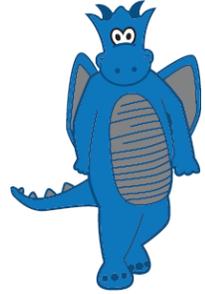




On the Run

Weekly Newsletter of Colvin Run Elementary
April 4, 2018

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Attendance, Early Dismissals, Late Arrivals and Transportation Changes: <http://goo.gl/FY31R0>

Dragon Days Calendar

April 5	Ensemble Day, Grades 4-6
April 6	4 th Grade ArtPlus
April 10	PTO College Funding Parent Workshop, 6:30pm, Theater
April 11	Brett Daniels Musical Performance Assembly – Rescheduled
April 12	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Colvin Run Mill (Alexander, Ball, Zvijac)
April 12	2 nd Grade Play “Goin’ Buggy”
April 13	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Colvin Run Mill (Hunt, Patterson, Simanson)
April 13	Kindergarten Rotations – STEAM Kids
April 13	2-Hour Early Release – End of Quarter
April 16	No School – Teacher Work Day
April 18	6 th Grade Field Trip to Mount Vernon
April 19	Ensemble Day, Grades 4-6
April 29	Save the Date! CRES Family Fitness Day at Wolf Trap National Park

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In the coming weeks, our Colvin Run Elementary website will convert to a new format. It will contain much of the same information but redesign similar to the FCPS homepage. Our traditional “On The Run” newsletter will also be converted to a platform similar to the “News You Choose” emails you receive from FCPS. Please stay tuned for more information on both changes.

Golf Tournament- Save The Date

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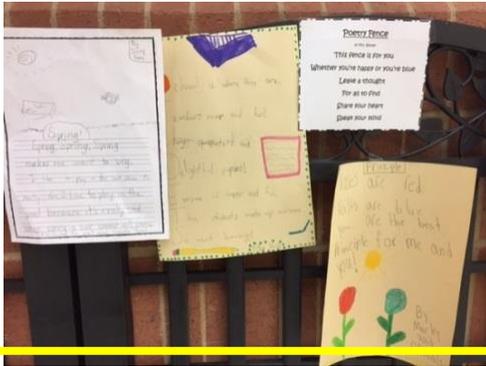
Celebrate Great Falls will hold its annual Golf Tournament on **May 14th** at Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston. Tee time is 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start. **Sign up now to play** and/or sponsor this great event at greatfallsgolf.org. Visit this website in the coming weeks to view and bid on exciting experiences your child can have with CRES staff.

All proceeds go to Colvin Run ES, Forestville ES, and Great Falls ES. Last year, the Tournament and Auction raised \$25,500 and CRES received \$8,500 to put toward educational enhancements benefitting your child. But we can't do it without our CRES families' support! For more information, please contact Lisa Cuomo at lisac0903@gmail.com or 703-967-4629.

Come Visit our Poetry Fence!

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April is National Poetry Month. As we continue to find creative ways to grow our sense of a school community, we created a “Poetry Fence”, located in the lobby. This fence is inspired by a story about woman in Alexandria who created a Poetry Fence on which neighbors share poetry and other thoughts. Please click [here](#) to read more about this creative way to share and be inspired.



During National Poetry Month, we are encouraging students and staff to “Add a poem. Share a thought. Describe a feeling. Make it funny. Make it serious. Make a connection.” Next time you are in school, we hope you take time to enjoy our students’ work and maybe share some yourself!



6th Grade “Kid Presidents”

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6th-grade students completed a PBL (Project Based Learning) for their weather unit. The children wrote, directed, produced, edited and acted in a “Kid President” video about weather and climate. All students found creative ways to answer the driving question: **How can you, as the new “Kid President,” inform other students about what they can do NOW to take care of our planet and help to minimize the intensity of future weather events?”**

Besides exploring important science concepts, the students collaborated to create a unique product! **To view our “Kid President” videos, click [here](#).**

CRES Artists Featured in Langley Pyramid Art Show

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Congratulations to the CRES artists selected to be part of the Langley Pyramid Art Show! The art show was on display at the new **MPA@ChainBridge Gallery**, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, near the Giant Food store in downtown McLean. We are incredibly proud of the creativity and determination that our students bring into the art classrooms each week!

The following students had artwork on display in the show:

Kindergarten – Alex K., Rania V., Brynn P., Colin B.

1st Grade – Madison C., Raina A., Reina P.

2nd Grade – Cameron B., Elizabeth I., Andres M.R., Chloe X.,

3rd Grade – Naomi P., Cole P., Jordan G., Leighton M., Kyra R., Grace R., Lianne F., Anna X., Nikki M.

4th Grade – Jack M., Audrey S., Carter A., Selma B., Jarod J., Colin M.

5th Grade – Hannah L., Elliot D., Katelyn L., Jacqui G., Safina A.

6th Grade – Sarah F., Lily Z., Uma S., Lucas M., Jack P., Eliza R., Steven L., Kiana A.

4th Grade Secret Garden book project- Tulip Garden

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In STEAM Lab, our fourth grade students have been participating in an international study of seasonal change through a tulip test garden. We [planted](#) tulip bulbs in the fall and now our tulips have [emerged](#) and bloomed in front of the Library! We hope you have a chance to enjoy their beauty! This project is being completed in conjunction with the 4th grade book study of the [Secret Garden](#). Thank you to Ms. Blackwell and the Fourth Grade teachers for creating this unique opportunity for our fourth grade students.

Springtime events occur at different times in different places across the globe. You can even watch the wave of spring as it moves across the globe by using the [animated map](#)!

[Journey North](#) keeps garden observations in a permanent database. With long-term data, important scientific questions can be explored: How do the Earth's different climate conditions affect plant growth? What patterns do the data reveal? Are variations normal? How does this spring compare with previous years?



AAP Levels of Service Information

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CRES provides AAP services and curriculum to all of our students, but do you know how that looks for your child? Click the links below to learn more about our approach to these levels and answers to the most common questions we receive about the AAP Program. This information is especially helpful during this time of year when Level IV AAP placement letters are sent to students screened for potential placement in an FCPS Level IV AAP classroom. Click to read the most [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) by parents and visitors as well as some [helpful talking points](#), parents have requested, regarding how they can address some of the questions and concerns students and parents have asked in the past. We hope you find these resources helpful to better understand how CRES provides students with an enriched curriculum and experiences with a focus on integrating Critical & Creative Thinking Strategies.

Though written specifically to 2nd grade families, the [helpful talking points](#) information is applicable for all families.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) 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 levels of school-based services in each elementary school.

ADVANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (AAP) SCREENING FOR SCHOOL-BASED (LEVEL II-III) SERVICES

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- **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. The lessons are modeled in all classrooms by AARTs and the thinking strategies are then used throughout the year by classroom teachers and other teachers who work with students. Student responses to these model lessons are used as part of the identification process for AAP services. Parents may also practice the thinking strategies during family conversations and activities. A description of the nine critical and creative thinking strategies can be found by [clicking here](#).

- **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. Level II services are part of a talent development pool. Students are rescreened annually to make decisions about the need for this level of service.

- **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 POS in the four core subject areas. 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.

Screening for school-based services can happen at any time during the school year but is done schoolwide in spring to determine services for the next school year. Parents or guardians may initiate the screening for school-based (level II and III) services by submitting the AAP School-Based Services (Level II-III) Referral Form (available at <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement/elementary-school/current-fcps> at the bottom of the page in Forms) to the AART at Colvin Run prior to spring screening. Multiple criteria are used to screen students for all levels of AAP services. Parents or guardians who submit a referral will be notified by Colvin Run of their student's eligibility status by June of 2018.

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. This new information should be submitted to Alyssa Gabel.

If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Gabel at Colvin Run at angrabel@fcps.edu or at 703-757-3014.

“Save The Date” – Kindergarten Kick-Off

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This annual event will take place on **Monday, April 30th**. If you have a rising Kindergartener and have not already notified us via the Orange Preschool form sent in Wednesday folders, please call the office at (703) 757-3000 to register for our Kindergarten Kick-Off Information Meeting. You may also view the [CRES Kindergarten Information Packet](#). Since these forms were only sent home to current CRES families, please encourage your neighbors to contact the school if they have a rising Kindergarten student as well.

A Note from the Attendance Office

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Absences **ADD UP**



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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18 DAYS IN A SCHOOL YEAR
or **2** DAYS EVERY MONTH

EQUALS:

- ↓ LOWER TEST SCORES
- RETENTION IN LATER GRADES

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Missed Days Add Up Quickly!

- Just a few missed days a month add up to several school weeks missed in a year.
- Both excused and unexcused absences can make it more difficult for your child to keep up with other students, especially in math and reading.
- Kindergarten and first grade are critical for your child. Missing school during these early years makes it more difficult for children to learn in later years and they often have trouble reading by the end of third grade.

Work with Your Child and Your School

- As the parent, be strong with your child and don't let your child stay home when it is not necessary. This will help your child succeed.
- If your child has a chronic disease, make sure that the School Public Health Nurse and school staff are aware of the disease so the staff can assist your child if he or she becomes ill. Information about your child's chronic disease should be noted on the school Health Information Form and the Emergency Care Form. Please also be sure to alert the School Public Health Nurse of any changes to your child's health care needs that could impact the school day.
- **Keep an open line of communication with your School Public Health Nurse, school staff, and teachers. The more the school knows about your child's health, the better prepared everyone will be to work together for your child.**

For Additional Information Visit:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov

The American Academy of Pediatrics
www.aap.org

The Fairfax County Go to Guide
www.fcps.edu/resources/gotoguide



Dragon Gazette

The latest news from the Colvin Run Elementary School PTO

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<p>Join us for a Parent Workshop</p>	<p>Colvin Run Elementary School April 10, 2018 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM 1400 Trap Road Vienna, VA 22182</p>
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THE COLLEGE FUNDING COACH®
Little-Known Secrets of Paying for College

For many families, the high cost of higher education is a daunting proposition. Parents lie awake at night trying to figure out how to afford to send their children to college and still have enough of their hard earned money to be able to retire one day. Some families have children attending college next year and others have 12 years to plan, but the fears of tackling these monumental and rising costs are the same. The College Funding Coach® is here to help families figure out HOW to pay for it!

This free, PTO-sponsored presentation will discuss:

- Strategies to attend private universities for the same out of pocket cost as in-state schools
- Effective ways to simultaneously save and pay for college
- Unique strategies to pay for multiple children attending college at the same time
- An insider's view of the college admissions process
- How to recapture out of pocket college costs
- Avoid jeopardizing your retirement nest egg

Join us April 10th 6:30-8:30 at Colvin Run Elementary School.

New Special Education Resources Page on the CRES PTO Site

If your child participates in special education programs, you may find our new resources page helpful. Thanks so much to Cathy Greulich for compiling the information.

<https://crespto.membershiptoolkit.com/special-ed>

BASA Openings Still Available

There are still a handful of spots open for fun Spring BASA Classes:

Run Club
Breakfast Club
Chinese Culture & Crafts
Coder Kids (3rd-6th)
Cricket
Design Squad Global
Fencing for Young Jedi
Flag Football
Indonesian Arts & Crafts (Batik art)
Spanish
Young Chefs

[Review the schedule and class descriptions here](#)

[Register Online](#)

Culturama - Presenters Needed!

On the evening of **Friday, April 20th, 2018**, we hope to fill the cafeteria again to the brim with yummy foods, cultural artifacts, talented acts, and a colorful fashion show.



Culturama works best when we have lots of participation, so we would love for all of our CRES community to be represented! Multiple families and scouting groups can also team up to represent a country, too!

Some ways you can be involved:

Displays- Display a poster, artifacts, pictures, activities, crafts, games or anything that will educate us about your country

Foods - Bring a savory or sweet food dish from your country for our international "tasting" menu

Fashion Show - Dress in traditional clothing from your country to showcase in our cultural fashion show

Talent - Perform a dance, song, talent, martial art, or acrobatic routine for our cultural talent show (be wowed by our diverse and talented CRES students!)

To sign up to showcase a country, click [here](#). 8th-grade volunteers are welcome to help and earn their service hours by clicking [here](#).

Questions? Contact Theresa Bhatia (theresa.bhatia@gmail.com)

Heading to Longfellow Next Year? Check out these resources.

Parent Seminar: How to Thrive at Longfellow

April 19th at 7-8:30pm
Longfellow Lecture Hall

Parents are invited to learn from Longfellow staff and students how to set your student up for success at Longfellow. Learn from counselors and students about what will help with the transition to and what to expect in middle school.

Longfellow Spirit Packs for Sale

For a limited time, the Longfellow PTA is selling spirit packs filled with LMS spirit wear to get your rising middle schooler excited and ready for 7th grade. These make great graduation gifts! Go to <http://www.longfellowpta.org/spirit-wear.html> for more information and to order.

Let's pave a path at Colvin Run!

The PTO invites you to purchase an engraved brick so you can commemorate your days at Colvin Run and leave your mark.

Order online at:

<http://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/cres>

Each 4"x8" brick includes up to 3 lines of text, and free shipping directly to CRES where it will be placed in a pathway for students, staff and visitors to enjoy for decades to come. You can add an additional brick to keep as a family memento. Please submit orders by May 15, 2018.

Questions? Please contact Sheri Economou at cres.preselect@gmail.com.



Food Rescue Volunteers Still Needed

Just a 12-minute drive from CRES, the Cornerstones Emergency Self-Sufficiency Services program helps fight hunger right here in Northern Virginia. Each day at lunch, CRES students collect leftover, unopened food and beverages from lunch to donate.

We need parent volunteers to deliver the rescued food every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of the school year. Unfortunately, a small number of volunteers has been shouldering much of the delivery duties so far this year. Please sign up to help with an occasional delivery if you can fit it into your schedule. For more information please contact Tonia Powell, the CRES Food Rescue coordinator, at tonia@bradandtonia.com or 703.201.1922.

[Sign up to help with a delivery](#) | [Delivery instructions](#)

Calling all runners, walkers & hikers!!!! **Family Fitness Day 2018**

When: Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 9 AM – 12PM
Where: Wolf Trap National Park (in our own backyard!)
Who: Hybla Valley and CRES Students, Staff & Families
What: 5K Run & National Park Ranger Guided Hikes through beautiful Wolf Trap National Park

April 29, 2018 is National Park RX Day. Every National Park across the country will be celebrating by hosting events that promote health, fitness, wellness, and exercise. Our very own Family Fitness Day will be held in the beautiful National Park right in our own neighborhood Wolf Trap National Park!!!!

Come join your CRES classmates, families, and staff, along with the students, families, and staff from our sister school, Hybla Valley Elementary, for this amazing day!!!

Registration will be coming soon @ CRESPTO.ORG



- College Funding Coach Workshop - April 10
- Culturama - April 20
- Spring Musical - May 11 & 12

Celebrate Great Falls Annual Golf Tournament

Save the Date!

May 14, 2018

One Session: 1:30 p.m. shotgun start

Hidden Creek Country Club

Reston, VA

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July 9 - 13, 2018 from 9:00am - 3:30pm

Directed by Tricia Abernathy

pgabernathy@fcps.edu

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2018 VIENNA BAND CAMP

Largest band camp in Northern Virginia with over 500 students!

Our 39th Annual Summer Band Camp!



Monday through Friday
8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
June 20 to July 13, 2018

Longfellow Middle School
2000 Westmoreland Street
Falls Church, VA 22043

Online Registration at www.mcleanband.org

For students from fourth to ninth grade
Free band camp t-shirt for each student
Special program for beginning students
Class lessons with instrumental specialists
Four different band levels grouped by ability
Free final evening concert – all bands (July 13)

Camp Fee: \$245 for all four weeks

2018 VIENNA BAND CAMP

Franklin Band & Orchestra Camp

Sponsored by the Franklin Band Club



Dates:

June 20 to July 13, 2018

Monday through Friday

No Camp on July 4th

Times:

Orchestra: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Band: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Franklin Camp Features:

- Audition music and First Day information is available online at www.franklinbandcamp.com
- Full band and orchestra classes for all levels of experience. Ages 9 and up/Rising 4th grade and up
- Students may study the following instruments:
All woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings.
(Piano, Guitar and Recorder are not offered)
- Special classes for beginning Band and Strings students.
- Sectionals with instrumental specialist.
- Jazz Band Program for advanced band students.
- Chamber Music Program for advanced band and orchestra students.
- Concert performance on the last day featuring all performance groups.

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**Civil War History at the Great Falls
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