



Hello Lake Braddock Families,

2/23/2024

Please find all the information and resources for this week in our Newsletter below:

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Computer CORE** offers *FREE, online*, basic computer skills classes to adults 18 and over in Virginia. Classes are taught online over Zoom for three 10-week terms per year: Winter (Jan-Mar), Spring (Apr-June) and Fall (Sept-Nov). <https://www.computercore.org/>
- **Fairfax County Parks Spring and Summer Camp Registration Opens January 23**

Spring and Summer Camp Registration has begun! FCPA is sharing the full listing of camps, as well as offering multiple ways to search and tools to use that will make enrolling easier. Learn more about the camps and how to register on the [website](#).

- **FCPS Summer Camps, Fairfax County Park Authority, and spring sports** are now registering. FCPS' [IFTA, E-IFTA, Career Technical Education Summer Academy and Tech Adventure Camp](#) web pages are now all updated with location, dates, and costs. Further details for how to register by phone and mail are on the website.

- **Summer Programs for Preschoolers and Kindergartners**

Please see the camps in the links below.

<https://dmv.kidsoutandabout.com/content/preschool-summer-camps-dc-metro-area>

<https://dcmoms.com/ages-stages/toddler/toddler-friendly-summer-camps-in-dc/>

<https://www.brighthorizons.com/programs/summer-camp>

<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/camp-programs>

- **FCPS Summer Learning Page**

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/summer-learning>

- **April is the Month of the Military Child and April 17th will be "Purple Up! Day"**

This year's **Purple Up!** t-shirts will be available for ordering beginning February 12 – March 8. Please help us turn FCPS Purple on Wednesday, April 17, in honor of our over 13,000 military-connected students. Questions? Reach out to Meredith Ayala, mlyala1@fcps.edu, or Katie Server, kaserver@fcps.edu.

Also, it is not too late to apply for the Purple Star Designation! Reach out to Meredith and Katie for more information and support!

- 2024 VIP Summer Camp

FCPS MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
AND NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY SERVICES
PRESENT:

Fairfax County PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STRONG. FUTURE. TOGETHER.

NCS
Neighborhood and Community Services

Save the Date!

Field Trips
*Not included in fee.

Transportation Provided

Time: 8am - 4pm

VIP SUMMER CAMP

\$100 for 5 week program
Scholarships available

NO Camp July 4th-5th

JULY 1 - AUGUST 1

Holmes MS site will serve rising 7th and rising 8th graders from:
Glasgow MS*, Holmes MS*, Jackson MS, Kilmer MS, Thoreau MS, Poe MS*
*also includes rising 6th graders

APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN ON 3/11

Includes: Lunch & Breakfast

General Questions?
Contact your Middle School After-School Specialist

INTERESTED??

Scan QR Code to complete INTEREST FORM

This is NOT the Registration Form... it's just our way of putting together a contact list so we can follow up directly when the registration window opens.

- **Teens In Action 2024 program**
Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Service offers Teen in Action program, March 25-29 for rising 7th- 12th graders.

Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services
Teens In Action
March 25 – 29, 2024
 Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Rising Grades 7 – 12

Spring 2024

Our specialty programs are designed with teens in mind. The **Teens In Action** program provides exciting opportunities for self-discovery and skill building, with an emphasis on team building and leadership. The program offers personal attention and plenty of hands-on experience in a safe and fun environment!

Featured Opportunities:

- Outdoor Adventures
- Podcasting & Social Media
- Field Trips
- Sports, Recreation, Health, Fitness & Nutrition
- Job, Education & Career Readiness
- Music & Arts
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Exploration
- **and much MORE!**

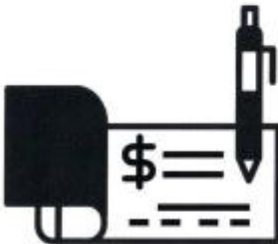
SCAN for Teens in Action registration information and other details.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs services and activities. Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/Virginia Relay. Reasonable accommodations made upon request. call 703-324-4600. A Fairfax County, Virginia publication. 10/2024

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- Tax Information : Fairfax County Public Library

<p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT DATES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal returns due April 15, 2024 Virginia returns due May 1, 2024</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Available at George Mason Regional Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal 1040 Forms • Federal 1040-SR Forms <p style="text-align: center;">For further assistance, please ask the Information Desk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The library does not print tax instruction booklets</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR MORE INFORMATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FCPL Tax Information https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/tax</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Internal Revenue Service https://www.irs.gov</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: small;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>A Fairfax County VA, public library January 2021</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Fairfax County Public Library 12000 Greenmead Center Parkway Suite 324 Falls Church, VA 22045 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: x-small;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Transportation ADA accommodations or alternative formats of materials, call 703-244-6088 or TTY: 703-244-6088</p> </div> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">TAX HELP FOR THE 2023 FILING SEASON</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Imagine • Discover • Connect</p> </div>
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<p style="text-align: center;">TAX ASSISTANCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24/7 Federal Tax Help</p> <p>Website: https://www.irs.gov/ Forms and Instructions: Phone: 1-800-829-1040</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local IRS Office</p> <p>7980 Quantum Dr Vienna, VA 22182 (844) 545-5640 Mon-Fri: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm By appointment only</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Virginia Returns</p> <p>Website: https://tax.virginia.gov Individuals: (804) 367-8031 Businesses: (804) 367-8037 Phone: Mon-Fri, 8:30 am - 5 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tax-Processing Websites Approved by Virginia Department of Taxation (Fees may apply)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">eztraxreturn.com OLT.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AARP TAX AIDE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opens January 29, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mason District Government Center 6057 Columbia Pike Annandale, VA 22003</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Appointments Mon, Tues & Fri Walk-ins welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call (after Jan 21): (703) 249-9961</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more information and additional locations, visit:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)</p> <p>You may qualify if you or your family made less than \$64,000 in 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk-ins Welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Locations & Hours</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fairfax Virginia Career Works 7611 Little Turnpike Annandale, VA 22033 Tues & Thurs: 4 - 6:30 pm Sat: 10 am - 4pm Operates Jan 30 - Apr 13, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gerry Hyland Government Center 8350 Richmond Hwy Alexandria, VA 2209 Tues & Weds: 6 - 8pm Sat: 10am - 3pm Operates Feb 3 - Apr 13, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more information and additional locations, visit:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/employment-and-training/volunteer-income-tax-assistance</p>
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FAMILY RESOURCES:

- **The Family Resource Center** offers free webinars for adults to support the success of all students, including those with learning challenges, special needs, and disabilities. Upcoming events include:

- **Behavior Solution Series for Elementary and Secondary Families** – Join FCPS Behavior Intervention Services staff for help encouraging positive communication and behavior at home. Webinars will be held at 10 a.m.:
 - Elementary Webinars:
 - Proactive Strategies for Effective Communication, Friday, February 16
 - Taming Tantrums and More, **Friday, March 15**
 - Secondary Webinars:
 - Proactive Strategies for Effective Communication, Friday, April 19
 - Taming the Teen-Aged Brain, **Friday, May 31**

<https://www.fcps.edu/family-resources/family-engagement/family-resource-center/register-free-workshops-family-resource>

- **Parenting Education Programs and Workshops**

The Parenting Education Programs is offering virtual and in-person classes at this time. Classes for parents begin Feb. 19 and March 7. **The full class schedule** is available online. For more information or to enroll in a class, please email buildingstrongerfamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov or call the Parent Support Line at 703-324-7720.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/parenting-education-programs>

The Parenting Education Programs – Accepting Winter Referrals!



Parenting Education Programs

Grow healthy relationships with your children

Join Our Parenting Classes

BuildingStrongerFamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov
or
703-324-7720

Starting Thursday, Mar. 7
5-11 Year Age Range

FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
FAMILY SERVICES

- **Parent Encouragement Program** "*Encouraging Parents, Enriching Families*" (webinars, in-person programs, podcasts, videos)

<https://pepparent.org/>

- **2024-2025 FAFSA Completion Assistance**

College Access Fairfax has partnered with FCPS high schools to offer FAFSA completion events. Families are encouraged to attend any of the sessions where they can receive assistance in completing the necessary financial aid forms. Register at [College Access Fairfax](#)

- **Virginia Alternative State Aid Application (VASA) to Open in Late January 2024**

Students who are unable to complete the FAFSA - students who are not U.S. citizens or eligible non-residents - should complete the VASA to determine if they are eligible for state financial aid. Although a definite date has not been announced, the form is expected to become available online in late January 2024.

- **Military Families Resources**

<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/military-families>

- **Check out the Library Events:**

Burke Centre

<https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&cm=3436&inc=0>

Kings Park

<https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&cm=3446&inc=0>

LBSS EVENTS:

- **Lake Braddock Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)**

Join PTSA: <https://lbspsa.org/>

We need volunteers for the 2024 Mulch sale, please help us:

Students sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544ABAB2F4-mulch3>

Adults sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544ABAB2F4-mulch4>

- **Baby Box Express - Sign up to request necessities for babies aged Newborn – 2T**
A middle schooler has initiated a special project designed to support families in need, providing essential items such as clothing, formula, books, and other necessities for babies aged newborn to 2 years old.

Please fill out [this form](#) to request a baby box.

- **March 5 Student Holiday**

March 5 has been designated a day off for students due to the Primary Election. However, the Purple and Gold Calendar will not be adjusted and March 4 and 6 will remain gold days.

- **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Screener, March 4 or March 6, 2024**

All students will participate in the SEL Screener on March 4 or March 6, 2024 through Advisory classes. If you opted your student out of the screener in the Fall, they will still be opted out of the Spring screener. If you would like to opt your child out of this screener, you may find that information on our school website at this link: <https://lakebraddockss.fcps.edu/B2S-SEL>.

- **100 Days Meeting** - March 7, 2024 @ 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria - Informational session for parents leading up to graduation, prom, and All Night Grad Party


YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

Work Force Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program

This program support students who are not quite sure what career path they may want to take and usually for those who are going to be staying in the northern Virginia area.

WIOA has information sessions that you are welcome to attend on Tuesdays and the information to attend those are on the flier below.

<https://vcwnorthern.com/wioayouth/>



VCWNorthern.com/WIOAYouth



VIRGINIA CAREER WORKS
NORTHERN REGION

WIOA Youth Program

Supporting young adults ages 17-24 seeking employment and training services.

<p>Services Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Career coaching and mentorship• Resume and job search assistance• FREE skills trainings and credentials• Access to LinkedIn Learning to support training• Paid work experience and internship opportunities• Leadership Development• College exploration and vocational assistance• Additional support services	<p>Apply Today!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Visit VCWNorthern.com/WIOAYouth2. Watch the WIOA Youth orientation video3. Under How Do I Apply, download and complete the application packet and gather the listed documents4. Sign up for an Intake appointment <p>Email DFSWIOAYouth@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 571-536-0850, VA Relay 711 for additional assistance.</p>
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To learn more about the WIOA Youth program, register for a Virtual Information Session:

 <p>Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Register at: bit.ly/WYInfo10</p>	 <p>Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Register at: bit.ly/WYInfo1</p>
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The Northern Virginia WIOA Youth Program is operated by the Fairfax County Department of Family Services.

Virginia Career Works-Fairfax Centers and WIOA Title I-financially assisted programs are an equal opportunity program/employer committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations, to include auxiliary aids and services, are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For information, call the Virginia Career Works-Fairfax Centers at 703-533-5400, 711 VA relay.

This product was created using 100% of federal U. S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth award of \$2,002,868 (#AA-38561-22-55-A-51 made to Virginia Career Works - Northern on behalf of Northern Virginia Workforce Area #11 by the pass-through entity, the Virginia Community College System. No costs of this product were financed by nongovernmental sources. The information contained herein does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or

Apprenticeship Opportunity for Juniors and Seniors

How to register:

- Online by clicking [here](#)
- By calling (703) 658-1201
- By emailing educationalcounseling@fcps.edu

NCCER CORE CONSTRUCTION SKILLS

APPRENTICESHIP

101

This rigorous program prepares you for ACE apprenticeship classes in Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing as well as entry-level positions on project sites. Learn the basics in safety, hand and power tools, construction math, material handling, construction drawings, and employability skills. During this class you will:

- 1 LEARN THE BASIC SKILLS TO CONTINUE EDUCATION IN ANY APPRENTICEABLE TRADE
- 2 EARN 80 HOURS OF APPRENTICESHIP RELATED INSTRUCTION
- 3 EARN AN INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL THROUGH THE NCCER REGISTRY SYSTEM
- 4 CONNECT WITH EMPLOYERS

***DISCOUNTED TUITION COURTESY OF ACE FOUNDATION DOES NOT INCLUDE \$35 TEXTBOOK FEE AND \$5 LAB FEE**

Winter Session
2/5/24 - 5/29/24
Woodson High School
9525 Main Street
Fairfax, VA 22031
Monday & Wednesday
6PM - 9PM

Summer Session
6/28/24 - 7/12/24
Bryant High School
2709 Popkins Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306
Monday - Friday
8AM - 3PM

FCPS ACE
ADULT & COMMUNITY
EDUCATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
EDUCATIONALCOUNSELING@FCPS.EDU

ACECLASSES.FCPS.EDU

\$870
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\$197*



- NOVA Virtual Information Sessions for Seniors and their families



SPRING 2023 NOVA VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

Learn about the numerous opportunities, services, and resources designed to get you connected to the NOVA Nighthawk Community.

December 12, 2023 (7:00pm)

Register here: tinyurl.com/December-12

January 23, 2024 (4:30pm)

Register here: tinyurl.com/January-23-2024



February 20, 2024 (7:00pm)

Register here: tinyurl.com/Feb-20-Spanish-Session

March 19, 2024 (4:30)

Register here: tinyurl.com/March-19-2024

APPLICATION WORKSHOP

April 30, 2024 (7:00pm)

Register here: tinyurl.com/April-18-Application-Workshop

Open to all FCPS seniors and parents. For questions, contact admissions@nvcc.edu

NOVA | Northern Virginia
Community College

- **Inspire Summer 2024**

Send your high schooler to UVA Northern Virginia this summer! Applications for Inspire Summer 2024 are now available. Whether it's college essay writing, coding, or forensic science, we offer a diverse range of courses. Seats are limited and the **priority deadline is February 23, 2024**—[apply here](#).

- **National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day** on May 3, 2024. The event focuses on LGBTQ+ and all youth, promoting inclusion, mental health awareness, and allyship.

Location, Date and Time:

James Lee Community Center

Date: May 3, 2024

Time: Noon to 3:00 pm



JOB READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Britepaths and the Financial Empowerment Center at South County** are offering free virtual consulting services and workshops to help with your personal finances, job search and more.

<https://soco.financialemPOWERMENTCENTERS.org/>

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAPET)**

If you are a SNAP recipient, you have access to employment services through the SNAP Employment and Training Program! For additional details, please refer to links below.

Visit the website:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/employment-and-training/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-employment-and-training>

OTHER RESOURCES

- **Pet Resource Center**

Looking for cost-effective pet vaccinations, help with pet food or supplies, details about PetHaven Program, or tips on finding affordable veterinary care? Check flyer below.

Fairfax County Animal Shelter's Pet Resource Center provides community-based resources and support anchored in keeping more pets with the families who love them. By identifying resource gaps experienced by Fairfax County residents, our Pet Resource Center works to prevent the rehoming of companion animals due to inequitable pet assistance services.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/petresources>



The flyer is a vertical rectangular graphic with a dark blue header and footer. The header contains the title 'Pet Resource Center' in white and the Fairfax County Animal Shelter logo, which features two white silhouettes of a dog and a cat under a white roofline. The main body of the flyer is divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant has a white background and contains the title 'About our Pet Resource Center' and two paragraphs of text. The top-right quadrant features a photograph of a woman in a blue hoodie smiling and holding a small dog. The bottom-left quadrant has a teal background and contains the title 'Pet Resource Center Services' and two paragraphs of text. The bottom-right quadrant has a white background and contains the title 'Upcoming 2024 Services' and one paragraph of text. The footer is a solid yellow bar with the website URL in black text.

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Pet Resource Center Services

Vaccine and Microchip Clinics: These monthly clinics offer Fairfax County residents low-cost core vaccines and microchips.

Pet Pantry: Our pet pantry provides pet food and other supplies for Fairfax County residents facing hardship.

Upcoming 2024 Services

Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Options: Our Pet Resource Center will provide affordable spay and neuter options for low-income Fairfax County residents in 2024. This initiative includes a voucher program where residents can apply for a voucher to have their pet spayed or neutered at a local veterinary clinic.

[FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/ANIMALSHELTER/PETRESOURCECENTER](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/petresources)

- **The Fairfax County Health Department offers maternal child health home visiting services** through: **Nurse-Family Partnership®** and **Maternal Child Health Field Nurse** programs. The Public Health Nurses provide comprehensive, multifaceted care to clients, targeting a multitude of stressors such as low socioeconomic status, history of trauma or abuse, and mental health conditions in order to promote positive health outcomes.

You can fill out and return the [Maternal Child and Family Support Home Visiting Programs Referral Form](#) to have a staff member contact you about home visiting services.


<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/maternal-child-health>

ENGLISH CLASSES

- **FCPS - Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**- Click on the link below for more information about testing locations for classes.
<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/adult-education-academics/esol-classes>
- **English Empowerment Center: Conversation Class and Continued Learning Between Semesters.** Classes begin February 12 or 13, 2024
<https://englishempowermentcenter.org/free-conversation-class-and-continued-learning-between-semesters/>.


Do you know someone who wanted to register for class with the Empowerment Center but missed the registrations? They can fill out the [Information Request Form](#) to hear about upcoming spring classes. The Center also encourages students to study on their own with [USA Learns](#).

English Empowerment Center also offers in-person classes for Spring semester. Registration for their Spring semester classes will begin January 8th. Please follow the [link](#) to learn more information.



Intensive English and Workforce Readiness Classes

This course offers three levels of intensive English instruction (Literacy, Beginning, and Intermediate) with a curriculum designed to deliver relevant language and soft skills to help participants improve their employability and advancement potential. The Intermediate course includes preparation for a credential. This training and its associated skills are easily applicable to practically every industry and work setting.




Sign-Up:
Tuesday, December 12
10:30am-12:00pm
Mark Center, 6th floor, Workforce Development Ctr
(4850 Mark Center Dr., Alexandria, VA 22311)
In-person registration is required for all levels.



Class Schedule:
January 16-March 7
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30am-1:30pm*
(Level 3 will meet Feb 16th and Feb 23rd, instead of Feb 7th and 8th)
*Additional hours available for VIEW clients

Course Level Details:
The Literacy Level course will take place IN-PERSON at the City of Alexandria's Workforce Development Center at the Mark Center (4850 Mark Center Dr., Alexandria, VA 22311).
Beginning and Intermediate levels will meet VIRTUALLY.
Laptops will be available for loan for the duration of the course for all students.

Services Fee: \$200
(\$300 for referral agencies requiring monthly reporting)

Now Accepting:


Contact LVAughn@EnglishEmpowermentCenter.org or call 703-237-0866 for more information.

 English Empowerment Center  @EnglishEmpowers

703-237-0866 | TTY: 711 | info@EnglishEmpowermentCenter.org | www.EnglishEmpowermentCenter.org

- **Fellowship Baptist Church:**

<https://www.fellowshipbaptistva.org/english-classes>