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The Wolftap Connection

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ADVANCED ACADEMIC RESOURCE TEACHER: I am thrilled to announce that Samira Newman has been selected to be Wolftap's new Advanced Academic Resource Teacher starting next school year. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of advanced academics and I know she will be very successful in this new role. Congratulations Mrs. Newman!

BATTLE OF THE BUILDINGS: Wolftap participated in an energy battle from January 1-March 31. We were one of twenty-seven schools who registered for the competition. The results are in and Wolftap finished in 5th place! We had a 3% reduction in electricity when comparing the competition window with our consumption last year. I look forward to entering the competition again next year and I challenged the students on the morning news show to finish in the top 3 next year!

CLASS PLACEMENT ONLINE PARENT SURVEY: Class placement is a very difficult and complicated process. Wolftap staff devotes their expertise and time toward creating classroom assignments which promote an optimal learning and social environment for all students. This practice ensures that each classroom is well-balanced by academic need, mixes social groups from year to year, and stays mindful of supportive and distracting peer relationships. We take pride in the familiarity our teachers have with each of their students as they work together to create new groupings for the following year. I invite you to share information with us about your observations outside of school that may be relevant to the placement process. Please understand, however, teachers must consider many different factors in order to create balanced classes for the next grade, and we cannot grant requests, especially for particular teachers. You will have the opportunity to take this survey **starting on May 7 and ending on May 18**. Administration will not be accepting emails regarding class placement, as it is impossible to accommodate all parents' requests in this manner. This optional survey allows every parent the same opportunity to share information. The link for the optional survey for parental input is <https://goo.gl/forms/gMy61Qc60TBi8skw2>

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK, May 13-19, 2018: Here are some facts you may not know about food allergies: Researchers estimate that up to 15 million Americans have food allergies, including 5.9 million children. That's 1 in 13 children, or roughly two in every classroom. Nearly 40% of these children have already experienced a severe or life-threatening reaction. In addition, more than 30% of these children have multiple food allergies. A reaction to food can range from a mild response (such as an itchy mouth) to anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially deadly reaction. More than 15% of school aged children with food allergies have had a reaction in school. Food allergy reactions happen in multiple locations throughout the school, and are not limited to the cafeteria. Care must be exercised regarding bake sales, classroom parties, and snacks outside of the cafeteria. For more information, see www.foodallergy.org



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OTHER HAPPENINGS

Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 7th -
Friday, May 11th

Walking Wednesday

Wednesday, May 9th

National Bike to School Day

Wednesday, May 9th

6th Grade Panorama Picture

Wednesday, May 9th

Walking Wednesday

Wednesday, May 16th

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, May 29th

SOLs: Please pay close attention to the following SOL dates:

- **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)**

If your child(ren) will be absent on a specific testing date, please inform Dr. Grove and the classroom teacher via email. If you would like additional information on the Computer Adaptive SOL Tests, you can click [here](#) to access VDOE's website. The Virginia Board of Education passed a resolution to allow elementary school students who fail SOL tests by a narrow margin (scoring between a 375 and 399) to be retested before the end of the year provided parental permission is obtained. A parent permission form and the SOL information letter was sent home at the beginning of the year.

Cell phone/mobile devices are NOT allowed in the test environment. If a device is confiscated by testing personnel, school administration has the authority to search the device to ensure that no evidence of cheating was stored. If it is found that the student was cheating, the student's score will be a zero, and they will be unable to take the SOL test this year. The school may take further disciplinary action consistent with the SR&R.

If you have any questions regarding SOL testing, please contact Dr. Grove.

Tdap immunization - rising 6th Graders: Effective July 1, 2006, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine **prior to entering Grade 6**, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td). Proof of this immunization must be provided to the office. **Rising sixth graders will NOT be assigned a teacher for next year until the office receives this proof.**

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the band/chorus concert. Also a huge thank you to the parents who organized World Heritage Night. It was a wonderful evening! Don't forget about all of the exciting events happening at Wolftrap in May and June. Be sure to frequently check the Wolftrap calendar which can be found [here](#).

Sincerely,
Teresa Khuluki
Principal



KEEP IN TOUCH

Wolftrap Elementary School has a great presence on Twitter, managed by Mr. Campet. 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!

SOL TESTING SCHEDULE

May 9th-	5th Grade Reading
May 10th -	6th Grade Reading
May 14/15 -	3rd Grade Reading
May 16th -	5th Grade Science
May 17th -	4th Grade Math
May 22nd -	4th Grade History
May 23rd -	5th Grade Math
May 24th -	3rd Grade Math
May 25th -	6th Grade Math
May 30/31 -	4th Grade Reading

YOUR PTA BOARD

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STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- Kristina Kroon - May 4th
- Jane Renshaw - May 19th

Wolfftrap 50th Anniversary Logo Design Contest

It is time to get creative! This fall is Wolfftrap Elementary's 50th Anniversary and in order to honor this occasion, we are holding a 50th Anniversary logo design competition open to all current Wolfftrap students. Submitted designs will be reviewed and the top 5 will be voted on by the teachers. The winning logo design will be used to help commemorate the 50th anniversary and featured on Spirit Wear items such as t-shirts, Wolfftrap magnets, etc.

Have your kid(s) put on their thinking caps and submit their designs to the front office. Design contest rules and helpful hints below. Please reach out to the PTA board with any questions (ptaboard@wolfftrappta.org).

50th Anniversary Logo Design Contest Rules and Helpful Hints

1. Artwork submissions accepted from current Wolfftrap students only. Limit 2 submissions per student.
2. Artwork submitted should be submitted as 8.5"x11".
3. Designs may be created by a single student or a group of students if students prefer to design as a team.
4. Artwork should be limited to 2 colors and designs should be legible and clear in order to be easily replicated/printed on various items such as t-shirts, magnets, posters etc.
5. Design focus should represent/celebrate Wolfftrap's 50th Anniversary.
6. All submissions should be clearly labelled with student name, parent contact information and homeroom teacher.
7. Deadline for all submissions is Friday May 25th.

Teacher Appreciation Week



It's Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11! Our weeklong theme is "Because You Lift Us Up" and we have big plans to celebrate our wonderful Wolfftrap teachers all week long, with special plans for each day.

Monday: "BATTER UP"
Tuesday: "DRINK UP"
Wednesday: "WAKE UP"
Thursday: "GIDDY UP"
Friday: "DRESS UP"

Kids are encouraged to dress nicely and bring in cards or letters to teachers.

We will also collect letters from students and families who would like to write a letter to an elected official asking for continued support of our FCPS teachers. Expressing our gratitude for our educators to our elected officials would be a great way to honor teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, as well as expose students to acts of gratitude and civic engagement. [Click here](#) for ideas about to whom and where to address letters. Please bring in your letters to the front office and the PTA will make sure they make it to the appropriate officials.

SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE

Wolfftrap PTA presents our Sprout School Supply Sale for 2018-19! Save time and money driving from store-to-store and "go green" by ordering online this year. New this year: Seventh Generation wipes (in partnership with the PTA Green Team)!

Your child's supply kit includes the exact teacher requested supplies (including individual headphones for each student) and ships directly to the school before the open house and first day of class!

Our sale will run April 1st – July 17th - order by May 31 for a chance to win your kit for free. See [flyer for link](#) to online sale and details.

RECESS COVERAGE NEEDED

As part of Teacher Appreciation Week, we are looking for volunteers to help cover recess on Thursday May 10th in order to give teachers a longer lunch. Please see the [sign up](#) if you can help out.



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April 1st – July 17th

Save time and money driving from store-to-store and "go green" by ordering online this year. Your child's supply kit includes the exact teacher requested supplies and ships directly to the school before the first day of class!

Ordering Instructions:

1. Log on to www.sproutsupplies.com/wolfftrap and enter WES002
2. Select the appropriate grade pack. Be sure to choose next year's grade level.
3. Pay with a debit or credit card. You will receive an email confirmation once you purchase your child's kit.
4. Order dates: April 1st – July 17th
5. Every kit includes all the exact teacher requested supplies, viewable online.
6. Your kit will be delivered directly to Wolfftrap Elementary School in August!
7. Questions? Contact Sprout at help@sproutsupplies.com or call 571-403-0899

Order before May 31st and like Sprout on Facebook to be entered into a drawing to win your supply kit FREE!

Reflections Art Contest - "Within Reach"

CONGRATULATIONS 2nd Grader, MATTEO LAMBERT for being recognized with the "Award of Merit" at the NATIONAL REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST for FILM PRODUCTION - PRIMARY (K-2nd)!

There was standing room only last week when the Wolftrap ES Morning News Show featured 2nd grader Matteo Lambert and his award winning short film that Matteo wrote, acted in, directed, and produced to personally interpret this year's Reflections theme, "Within Reach". Back in the Fall Matteo's film was judged by independent Vienna Arts Society judges to be awarded first place at Wolftrap ES. His film then went on to be judged at the Fairfax County level, the Northern VA level, and then the state level where he placed first for his category.



He and his family are invited to attend the national awards ceremony in New Orleans, LA later this summer. Matteo's film has an inspirational, positive message for all Wolftrap ES students. The subject of his film is a little boy from Florida named Tommy Morrissey who was born with only one arm.

Despite his disability, Tommy took up the sport of golf which traditionally requires two arms to play. Recently, Tommy overcame his disability to win the Junior Golf Championship competing against other children without any disabilities.

CONGRATULATIONS also 1st Graders Simon Smith and Lucilla Bonilla for being honored at the NOVA DISTRICT PTA STUDENTS AWARDS Ceremony held at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria. Both Simon and Lucilla won first place in the Visual Arts- Primary (K-2nd grade) category for their drawing and painting when judged against students from all schools in Northern VA.



WATCH D.O.G.S.



Still interested in becoming a WatchDOG for the day?

Want to come spend another day at Wolftrap?

It is not too late to sign up - we still have a few dates available through the end of the school year! [Click here](#) to check availability and sign up.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Many local and other school events can be found on our PTA's website. [Check it out!](#)

Summer Camp

Thinking about summer plans for the kids now that we're in the final stretch of the school year? There are lots of great options available close to home!

CAMP INVENTION

July 16-20 from 9:00 – 3:30 right here at Wolftrap. There are only a few spots left, so sign up today if you're interested! Register at campinvention.org or 800.968.4332.

OVERTIME ATHLETICS CAMPS

Offered at Colvin Run ES throughout the summer, with before and after care available. See [flyer](#), [website](#) or [click here](#) for more details.



SUMMER SACC CAMP

Wolftrap is hosting summer SACC this year! [Click here](#) for summer for information about specific program dates and times. SACCs Summer

Camp Discovery provides rising 1st through 7th graders opportunities to participate in a variety of fun experiences. This summer's program features seven weekly sessions offered at 27 locations throughout the county. For more information about Summer SACC locations and weekly curriculum experiences in the Artists, Athletes and Performers Cabin visit us on the web. For enrollment information, please call SACC Registration at 703-449-8989, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



MADISON HS CAMPS

Madison is once again offering several camps and clinics this summer. [Click here](#) for more information about available options.

PTA Discount for Summer Camp (Wolftrap Elementary Families)
Discount Code: WolftrapPTA

Colvin Run Elementary PTO Summer Camp
Camp located @ Colvin Run Elementary

Online Registration:	Dates & Times:
Step 1: www.otathletics.com	Week 1: **June 20th-22nd
Step 2: Select your location	Week 2: June 25th-29th
Step 3: Select Camps	Week 3: July 9th-13th
Step 4: Select your School	Week 4: July 16th-20th
	Week 5: July 23rd-27th
	Week 6: July 30th-Aug 3rd
	Week 7: August 6th-10th
	Week 8: August 13th-17th

Must register before May 1st to receive Discount \$\$\$

Weekly Cost:	Full Day:	Sibling Discounts:
	Full Day: \$225 - \$175	***Week 1 only runs Wednesday-- Friday and will be discounted rate***

Full Day: 9:00am-4:30pm

Before Care Available (8:00am)
After Care Available (5:30pm)
Ages: 6-12
Optional Lunch (Check-P/A & Cookies)

Overtime Athletics Summer Camps are a little bit of this... and a little bit of that! Our model, based over 13 years of providing fun and affordable summer camps, serves as the best parts of traditional day camp like Sports, Games, Contests, Mobile Video Game, Arts and Crafts, Team Building Challenges, and Special Activities, AND also incorporates the latest trends in youth programming to include, Scavenger Hunts, Bounce Houses, Water Games, Goody Golf, Brain Buster Projects, and much, much more! Whether you come for a week or the whole summer, our expert team understands how to keep camp fresh and fun. Our proven curriculum and programming formula allows us to roll through the day weaving high intensity and low impact activities together so that every type of kid has their moment to shine. Come get a slice of summer fun!

Questions?
Call: 703.437.1200
Email: info@otathletics.com

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Wolftrap Announcements

Wolftrap 5K & Fun Run Results

The school enjoyed a record-setting 2018 5K & Fun Run on April 8, both in dollars raised and number of runners who participated. The grand total raised for Wolftrap **surpassed \$45,000** and **656 runners** participated in the runs. This would not have been possible without the tremendous support from local business sponsors, Wolftrap families and staff who generously donated funds, materials and their help to make this 5K the most successful race the school has ever held.

Thank you to the race organizers, **Michelle Boback** and **Wendy Rosner**, and the 5K Committee for helping make this event possible. This marks Michelle's final year as chairperson of the 5K. Over the course of planning the 5Ks over the past few years, she has helped raise over \$140,000 to positively impact and enrich our school community.

We hope to see everyone out at the race again for 2019!



The 5K Committee needs additional volunteers to help plan next year's race. If you are interested in joining this group, please email volunteer@wolftrappta.org.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Our teachers explored Wolf Trap Creek behind the school recently, to gather ideas on how to bring classroom learning outside! Mrs. Burdett, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Kroon, Mrs. Long, and Mrs. Van Hilst took a tour afters-school hosted by the PTA Green Team (gogreen@wolftrappta.org). Teachers have expressed interest in learning how to reach the Creek, and so this tour was arranged.

Teachers were inspired with many ideas, including reading by the creek, writing poetry, walking mindfully in nature, creating art, observing wildlife, and more. Language arts, math, art, conservation, science, mindfulness - so many options were discussed to foster learning here!

(Pictured L to R: Mrs. Kroon, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Van Hilst, Melanie Meren)



World Heritage Night

Last Friday night Wolftrap families gather to celebrate different cultures and heritages from around the world.



3rd Grade Field Trip

Here are a few photos from the 3rd grade field trip to Luray Caverns.

