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# The Wolftrap Connection

A biweekly newsletter jointly published by the Wolftrap Administration and PTA

## From the Principal

Dear Wolftrap Families:

I hope that you had a wonderful winter break! The two weeks went by quickly but I hope it was filled with laughter and fun as well as some much deserved relaxation. Welcome to 2018!

I am very pleased to share the results of the Outstanding Staff nomination process. As you all know, we have a truly amazing staff here at Wolftrap, and the FCPS recognition process is one way to highlight that fact. Thank you to all the parents and staff who took the time to submit nominations. After careful deliberation, the awards selection committee of Wolftrap staff and parents has selected Samira Newman as this year's winner in the Outstanding Teacher category and Donna Orasin as this year's winner in the Outstanding Support Staff category. Nomination packets will be sent forward to the Region level, and all school-based winners will be recognized at the FCPS Honors event in June. I know you will join me in congratulating Ms. Newman and Ms. Orasin for this well-deserved recognition!

**MONTHLY UPDATES:** Please take a few moments to read the January updates from our grade level teams and each of our specialists: [Monthly Updates](#).

**RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBORS:** If you allow your child to play after school on the side lawn near Talisman Drive, please speak with your child about the proper areas in which they are allowed to play. A tree had to be removed which was broken by children climbing and now the neighbor's bushes are being trampled. Additionally, please be mindful of parking in the neighborhood so that you are not blocking driveways or making it difficult for people to access their homes. I appreciate your support in making sure that we are good neighbors!

**COLD WEATHER:** Thank you for sending your children to school appropriately dressed for the cold temperatures. This is especially important as students still go outside for recess despite the cold weather.

Sincerely,

Teresa Khuluki  
Principal



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## OTHER HAPPENINGS

**Walking Wednesdays**  
Wednesday, January 3rd

**GRACE Art Docent Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 3rd, 8:45 am

**Talent Show**  
Saturday, January 6th, 6 pm

**Monthly PTA Meeting**  
Thursday, January 11th, 7 pm

**Donuts for Dads**  
Friday, January 12th, 8 am

**Student Holiday**  
Monday, January 15th

## Greetings from the PTA

Welcome to 2018! We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break with family and friends!

First, while we said a sad goodbye to our long term substitute teacher Ms. Perez at the end of December, we're so happy to welcome back Ms. Harlan... her fourth graders are super excited to see her again!

Second, in case you missed it, FCPS announced its calendar for 2018 - 2019 in December. Check out the new [Calendar](#) as you start planning your summer vacations!

Third, the PTA is jumping right back to work in the new year. Our January meeting is coming up next week, Thursday January 11th in the EVENING. Please join us as we continue to talk about upcoming needs and wants. At our December meeting, we voted to help fund the purchase of 100 new ProBooks for use in the 6th grade classrooms, and are excited that those new computers will be available within the month for the students! Discussing the school's ongoing technology needs will continue to be a part of our PTA meetings agendas throughout the spring, so join the conversation!

We also expect to start highlighting some volunteer openings in the coming weeks and months, but if you have any questions about how you might be able to help in the meantime, please reach out to [volunteer@wolftrappta.org](mailto:volunteer@wolftrappta.org).

Lastly, keep in mind if you intend to submit an AAP referral form that the deadline is January 12th, NO EXCEPTIONS. Likewise, NO EXCEPTIONS to the January 15th deadline to register your child for PTA sponsored after school programs. For more information on available program guide on page 5.

## Wolftrap Talent Show

The Wolftrap Talent Show is coming up!

It will be held at Madison High School on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Come see your classmates and teachers sing, dance and play their favorite instruments.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Wolftrap Elementary School has a great presence on Twitter, managed by Mr. Carpet. Follow the school [@WolftrapES](#). The brand-new STEAM Lab has its own handle: [@WolftrapSTEAM](#). 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 [president@wolftrappta.org](mailto:president@wolftrappta.org)
- Sarah Helou, president-elect [President-elect@wolftrappta.org](mailto:President-elect@wolftrappta.org)
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- Lori Bowlin, treasurer [treasurer@wolftrappta.org](mailto:treasurer@wolftrappta.org)

## VOLUNTEER

The PTA can't run without your support



Please [view the PTA flyer](#) to see where we could really use extra hands.

## The Wolftrap Staff was overwhelmed by the generosity of families! Below are a just a sample of the heartfelt notes of appreciation for the many holiday gifts:

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for the generous gift! I really enjoy working with all of your children every day. I could not do my job without all of your help and support! Enjoy this time with your friends and family!

Happy Holidays!

Love, Lydia Cubbage

Dear Wolftrap Families,

Thank you so much for the generous gift. It is truly appreciated!

Sincerely, Carolyn Barker

Thank you so much for your contribution towards the generous class gift. I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened up the card...WOW! You are so thoughtful! You make me feel special. I will enjoy a shopping spree sometime soon, and will use some of the money for a special family event. You really spoiled me; thanks for thinking of me during the holiday season.

Cynthia Bush

Dear Wolftrap families and PTA,

Thank you so much for your beyond generous holiday gift! As my first year at Wolftrap continues, I am grateful daily for the kindness, generosity and acceptance that Wolftrap's parents, staff and students show and am honored to be considered part of the Wolftrap family.

Thank you again, Tracy Farrington

Dear Wolftrap friends and families,

Thank you so much for thinking of me with a generous holiday gift. I so appreciate the thought and all that you do to support teachers here at Wolftrap. One of the many reasons that Wolftrap is such a great place to work is because of the caring and supportive community. Thank you again, and Happy New Year!

Dr. Maggie Grove

Thank you so much for the generous gift!!! The transition to Wolftrap has been very welcoming and I have enjoyed getting to know the families. Thank you for everything you do for the school and making a new teacher at Wolftrap feel at home!

Thanks, Ellen Mek

## ADVANCED ACADEMICS

### REFERRAL FORM DEADLINE

The deadline date for referral forms is **January 12, 2018**, NO EXCEPTIONS. This is when the Advanced Academic Programs Level IV Referral Form and optional materials for students in grade 2, who are not in pool, and students in grades 3–6, are due to Dr. Grove at Wolftrap.

### Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 -

DUE: Level IV Referral form and optional materials for students in grade 2 who are not in pool and students in grades 3-6.

### SPRING 2018 TIMELINE

Due to the tight timeframe, do not wait for test information to submit a referral if you would like your student screened. No exceptions to the referral deadline are made.

Visit the homepage of the [Wolftrap Elementary School](#) site for the full timeline.



## Wolftrap PTA Sponsored After School Programs - Winter 2018

Sign up for after school activities this year! Registration will open on **Friday, December 15 at 7:00 a.m.**, at <http://www.wolftrappta.org> and will close on **Monday, January 15 at 11:59 p.m.**. On the site, you'll also find a full list of policies for registration and classes, along with a full description of each class. A brochure of class listings will also be located on the PTA webpage at [www.wolftrappta.org](http://www.wolftrappta.org). Make-ups will be held for winter cancellations. Financial scholarships are available. Please contact Ms. May at [lumay@cps.edu](mailto:lumay@cps.edu) for more information.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
No class Feb 19, Mar 26, Apr 2, pr 16  3:25-4:25pm: Feb 5 – Apr 23  -3: Lego Club 148: Play Well  -6: Glow Lights Dance Party 108: Kids in Motion  -6: Watercolor Painting 165: Ms. Kassing  -6: Creative Writing 145: Ms. Pam Kondé  -6: Service Learning 145: Ms. Newman	No class Mar 27  3:25-4:25pm: Feb 6 – Apr 3  4-6: Read and Bead \$135: Ms. Burdett  K-5: Art Brains \$180: Art Brains  K-2: Sports Spectacular \$110: Overtime Athletics  1-6: Robotics \$194: Stemtree  3:25-4:55 pm: Feb 6 – Apr 17  K-4: Spanish Immersion \$240: VIP Kids International	No class Mar 28  3:25-4:25pm: Feb 7 – Apr 4  3-6: Basketball \$110: Overtime Athletics  K-3: Tiny Chefs: Round 'Em Up \$206: Tiny Chefs  3-6: Keyboarding \$115: Ms. Stubbs  3:25-4:25 pm: Feb 7 – Apr 18  1-6: Chess Club \$160 Silver Knights Chess	No class Mar 29  3:25-4:25 pm: Feb 8 – Apr 5  K-6: Jazz/Pom \$115: Adrenaline  3-6: Website Design \$150: STEM exCEL  1-6: Minecraft Medieval Times \$169: Steamium Education  K-2: Broadway Kids \$132: Encore	No class Mar 30  3:25-4:25 pm: Feb 9 – Apr 6  5-6: Alice Programming Part 2 \$115: Ms. Kassing  K-6: Running Club \$108: Kids in Motion  K-3: Picasso \$148: YMM Art Space  3:25-4:40 pm: Feb 9 – Apr 6  3-6: Filmmaking \$190: Fairfax Collegiate

## Winter After School Programs

Registration opened on Friday, December 15 and ends Monday, January 15 at 11:59 pm. Classes cannot accommodate new students once the class has begun. All registrations must be completed ONLINE at the [PTA website](#). No late registrations will be available in this session. Please note the change.

- **After School Program Brochure**

To learn more about the program and processes the full After School Programs brochure can be found [here](#).

- **Flyer of Programs**

To access the flyer of program options, click [here](#).

## 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.

## Edison Expo, School Science Fair

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

-Thomas Edison

The Wolftrap Elementary School Edison Expo will be held January 31st from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Wolftrap Cafeteria. The Edison Expo offers all students K-6 and opportunity to showcase a project in Science, Technology, Engineering, Architecture, or Math. Students can work independently or as a group. Volunteer scientists and engineers will attend to discuss projects with the students!

Check out resources for getting started and project ideas on the Edison Expo page ([https://wolftrappta.membershiptoolkit.com/Edison\\_expo](https://wolftrappta.membershiptoolkit.com/Edison_expo)).

Sign-up to present your project here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGVHBJS>

Please email us at [edisonexpo@wolftrappta.org](mailto:edisonexpo@wolftrappta.org) with any questions.

## EDISON EXPO

- **Resources and Ideas**

Check out resources for getting started and project ideas on the Edison Expo page by [clicking here](#).

- **Questions?**

Please email us at [edisonexpo@wolftrappta.org](mailto:edisonexpo@wolftrappta.org).

## GRACE Art

The featured January GRACE Art artist is French Impressionist painter Claude Monet. Monet lived from 1840 to 1926 and helped to start one of the most prominent art movements in history. In 1874, Monet and a group of artist friends organized an exhibition in Paris which was called the Exhibition of the Impressionists by an art critic. The critic meant to imply that the paintings in the show were just impressions of things and that they were incomplete. The term stuck and Monet became known as the Father of the Impressionists. Impressionist artists painted scenery the way they saw them to be in the moment. Monet used broad brushstrokes to build up his pictures and painted very quickly to try to show light the way it looked in the moment. At times it is hard to tell what Monet's paintings are up close but if you stand back, the images become clear.

Towards the end of his life, Monet created a series of paintings featuring water lilies on the pond at his home in Giverny. Water Lilies is one of Monet's most famous works. He painted huge pictures of the pond in different lighting and weather conditions. When finished, the panels together were over six feet tall and nearly 300 feet long. Wolftrap artists will create a scene from Monet's water lily pond in Giverny using mixed media.

For more info on this month's artist check out the links here:

<http://www.giverny.org/monet>

<http://www.artchive.com/artchive/M/monet.html>

<http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/Collection/artist-info.1726.html>



## Box Tops

### Spring Box Tops Contest

The spring 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).

### Giant A+ Rewards and Harris Teeter Together in Education

It is not too late to register your grocery cards to support Wolftrap Elementary. Imagine how much our school could earn if every family shopped for groceries using registered cards! For Giant, sign up now at <https://giantfood.com/school-rewards> with Wolftrap's School ID: 02136. If you do not know your Giant number, please call 1-877-366-2668. For Harris Teeter, visit <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education#/app/cms> and use the code #5578. Don't forget to ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to register their cards too. Contact Amy Britton at [rebates@wolfrappta.org](mailto:rebates@wolfrappta.org) with any questions.

### Tyson Project A+ Labels

In addition to Box Tops, Wolftrap ES is collecting Tyson Project A+ Labels. Each label is worth 24 cents! Please drop these off at the main office or "Feed the Wolf" in the front lobby. For more information, visit <http://projectaplus.tyson.com>. Contact Amy Britton at [rebates@wolfrappta.org](mailto:rebates@wolfrappta.org) with any questions.

## SAFETY UPDATE

### BEULAH ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Thank you to our parent community for completing 128 surveys for the Beulah Road Crosswalk! All responses were included in the federal grant application.

### GRANT APPLICATION

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) proposed the following in the federal grant application:

- 7-foot to 15-foot bumpouts and 8-foot median refuge for the crosswalk (including evaluation for a potential pedestrian beacon device)
- Creation of a channelized southbound right-turn lane
- On-road bike lanes
- Transitional median striping as road diet treatments

If we win the federal grant, construction may be in 2019-2020. If we do not win the grant, FCDOT's 6-year transportation plan places construction between 2021-2023. We expect to find out if we won the federal grant in June 2018.

### CONTINUED ADVOCACY

We continue to advocate for safety improvements along Beulah Road, from Antioch Church to the crosswalk. Some of these improvements have not yet been added to FCDOT's list of projects.

## Watch D.O.G.S

Join us for a Watch D.O.G.S. Donuts for Dads from **8 to 8:45 a.m. Jan. 12th** in the library.

Dads and kids can enjoy donuts, coffee, and juice while dads (and granddads and others!) learn more about volunteer opportunities. Dads can sign up to be a WatchDOG at the event.

Please RSVP by emailing [watchdogs@wolftrappta.org](mailto:watchdogs@wolftrappta.org) and include the number of people attending.

## ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

The Wolftrap Connection is jointly produced by the Wolftrap Elementary PTA and the Wolftrap faculty/staff. Send any concerns, questions, or ideas about the newsletter to the [Communications Team](#).

Past issues are archived on the [Wolftrap ES site](#) and the [Wolftrap PTA Site](#)

**Next Issue:** January 16, 2018

**Submission Guidelines:** Please do **not send attachments**; put exactly what you want the article to say in the body of the email along with a headline. We understand this isn't always possible, but information assembled in chunks of 100 words or less is easier to put into the newsletter, will more likely be read by families and will not be subjected to possible editing for space by the communication team. THANK YOU!

## Wolftrap Holiday Parties

### 1st Grade



## Wolftrap Holiday Parties

### 2nd Grade

#### 2nd Graders Visit 7 Continents During Winter Party

Second graders celebrated at their winter party as they traveled around the world. Well, they actually rotated through classrooms, but their activities were tied to the 7 continents to mirror what they learned about geography. Students enjoyed spending time together playing games, making thoughtful crafts, and creating green screen photos that put them into U.S. landmarks. Children made South American worry dolls to "take away troubles overnight", decorated gift bags featuring Australia's Great Barrier Reef to hold book donations to a local school, made snowman coasters representing Antarctica, participated in a martial arts demonstration from Enshin for some Asian culture, created African tribal necklaces from paper plates, and played European Union Bingo. Snacks of pretzels, fruit, and lemonade were served. Thanks to the room parents who led such a thoughtful event!



### 3rd Grade

#### 3rd Grade Winter Party, Ms. Case's class



## CHANGES TO EDUCATION REBATES PROGRAM

There have been a few recent changes to our school's Education Rebates programs. Labels for Education will be ending next month. Also, the charity that was responsible for Kellogg's Family Rewards has closed its operations. KFR may introduce a new program in the future.

Luckily, many Education Rebates programs are still going strong! Box Tops, Giant A+ Rewards, and Harris Teeter are all continuing. The deadline for our next Box Tops contest will be February 12.

Also, we will be increasing our efforts to collect Tyson Project A+ labels.

For more information, visit <http://projectaplus.tyson.com/>



## SHOPPING Amazon Smile



You shop. Amazon gives.

You can earn money for Wolftrap Elementary School every time you shop simply by using the Amazon Smile link. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and search for Wolftrap to set up our school as your benefiting charity. Make sure that you bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and shop through this link every time you need something from Amazon. Also, share this website with friends, family members, and neighbors. Contact Amy Britton at [rebates@wolftrappta.org](mailto:rebates@wolftrappta.org) with any questions.

## Wolftrap Holiday Parties

### 5th Grade

The 5th graders at Wolftrap design their own grade level t-shirts using tie dye!

