

WOLFTRAP ELEMENTARY

June 2018

Specialists June News

Library

In June, the goal is to get all of the library materials returned and back on the shelves in order. Circulation of materials to students ends on June 1st when their library cards expire for this school year. The librarians from the Patrick Henry Public Library will visit Wolftrap ES on June 5th to highlight some of their favorite books and to promote their summer reading program.



I am very grateful to all of the wonderful library volunteers who donated their time to the library all year and helped me check out, locate and shelf books. A huge thank you goes out to Robin Ergener who served as the library volunteer coordinator for several years.

I enjoyed being the Wolftrap librarian for the past fifteen years and I take many wonderful memories with me of reading to your children, recommending books and interacting with the Wolftrap community. I am confident that Ms. Shannon Stubbs will continue to inspire and guide Wolftrap readers and researchers.

I am sure you will encourage your child to read over the summer and help them discover some new authors and titles. To find book recommendations, please visit the FCPS website (search summer reading) or the Virginia State Reading Association website where you will find the Virginia Reader's Choice selections for next year.



Physical Education— May

Dowell, Polaha, and Rosenfeld

Physical Education

It's the Final Countdown!

Where did the school year go?! Last on our agenda for June is Field Day! Sixth grade is in charge of voting on the games and activities that are played that day. This is also an exciting time for Kindergarten as this is their first time participating in a school-wide Field Day event!

Field Day for ALL grades is Friday, June 1st. K-3 is from 9-11 AM and grades 4-6 is 1-2:45 PM

6th graders are in charge! This is a great leadership opportunity for them to help the lower grades succeed in their Field Day fun. 6th grade has continued to make the school proud the last few years with this opportunity.

Following Field Day, Physical Education classes will be participating in a variety of possible activities including Whiffle Ball, Four Square, or Soccer depending on their class vote.

As always, families are encouraged to participate with their students outside of school to reinforce what they are learning in school. Our hope is that the students will be able to teach friends, family and our community some new concepts about nutrition, fitness, and fun physical activity.



Music

Happy June! There are many fun and exciting areas of focus for each grade level this final month of music class. Sixth grade will be focusing on their upcoming musical production, "Wizard of Oz." Fifth grade will continue practicing for their Renaissance recorder ensemble and dance performance on Renaissance Day. Fourth grade will be learning about a musical work called "The Planets" and performing a mini musical. Third grade will continue to practice the notes B, A and G, Low E and Low D on the recorder. Second Grade will continue to practice the notes on the treble clef staff. First grade will prepare for their musical, "Worms, We Dig You." Kindergarten will focus on the different parts of the scale through singing and playing instruments. They will also continue to review and practice basic rhythm reading and writing.





June— Guidance & Counseling

The end of the school year is approaching, and students in our Wolftrap community are moving through an especially busy period, preparing year end projects and productions, completing assessments, and lots of other activities, both in and out of school. Once the swimming pools open and the hot weather arrives, maintaining focus and self-control in school becomes especially challenging for many elementary aged children. Parents can help us by ensuring your children get plenty of sleep and plenty of unstructured time outside of school to burn off energy and to explore their worlds through imaginative play.

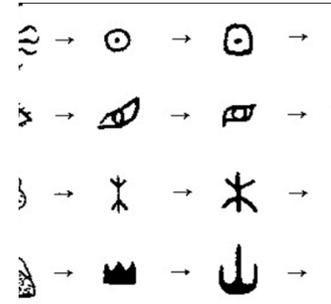
If you are feeling stressed by your family's daily routines, chances are very good that your kids feel stressed or overburdened, too. Not all children benefit from the same load of extracurricular activities, and it is part of our job as parents to make a discerning judgement on where to draw the line, even when our child might be begging to add one more activity that their friend or classmate is enjoying. There is abundant current research indicating that children NEED unassessed, unstructured and imaginative play to support brain development. We have very limited opportunities to provide such open ended opportunities in school, so it is all the more essential that it happen at home. We hope that your summer plans include lots of down time.

Our guidance focus in June is on transitions, as we work to help students move on with confidence to their next school year's adventures. We will say good bye to a wonderful group of sixth graders as they head off to middle school, and we will look forward to welcoming our other students back in the fall. We want to thank you for sharing your children with us this year, and for helping to make our work here so rewarding.

As always, please feel free to contact us at any time.

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Chinese 中文



Last month of this school year!!

Time goes so fast!! Students will reinforce their memory of Chinese via Game Center. This is a great opportunity to learn more Chinese with a small group. Advanced students keep learn Chinese having a variety of Chinese games and slow learners are able to focus more on the lesson with a small group.

Learn more characters and culture!!

All grade level of students are going to learn how to write Chinese characters in many different ways. Also they learn more about Chinese culture via cultural video lesson or books.

Have a great summer break!!

Our students will learn following this month:

1st grade: Food (Time & Shapes with Cathy)

2nd grade: Review and understand 2nd grade level of Chinese characters

3rd grade: Review and understand 3rd grade level of Chinese characters

4th grade: A green house for milkweed

5th grade: Review and understand 5th grade level of Chinese characters

6th grade: Make a Chinese book

Best,

Cathy Lee and Eun Kwon



ESOL—June

Summer vacation is almost here! As always, it has been a delight to watch students receiving ESOL services grow in their understanding and use of language, communication, and academics. We celebrate their many successes and continued growth this summer. To that end, some area resources you may find helpful this summer are listed below:

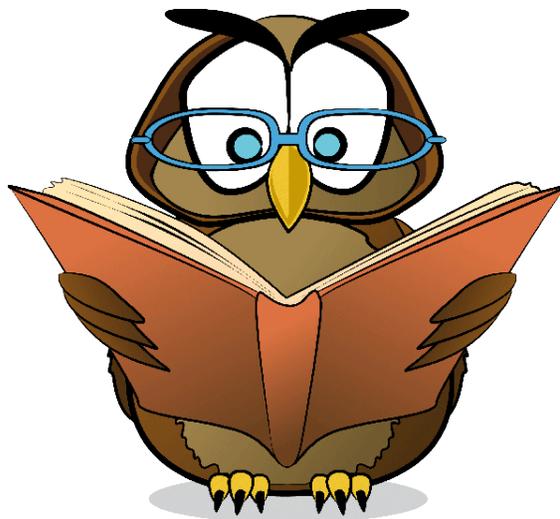
Rec-Pac, activities, and classes: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec-pac>
Click on “Activities and Programs”

Fairfax County Libraries activities: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/>

Fairfax County Nature Centers: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/>
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond/>

If you are traveling, you can create deeper learning by reading books about the location you are visiting; use a map to show where it is in relation to the country or world; and discuss with your child what they see, and compare and contrast it with their own experiences and what is familiar to them.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer, and look forward to seeing you next year!



Band—June

Wolftrap Band Registration for 2018-2019

If you have not registered for band for next year, please do so [online here](#). Band starts on day-one in the fall, register you student for band ASAP so teachers can create their schedule before the end of this school year.

Vienna Band Camp

Keep the momentum going! Vienna Band Camp is a tremendous (and affordable) way to keep your child improving their musical skills over the summer. At camp students receive more instruction in 4 weeks than they receive in a year of elementary band. See the [flyer](#) for sign-up details or visit the camp [website](#) for more information. If those dates do not line up with your summer plans, download [this flyer](#) for details on other area band camps.

Important Band Dates

June 14 – Last day band students need instruments in class
June 28-July 21 – Vienna Band Camp
August 28 – First Day of School!

Joe McClure
Band Director, Wolftrap ES



Strings—June

Strings Parents,

Students are getting ready for their Concert in June. I am adding information on that in the event that your student has not given you the flyer or you have not received my email. Additionally, if your student is in Fourth or Fifth Grade, it's time to decide on musical choices for next year. Obviously, I would love if all my students stayed in strings, but realize that some may choose to pursue other instruments or take a break from an instrument. If your student is torn between an instrument and chorus, please know that they can do both. They cannot, however, take a band and strings instrument simultaneously. If they are choosing to continue with strings, (yay!) please sign them up via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/LGN1QXMBTibuTkFS2>

Wolftrap Strings Spring Concert and Rehearsal Dates

The Spring Assembly Concert date for the school is set for **Monday, June 4, 2018 at 9:15am** in the Wolftrap Gym. **I ask that students report to the Strings and Band Room, already in concert attire, for a call time of NO LATER than 8:40am.**

The Spring Evening Concert for Family and Friends is set for **Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00pm** in the Wolftrap Gym. I ask that students report to Wolftrap Strings and Band Rooms that evening for a **call time of NO LATER than 6:15pm** in order to provide ample time to tune and warm up.

The Fourth Grade Rehearsal Date is set for **Monday, May 21, 2018 from 8:40-10:10** in the Wolftrap Cafeteria.

The Fifth and Sixth Grade Combined Rehearsal Date is set for **Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 8:40am-9:40am as well as Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 9:40am-10:40am.** All rehearsals for 5th and 6th grade will take place in the Strings Room.

Performances and rehearsals are exceptionally important to the strings program. It is expected that students attend *every* performance and rehearsal. Students perform twice per school year, and it is likely that extracurricular activities may fall at the same time. Every musician is integral to the entirety of the ensemble, and therefore we need every student to participate in school concerts. Please do what you can to move any extracurricular activities to a different time/day. Extenuating circumstances must be addressed with me by the parent or guardian prior to the event date, in writing, dated and signed. Should a student miss a concert opportunity to perform, I ask that they make a video and/or audio recording of them performing all concert pieces to turn in as their performance.

When students perform in the assembly concerts during the day for the school, they are asked to wear dressy clothing and dress shoes – slacks, skirts, dresses, button down top, polo, blouse, etc. Uniform for evening concerts is requested as white tops/black bottoms and white or black dress shoes. If what you have is close to this request, that will be just fine. If a student wishes, they may wear the same outfit for both concerts as long as it adheres to the evening concert dress code. Students are not expected to wear their concert attire for Dress Rehearsals and may wear “normal” clothes – the formality is in the name, not the clothing. ☺

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jmwisinski@fcps.edu

Advanced Academic Resource Teacher (AART)



Advanced Academic Spring 2018 Timeline

January 12, 2018	Level IV Referral form and optional materials for students in grade 2 who are not in pool and students in grades 3-6 due to AART (Dr. Grove) at attending elementary school (Wolftrap).
March 2018	Central Selection Committee meets
April 5-6, 2018	Eligibility decisions mailed
April 17-27, 2018	Full time orientations held at Level IV sites (elementary schools only).
May 11, 2018	Appeals are due to AAP office
Fall 2018	Eligible students in gr. 3-8 may attend full time AAP sites beginning first semester

STEAM

THANK YOU! This was an amazing year and it couldn't have been done without all of the teachers who showed such great support of the program, the parents who donated time during Strategies Lab, and the students who were willing to risk failing so that they could succeed. My expectations were exceeded throughout the year and I cannot wait until next year!

Sincerely,
Mr. Campet

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