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The Wolftrap Connection

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FRONT DOOR ACCESS: Wolftrap is vigilant regarding the locking of exterior doors and ensuring that all visitors register in the main office and wear visitor badges. An area that we will be focusing on to increase security is the electronic door access control device. The Wolftrap office staff will be speaking to visitors through the camera intercom and asking you to state your name and/or your reason for visiting our school prior to the door being unlocked. Please understand that this is an added security measure that our school system is employing. We ask for your patience and that you allow a few extra minutes for check-in, as your access to the building will be slower.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE FOR DR. GROVE: I am very pleased to announce that former Wolftrap parent Tracy McHone has agreed to serve as the long-term sub for the Advanced Academic Resource Teacher position left vacant by Dr. Grove's recent promotion to assistant principal. Last school year, Ms. McHone served as the long-term substitute in sixth grade for the first half of the year and then in kindergarten during a teacher's maternity leave. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University and her Master's degree from Florida State University. Ms. McHone will be at Wolftrap on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the rest of the year to work with the students receiving Level III services. Her familiarity with our school community combined with her positive teaching experiences makes her a wonderful fit for this position.

Dr. Grove will continue to be the point of contact for parents with questions regarding the Advanced Academics Program at Wolftrap for the remainder of the year. She will also be supporting Ms. McHone in her new role.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES SURVEY: The Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) employs school health aides and public health nurses who provide school health services to the students in FCPS. To determine the quality of these services, a survey has been developed by the FCHD to be shared with all parents or guardians who interact with the school health rooms. The survey may be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCPSParent2018>. It will take less than five minutes to complete and will provide the FCHD with valuable information. Your participation in this important endeavor is appreciated.

STUDENT INTENT FORMS: Each Wolftrap student received a "Student's Intention for the Next School Year" form. For planning purposes for the 2018-19 school year, everyone needs to fill it out and return it promptly. It is imperative that we know your child's intention so that our projection numbers are accurately portrayed to the county and we receive appropriate staffing. If your enrollment plans change subsequent to submittal of the form, please contact the main office.

Thank you to the Wolftrap and Louise Archer PTAs for organizing another successful volleyball game! Please mark your calendar for the next Principal's Coffee which will be held on **Friday, April 6, at 9:00 AM**. This is an informal opportunity to speak with me about our wonderful school and areas of focus for the future.

Sincerely,

Teresa Khuluki
Principal



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OTHER HAPPENINGS

Bike Train

Wednesday, March 21st

Principal's Coffee

Friday, April 6th 9:00 am

Kindergarten Orientation

Friday, April 13th

Dining for Dollars - Silver Diner

Tuesday, April 24th

Greetings from the PTA

Spring break is almost here! This means we are moving into the latter part of the school year and therefore need to focus on **PTA volunteer needs** for next year. Currently we have a lot of opportunities available including the board position of **President-elect**.

As you may or may not know, PTA board positions are a 2-year commitment. The President-elect position is slightly different than other board positions in that it "evolves". Basically, as President-elect, you are committing to two positions - President-elect (first year) and subsequently President (second year). This position is a great chance to contribute to the PTA and help oversee a variety of different PTA activities. That said, you do not have to have any PTA experience – just a willingness to get involved and a commitment to our school and our students! Please consider taking on this unique responsibility. If you have any questions about the role feel free to reach out to our current President-elect Sarah Helou (President-elect@wolfrappta.org) If the President-elect position doesn't interest you, there are many other openings. Take some time and review the list of [current available positions](#) and see if there is one which is right for you.

On a separate note - thank you to all who attended our March PTA meeting last week- we really appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to contribute to these meetings. At the meeting we discussed volunteer needs and other ongoing school activities as well as the current state of technology needs at the school.

Based on that technology discussion, we were able to sponsor and approve a motion to support a second technology donation for this year - this time in the amount of \$20,000. This donation (in combination with supplemental funding from the school) will allow for the purchase of additional equipment such as iPads or desktop computers based on the school's highest priority technology needs.

Finally, our biggest PTA fundraiser of the year, the [Wolfrap 5K](#), is just around the corner! Check out it's section in this week's Connection for all you need to know about how to add your support to this important event!

Exploratory Committee - Spelling Bee!

The PTA decided to go ahead with exploring whether there is interest in the school community to try and form a Spelling Bee Committee to bring the national competition to our school. Please contact a member of the PTA board if you are interested in this opportunity!



KEEP IN TOUCH

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

SHARE YOUR PICTURES!

We can't always fit all the great pictures that are submitted to the Connection. Please use the [Facebook Group](#) to share class party pictures, field trips, assembly, spirit days, and anything else. Our group is only open to current Wolfrap Families and Staff and all posts are moderated to ensure parents' wishes about their children's online presence is respected.

YOUR PTA BOARD

- Michelle Ramos, president
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- Sarah Helou, president-elect
President-elect@wolfrappta.org
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STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Cara Iselin
March 21st

Laura May
March 24

Samira Newman
March 25

Reflections

We would like to recognize the following Wolftrap Elementary School students who participated in this year's **National PTA Reflections Art Contest**. Reflections is an optional program which encourages students to explore the arts and express themselves by giving positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Artworks interpret a different theme each year and this year's theme was "**Within Reach**". Participants and their families are invited to attend a Gallery Night Reception, Awards Ceremony, and Family Ice Cream Social which will be held in the Wolftrap cafeteria from **7:00pm-8:30pm on Tuesday, March 20th**.



Wolftrap Participants by grade:

6th grade - **Jeremy Tavernier**

5th grade - **Nancy Besancon, Tabitha Bowlin, Julia Elliot Ortega, Miranda Elliot Ortega, Rachel Neuman**

4th grade: **Abigail Tavernier**

3rd grade: **Dulcie Besancon, Lily Eldridge, Cassandra Geer, Alexis Plaster, Arwa Shora**

2nd grade: **Julia Drolet, Brandon Kim, Matteo Lambert, Sophia Lord, Rafae Niazi, Giselle Tavernier, Brendan Wheeler**

1st grade: **Ethan Abraham, Lucia Bonilla, Hilah Daman, Willem Daman, Audrey Farquharson, Joanna Jue, Greta Mazurova, Simon Smith**

Kindergarten: **William C. Geer, Gabriel Mazur, Yusef Niazi, Naomi Rosner**

We hope that more students will participate in this fun program next year. The **2018-2019 theme** is "**Heroes Around Me**" and entries will be due at the end of October 2018.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The PTA's After School Program Committee is looking for someone who is interested in the After School Monitor position for the 2018 – 2019 school year. The monitor is responsible for identifying students and making sure they get to the correct class after school. This position is perfect for high school students, nannies, stay at home, or part-time working parents.

Without this position being filled, we cannot offer any after school classes next year. Please spread the word and email afterschool@wolftrappta.org if you know if anyone who might be interested.

The After School Programs team is looking for new members!

if you are interested in joining our team email afterschool@wolftrappta.org.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Check out the [site](#) and send any questions or suggestions for improvement to Mr. Campet. While limited to the county's template, he will do what he can to make the site user friendly and accessible to the Wolftrap community.



Wolftrap Announcements - Mark these dates!

Dining for Dollars

Stay tuned for more information about our next Dining for Dollars event planned for Tuesday, April 24th from 5 - 8pm. More info to follow as we get closer to the date.

World Heritage Night

The World Heritage Night is back and will take place on Friday, May 4, 6:30 to 8:30 PM!

The student body at Wolftrap is diverse from various cultural, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds. World Heritage Night is an opportunity to share and celebrate our cultures and heritages through music, dance, fashion, and food.

World Heritage Night only happens every two years so don't miss out! Sign up to join us in preparation for this fun-filled and enriching Event:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ba8ac2caa8-20182>

For questions, please contact Anna and Anisha:

worldheritagenight@wolftrappta.org



KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

SAFE ROUTES

Please remember, there is NO parking, standing, dropping off/picking up along the school side of Talisman between Beulah and St. Roman. For the safety of Wolftrap students, please use the kiss and ride or park in allowable areas.

COUNTY SAFETY PORTAL

FCPS continues to evaluate all of its safety and security procedures in an effort to prevent tragic circumstances. Parent comment and suggestions are welcome!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

SAVE THE DATE

Kindergarten Orientation:
April 13!

If you have a child entering Kindergarten at Wolftrap this Fall, mark your calendars for Friday, April 13, from 2:00-3:15 pm, for Kindergarten Orientation!

Also, please complete the [form](#) on Wolftrap's website to indicate that your student will be enrolling.

More details and forms related to Kindergarten can be found on the [Kindergarten Orientation Page](#).



Camp Invention

Wolftrap is hosting Camp Invention again this year, July 16 – 20. Registration is now open. See this [flyer](#) for discounts and visit www.campinvention.org to sign up.

Bike Train

The Bike Train is back! Our first of 2018 will be held on Wednesday, March 21. Fairfax County Police bike officers will be there to lead the train beginning at 8am on the corner of Liberty Tree and Beulah. Join the train there or along the route (see map). Keep up the great turnout on Walking Wednesdays! As always, Caffe Amouri coffee will be provided to parents at every Walking Wednesday.



RACE TO THE 5K - ALL THE FACTS



The Annual Wolftrap 5K is a little over 5 weeks away. This is our biggest fundraiser and we hope to see you on race day!

DATE- Sunday, April 8th. Fun Run at 8AM followed by the 5K at 8:30AM.

REGISTRATION – Now open for the 5K! See [flyer](#) for more details. Online registration closes **Thursday, April, 5th** at 8PM. You can register in person at the early packet pick-up on

April 6th from 3-7PM. You can also register on the morning of the race. We encourage you to register early to avoid the lines the morning of the race.

If you register early, you can pay with a credit card. In person, at early packet pick-up or on the day of the race, is **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**. Click [here to register](#).

BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS - The drive to collect items for the basket raffle started yesterday. The basket raffle usually brings in OVER \$2,000 for the school, but we can't make it work without you. Please consider sending in an item(s) for your child's grade level (or any of the baskets if you prefer). Amazon items can be shipped directly to Jen Green, our amazing basket lady, or to the school. For a complete list of basket themes by grade level and shipping instructions, please see the [flyer](#).

BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS - You can purchase tickets in advance for a discount. Details are on this [flyer](#). Tickets can also be purchased at the early packet pick-up on Friday, April 6th and on race day. The baskets will be displayed at the early packet pick-up on Friday, April 6th from 3-7PM. **CASH OR CHECK is acceptable for ticket purchases.**

VOLUNTEERS - We need your help to make the event a success. We will need volunteers for the day of the event as well as baked goods for the "Bake Walk". This is a great opportunity for kids that need volunteer hours. Please sign up [here](#).

FOOD - We are planning on having Anita's Breakfast Burritos, Dunkin Donuts, hot chocolate and coffee for sale the morning of the event. We will be confirming these items closer to the race day. **PLEASE NOTE - CASH ONLY for these items.**

PIE IN THE FACE CONTEST - The kids are super excited about this new addition to the 5K. We have some amazing teachers that have volunteered to participate in a pie in the face contest. The pie will get "messier" as the money donated for the teachers gets higher. Please consider supporting the teachers who are willing to participate in this event. The cost for the tickets will be 2 for \$5.00 to purchase teacher chances and \$5 for a chance to hit Ms. Khuluki. **CASH ONLY FOR THESE TICKETS.**

TEACHER SPONSORSHIPS - Thank you to those who have already sent in a donation to support your teacher. The class that gets the most money pledged for their teacher will receive a PJ pizza party! The class with the highest percentage of donations will also win a PJ pizza party! Mr. Campet is offering a STEAM Lab time slot for the 2nd place positions.

Check the [race page](#) for continued event updates. If you have any questions, please feel free to email funrun@wolftrappta.org.

What's Happening Around Wolftrap

Spirit Wear: The spring spirit wear sale is still underway! To place an order, visit the [Spirit Wear web page](#) and either click on the link to place an order online or print the form and send your order in with your student. All orders will be submitted together on March 31st. Orders will be delivered by the end of April.

Education Rebates

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Winter Box Tops contest! Together, we collected 4,025 Box Tops and earned \$402.50 for our school. Congratulations to the winners of the contest: Ms. Kassing's class contributed 400 and Claire Edelman collected an amazing 280. That's a lot of Box Tops! The runners-up were Sabrina Stefanik, Sophia Ergener, Lucy Kesler, and the Ramos family. Everyone did an awesome job raising money for the school. Keep up the great work and remember to ask friends, family, and neighbors to clip and save their Box Tops for you.

100th Day Celebration!

Kindergartners recently celebrated their 100th day of school! To honor of this achievement, each Kindergarten class held a 100th day of school party where students participated in different activities that reinforced counting to 100. In addition, each Kindergartner created a poster featuring 100 of his/her favorite things.



For Rising 7th Graders!

Shifting Gears is the Kilmer Middle School Summer Transition Program, open to all rising 7th grade Kilmer students. It takes place at Kilmer Middle School.

Session I: July 30 - August 3, 12:00 - 5:00 pm

Session II: August 6 - 10, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Early Bird Special Price: \$165

Registration is open February 8th until sessions are full, [click here](#) for more information. Registration form must be completed online - click to access the [Shifting Gears Registration Form](#) and enroll!



For Parents - The **Kilmer PTA** has open volunteer spots. None of the jobs are too demanding which can be a welcome change from elementary school! Several Committee positions are available as well as the President role. Some Wolftrap parents have already stepped up to be involved, so you'll already have some friends to serve with. Please email kilmerpta@gmail.com for more information about the jobs available.

Read Across America Day - Kindergarten

Students participated in the Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. To celebrate this special day, students dressed as their favorite storybook characters and brought in their favorite books to share with their friends.



ONE MORE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The PTA can't run without your support! There are many open PTA positions for the coming 2018-2019 school year. For a complete list of areas where we could really use some extra hands, as well as descriptions of the each volunteer role and general time commitments, please view this [flyer](#) that details all the responsibilities.

Thank you in advance for your help! Please contact Michelle Ramos at president@wolfrappta.org or Jean Lee at volunteer@wolfrappta.org with any questions, concerns or to sign up for a particular role.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The [PTA website](#) has lots more information regarding events happening in the wider community.

Check it out for information about events happening at Marshall, Madison, Kilmer, and other area schools. There's also information for Parents of Special Education Students, Community Mulch Sales, and more.

WATCH D.O.G.S.



Still interested in becoming a WatchDOG for the day?

Want to come spend another day at Wolfrap?

It is not too late to sign up - we still have dates available in April and May! [Click here](#) to check availability and sign up.

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT YES WE DO!

Students and staff showed their school spirit during Crazy Hair Day!



Wolftrap Faculty showed their spirit beating Louise Archer! Congratulations!

