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The Wolftrap Connection

A biweekly newsletter jointly published by the Wolftrap Administration and PTA

From the Principal

NEW LIBRARIAN: I am thrilled to announce that Shannon Stubbs has been selected to be Wolftrap's new librarian starting next school year! She has been working at nights to complete her endorsement in library media from the University of Virginia. For the remainder of this school year, Ms. Stubbs will be spending her spare time working with Mrs. DeHoratiis and learning all that she can from such a tremendous mentor. Congratulations Ms. Stubbs!

50TH ANNIVERSARY: Wolftrap opened in 1968 and this fall will be celebrating the 50th anniversary! We will have a celebration on Friday, September 7, 2018, at Wolftrap Under the Stars, our PTA-sponsored community kick-off event of the new school year. Please stay tuned for more information in the coming months, including a student t-shirt design contest and a call out for pictures. We are seeking old photographs to commemorate the first several decades of Wolftrap history. A link will be provided in a future newsletter for online submission of scanned photographs.

MONTHLY UPDATES: Please take a few moments to read the May updates from our grade level teams and each of our specialists, available [here](#).

THANK YOU!!: I recently asked for volunteers from our Scouts to help with a service project to clean up overgrown and weeded areas of our school property. Last weekend Scouts and parents from Girl Scout Troop 1158, Cub Scout Pack 1116, Boy Scout Troop 345, and Daisy Troop 50075 participated in the clean-up. Please see below for the before and after photos. I am so grateful for the students and parents who dedicated their weekend to making our school look great!!



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OTHER HAPPENINGS

Dining for Dollars - Silver Diner
Tuesday, April 24th

Take Your Child to Work Day
Thursday, April 26th

World Heritage Night
Friday, May 4th

Teacher Appreciation Week
Monday, May 7th -
Friday, May 11th

Walking Wednesday
Wednesday, May 2nd

National Bike to School Day
Wednesday, May 9th

ADVANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (AAP) SCREENING FOR SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES:

Fairfax County Public Schools offers a continuum of advanced academic services for all students in grades K-8. Learning experiences are designed to develop higher-level thinking through enrichment, acceleration, and extensions of the Program of Studies (POS). Teachers, administrators, and advanced academic resource teachers (AARTs) work together to provide the following levels of school-based services in each elementary school:

- **Critical and Creative Thinking Lessons, Grades K-6 (Level I):** All students in kindergarten through grade six receive Level I services which consist of model lessons that are designed to teach critical and creative thinking skills. A description of the nine critical and creative thinking strategies can be found at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/elementary-school-academics-k-6/advanced-academics/critical-and-creative-thinking>.
- **Differentiated Lessons in Areas of Academic Strength, Grades K-6 (Level II):** The AART collaborates with classroom teachers to provide additional challenge through lessons and resources that extend and enrich the POS.
- **Part-Time Advanced Academic Programs, Grades 3-6 (Level III):** Students identified by a local school screening committee for part-time advanced academic services are challenged through models and strategies designed to extend and enrich the Program of Studies. Students receive direct instruction from the AART at the local school using curriculum from the AAP Curriculum and Resources to Support the Differentiated Framework. Students identified for Level III services continue to receive level III services through grade 6.

In the spring at Wolftrap, every student in grades 2-5 is screened for Level III services using the following data points: CogAT scores, Naglieri score, current reading level, iReady scores, SOL scores, Gifted Behavior Rating Scale, Math Behavior Rating Scale, and Advanced Math Beginning of the Year assessment score. Additionally, screening can happen at any time during the school year and parents may initiate the screening for school-based services by submitting the [AAP School-Based Services Referral Form](#) to Maggie Grove by June 1st, 2018. Parents who submit a referral will be notified of their student's eligibility status before the end of the school year. If a parent or guardian wishes to appeal an ineligible decision, they may submit an appeal with new data for consideration by the local school screening committee. Please contact Dr. Grove with questions at mcgrove@fcps.edu.



Sincerely,

Teresa Khuluki
Principal

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY:

This annual event will take place on Thursday, April 26. If you are planning on having your child participate in this event, please notify the Wolftrap office in advance for our planning purposes:

Wolftrapesattendance@fcps.edu

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!

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- **Sung Kim**
April 22nd
- **Susan Robb**
April 22nd
- **Sharon Wolf**
May 4th

Greetings from the PTA

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR FINAL PTA MEETING OF YEAR.

Hard to believe the year has gone by so fast, but there's only one meeting left for the year! PLEASE NOTE: The last PTA meeting for the year has been moved to TUESDAY, May 29th and will take place in the cafeteria. The meeting will include a volunteer thank you breakfast, so please come join us for some free food and our gratitude for all your help this year!



OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS for 2018 – 2019. The good news is that we have ourselves a full PTA Board for the coming year. The bad news is we still have several open positions that we need to fill. [See flyer](#) for more details about open committee positions. The PTA can't continue to offer all the great community events we put on without a whole host of helpers. There are jobs that are perfect fits for everyone, let us know if you have any questions at volunteer@wolfftrappta.org.

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.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR NEEDS. We are in the home stretch now and summer is right around the corner. But there are still lots of important events in the final months of the school year, so please keep helping out where you can. Keep reading the newsletter for ways you can sign up to help at World Heritage Night (May 4th) and for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 7-11). All your support means the world to the teachers!

SUMMER PLANS. See page 7 of the newsletter for more details about summer camp options at and around Wolftrap. Wolftrap is again hosting Camp Invention this summer, but spots are almost gone so register today!

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL LOOKING GOOD. As many of you already know, Wolftrap's custodial team is currently short staffed. Many thanks to our Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts troops for hosting a clean up effort on our school grounds recently! Let's all please do what we can when in and around school to help pick up stray trash and keep things neat and orderly. Thanks for your cooperation!

YOUR PTA BOARD

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS: WE'RE HIRING!

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@wolfftrappta.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@wolfftrappta.org.

Wolftrap Announcements

PTA Call for Volunteers!



It's that time of year when we are looking to fill up our slots for next year. Here are a few featured committees where you can get involved:

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK committee chair is looking for volunteers! We are revamping old model and trying something new! Looking for help with decorations, set up, clean up, as well as asking local businesses for donations. TAW will be week of May 7-11. If interested in helping out during this week, please contact TAW chair, Caty Keeler. catykeeler@gmail.com.

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!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining our team email afterschool@wolftrappta.org.

As you can see, the PTA can't run without your support! There are still **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@wolftrappta.org or Jean Lee at volunteer@wolftrappta.org with any questions, concerns or to sign up for a particular role.

Keeping Our Kids Safe



SAFE ROUTES: Important reminder, the school side of Talisman between Beulah and St. Roman is no parking/standing or stopping from 8-9am and during dismissal. Please do not drop off/pick up your children in this area, but use the designated kiss and ride lane.



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

GOLDEN SNEAKER

Congratulations to the 3rd grade for a very decisive victory of the Golden Sneaker for March and April. Pictured above are Addison Foster and Kinsley Wintermute presenting the award to Kaitlin Arnold.

END OF THE YEAR CHALLENGE

Starting in May and continuing until school's end, Walking Wednesdays will be held every week. May 7-11 is Walk/Bike to School week when we challenge the other Vienna elementary schools.

BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

May 9 is National Bike to School Day. Fairfax County Police Bike Patrol will lead the bike train starting at 8am on the corner of Liberty Tree & Beulah; map of the route is below or [online](#).



Teacher Appreciation Week



Teacher Appreciation Week is right around the corner, May 7-11! Our weeklong theme is "Because You Lift Us Up" and we have big plans to celebrate our wonderful Wolftrap teachers all week long, with special plans for each day. We need your help to make the week a success. **Here's what you can do:**

First, help your child in answering one of these questions about his or her teacher. Have fun with it! We will be compiling the answers and sharing them with the teachers at the end of the week.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3ughR0DEXIgm5LBT2bPus3abyREd1SsTFBgRy9t6EMRpxbQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Second, each grade is being asked to help host a special treat for the teachers either in the morning or during lunch.

Please see the sign ups below and help if you can! The teachers love their monthly PTA luncheons, so we're excited to try and give them something special to look forward to every day of the week!

Monday: "BATTER UP"

Hosted by 5th/6th

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094bacae2da02-batter>

Tuesday: "DRINK UP"

Hosted by 3rd/4th

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094bacae2da02-drink>

Wednesday: "WAKE UP"

Hosted by 2nd/1st

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094bacae2da02-wake>

Thursday: "GIDDY UP"

Hosted by K

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094bacae2da02-giddy>

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.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE

Wolftrap 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.



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Ordering Instructions:

1. Log on to www.sproutsupplies.com/wolftrap 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 Wolftrap 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"



WOLFRAP STUDENTS HONORED

Forty Wolftrap students were honored Tuesday evening at this year's National Reflections Art Contest Gallery Night Reception and Awards Ceremony, including 1st graders Lucilla Bonilla and Simon Smith and 2nd grader Matteo Lambert, all of whom earned Outstanding Interpretation awards by both the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and by the NOVA District. Special congratulations to Matteo, whose short film just won the state competition for Virginia is now being judged nationally against entries from children all over the U.S.!

The list of Wolftrap's highest scoring winners includes:

- Matteo Lambert Film Production - Primary
- Simon Smith Visual Arts - Special Artist
- Lucia Bonilla Visual Arts - Primary
- Sophia Lord Visual Arts - Primary
- Brendan Wheeler Photography - Primary
- Cassandra Geer Photography - Intermediate
- Lily Eldridge Literature - Intermediate
- Miranda Elliot Ortega Visual Arts - Intermediate
- Tabitha Bowlin Film Production - Intermediate
- Rachel Neuman Film Production - Intermediate
- Jeremy Tavernier Visual Arts - Middle

Each of the students who participated in this optional Reflections Art Contest was invited to attend a Gallery Night Reception. The best part of the evening and what everyone was eagerly awaiting was the Family Ice Cream Social that followed the awards ceremony!!

Next year's theme is "Heroes Around Me". The October submission deadline approaches fast so if your children have a free day over the summer, try adding a little art to it.

DINING FOR DOLLARS



The next Dining for Dollars event will be at Silver Diner in Tysons on **Tuesday, April 24th from 5-8pm.**

WATCH D.O.G.S.



Still interested in becoming a Watch D.O.G. 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. Use promo code IDEAS15 before May 4th to save! See [flyer](#) for more details.

OVERTIME ATHLETICS CAMPS

Offered at Colvin Run ES throughout the summer, with before and after care available. As a special offer to Wolftrap families, register before May 1 and use code WolftrapPTA to save \$50 off PER WEEK! See [flyer](#), [website](#) or [click here](#) for more details.



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.



SUMMER SACC CAMP

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

MADISON HS CAMPS

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

Library Appreciation Week



Thanks to all the parents and students that helped make Library Appreciation Week such a special time for our fabulous retiring librarian Mrs. D. While we are all excited to have Mrs. Stubbs as our new librarian next year, we will miss Mrs D! The PTA presented Mrs D with a special plaque to commemorate her 15 years of service to the school, which will be hung in the library before year end.



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	Full Day: 9:00am-4:30pm	Before Care Available (8:00am)
Week 1 only runs Wednesday-- Friday and will be discounted rate		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, focuses on the best parts of traditional day camp like Sports, Games, Contests, Mobile Video Games, 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

Odyssey of the Mind

Congratulations to our amazing Odyssey of the Mind students for an awesome season! Seven Wolftrap teams participated at the regional tournament on March 18, 2018. Team members applied their critical thinking, team building and problem solving skills to produce an original performance and/or vehicle or structure for the following problems:

Triathlon Travels (Div. I Coaches Jenn Bishop, Michelle Boback and Div. II Coach Erin Tavernier and Yunna Yi)

Emoji, Speak for Yourself (Coaches Linda Cai, Amy Herr, and Lori Bowlin)

Classics... Mockumentary! Seriously? (Coaches Colleen McGrath-Kisner, Kevin Stefanik)

Animal House (Coaches Jenny Lee and Robert Tennyson)

A Stellar Hangout (Coaches Anusha Iyer and Mary Ferrara)

Primary, We're Cooking Now (Coaches Morgan and Dennis Hanzlik).

Extra congratulations to the Emoji, Speak for Yourself team which placed third in their division and the Stellar Hangout team which came in first and advanced to the state tournament.

The state tournament took place on April 14 in Newport News, VA. The Stellar Hangout team, consisting of team members Jane Ferrara, Rachel Brown, Leela Iyer, Stella Steiner, James Kim and Anusha Malhan had a solid finish to their season, placing 6th in the state for their problem in Division I.

A special shout-out to all of the coaches and volunteer-judges, especially our staff judges, Dr. and Mr. Grove and Mrs. Burdett! Many thanks as the teams could not have done it without you!!!

To learn more about the Odyssey of the Mind program, visit www.odysseyofthemind.com, and consider participating next season, which begins in the fall.

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



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 after-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)



Wolftrap Cleanup

A big thank you to the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and parents who came out to clean up the Wolftrap grounds Sunday April 15th. They removed a ton of debris and got the job done just before the rain started. Here are some pictures taken during the clean up.



3rd grade Ancient Civilizations Day

Goddesses, mummies, and pharaohs, oh my! Our third graders transformed the hallways and classrooms to bring their Ancient Civilizations curriculum to life right here at Wolftrap! Thanks to all our volunteers and donations from many local businesses like Enshin Karate and Panda Express, it was a fun filled event for all.



5th Grade Field Trip

Here are a few photos from our trip to the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore. Everyone had a great day!

