that. Then, I became the Advanced Academic Resource Teacher for 1 ½ years, before I was named the Assistant Principal in 2018.

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

The Wolftrap community is wonderful, helpful and caring. I have had the opportunity to teach Wolftrap students and work with their families, as well as help lead as part of the administrative team. It is truly a blessing to work with families and students in our school every day. I consider it a honor to lead this group of dedicated educators.

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

I DEFINITELY love seeing our students and their smiling eyes behind the masks. I also love being in classrooms to watch our staff work with students and hearing about what students are learning. I love quality time in the cafeteria, too!!

**When you look to the future of Wolftrap, what are your top priorities and initiatives?**

This year, our staff will begin creating our mission and vision statement to guide our work moving forward. My top priority is to continue the work to help each student realize his or her greatest potential to become communicators, collaborators, and critical and creative thinkers. I want to support all staff at Wolftrap, as each teacher uses a variety of materials and instruction that help all diverse learners find success. Further, we will continue to support the Portrait of a Graduate skills by providing activities that help students become ethical and global citizens, who are goal directed and resilient. This work includes all of us as a Wolftrap community, supporting each other. I am excited to begin this work together.

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## Virtual PTA Meeting Tonight

Our first evening virtual PTA meeting of the year will take place tonight, **Wednesday Nov. 3 at 7:00 pm**. Join us to hear updates from the PTA, a special presentation from our Safe Routes to School Team, and ways you can get involved.



[meet.google.com/pyy-bdoh-ifc](https://meet.google.com/pyy-bdoh-ifc)

[Join by phone](#)

(US) +1 516-268-6826 PIN: 721 151 877#

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## Veterans Day Wall of Valor



Please help us honor our Veterans! A Wall of Valor will be displayed in the cafeteria of the school to help students understand and acknowledge the Veterans in our school community. Students should have received a red, white, or blue blank piece of cardstock in their Friday folders for them to decorate and return to school.

Please have your child decorate the front of the card stock and return the completed poster to school by Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 so that we can decorate the cafeteria after school that Friday. We will continue to put up posters through Veterans Day, November 11th. The Wall of Valor posters will remain on display in the cafeteria through the month of November. We will return these posters and photographs to the students by the first week in

December.

Additional card stock is available in the front office should your child want to make several posters of Veteran family members for the Wall of Valor.

Don't forget to include your Student's Name, Grade and Teacher on the back of the poster and on any photographs.

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## Wolftrap 5k & Fun Run Volunteer Social Event Nov 5, 5pm

**Put it on your calendars for this Friday!**

The PTA is looking to rebuild our 5k committee which has been our largest committee in the past creating a tremendously fun event. **Come on Friday November 5th at 5pm for an outdoor adult social event** in the Clarks Glen Rd cul de sac (1907 Clarks Glen Pl, Vienna VA) to learn more about the 5k, enjoy light beverages, and even games! We can't do this without our volunteers. 5k & Fun Run volunteer activities start as early as December. Come learn, have fun, and be social! Please have a mask with you.



Immediate questions? Email [wolftrap5k@gmail.com](mailto:wolftrap5k@gmail.com).

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## Reflections Deadline Extended



Thanks to the Fairfax County PTA we are able to extend this year's Reflections deadline to **November 5th at 5PM**. [Click here for more information](#) and detailed contest rules. To submit your student's work, please click on the following link and complete the entry

form: <https://form.jotform.com/212535067093151>

Students may submit one entry in any single category or participate in multiple (or even all six) categories. Please fill out **a separate entry form** for each category your child enters. Contact [wendy.l.rosner@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.l.rosner@gmail.com) with any questions or for more information.



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## Original Works Online Orders

With COVID and quarantines impacting when our students completed their Original Works final projects, this year's program will have two sets of dates for ordering:

- 1st group Ordering time: 11/5 to 11/13
- 2nd group Ordering time: 11/19 to 12/15

Here you can see the full schedule for 2021:

[https://wolfttrappta.membershiptoolkit.com/Original\\_Works](https://wolfttrappta.membershiptoolkit.com/Original_Works)

This Friday 11/5, families in the 1st group will receive the Original Works "Dear Family Letters" with the custom flyers. Please check your child's Friday folder. These letters will provide individual online access codes for each family to access artwork in the Online Gallery and purchase products. We have wonderful keepsakes for gifts, like mugs, magnet sets, key chains and more.

Please place your order as soon as possible, following the ordering instructions here:

<https://store.originalworks.com/gallerylogin>

**Orders are due Saturday, November 13th.**



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## Return of Book Fair



We are so excited to be bringing Book Fair back to our Library! This year it will take place from 15-19 November. This is an amazing and fun event that is a fundraiser for our school as well and a great opportunity to purchase books around the holidays. Some things will be the same as in years past and some a bit different. A few key details below:

- Students will have a chance to add books to a typed and printed Wish List.
- Teachers will have a Wish List - please consider donating to your child's classroom! Books will be labeled for the teachers from your child so they can see their own names in the books!



-- Family Shopping at the Book Fair: We are limiting the amount of families who can come in and out. There are 30 minute intervals with a max of 10 families per timeframe. [Sign up here.](#)

-- **Volunteers still needed!** [Sign up here.](#)

For more information, please contact [bookfair@wolftrappta.org](mailto:bookfair@wolftrappta.org).

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## Teacher Support Team

**Let's help free up some tasks from our teachers and staff!** Volunteers are invited to the outdoor tent to help support our teachers with stuffing Friday folders, stapling/cutting/sorting projects, and other administrative tasks.



Our first opportunity will be on **Thursday, Nov. 18th from 2:00 to 3:00pm.** [Sign-up here to volunteer.](#)

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## Wolftrap Directory Is Live for PTA Members

The Wolftrap Directory is now live and accessible via our website and mobile application for Wolftrap PTA members!

Don't have the **Mobile App**? The Mobile App is a great addition to our PTA suite of tools augmenting our existing website. Download today on [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). Login using your Wolftrap PTA website login.

**Can I still join the PTA and get access to the directory?** Yes! [Join the PTA](#) for only \$25 on our website and you will automatically gain access to the directory.

**Can I still update my directory information?** Yes, login to the website to update your account [here](#). Any information not updated by Nov 3rd will be printed as is in the physical directory going out later in November.

Questions? Email [webmaster@wolftrappta.org](mailto:webmaster@wolftrappta.org)

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# Yearbook Photos



**Photo Reminder to All Parents** - Thank you for all the wonderful photos you've sent so far to the Yearbook email: [yearbook@wolfrappta.org](mailto:yearbook@wolfrappta.org). They do a great job to capture all of our fun events and memories throughout the year, and we will continue to collect them for the next few months.

Please remember to **include your child's/children's name, teacher, and grade level** to help us place them on the right class pages!

All pictures are welcome, and don't forget pictures of your child doing things like playing instruments, enjoying extracurriculars, recess, lunch, etc. We'd love to get a few more from:

- \* Virtual Family Science Night
- \* Wear Orange Unity Day
- \* Original Works artwork or Reflections projects
- \* Walking Wednesdays

Remember to capture upcoming events or any school work your child would like highlighted!

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## Walking Wednesdays

Thanks to all the walkers and bikers who participate in Walking Wednesday!

**Parent volunteers are needed** to help check students in on Wednesday morning from 8:00-8:30am so we can determine a Golden Sneaker winner. [Sign-up here to help.](#)



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## Kindergarten Fall Party 2021

The Kindergartners had an outdoor Fall party on October 28th, which turned out to be a beautiful sunny day for a party! Each class rotated through four different stations. They went through an obstacle course and had a mini field day with an "eyeball" on spoon race, a sack race and a "candy-corn" ring toss. At the STEM station they made "blow-up ghosts" by inflating balloons by mixing vinegar and baking soda and they also made candy structures using gummy candy and toothpicks. Finally at the craft station they made popsicle stick pumpkin door hangers and lollipop ghosts. The kids all seemed to have a great time! Thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers who made this fun day possible!



## 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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