

Hello Lake Braddock Families,

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Computer CORE** offers <u>FREE</u>, <u>online</u>, 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 <u>website</u>.

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

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 militaryconnected students. Questions? Reach out to Meredith Ayala, mlayala1@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

Irving Serving: Frost MS, Irving MS, Lake Braddock SS, Robinson SS, South County MS. 8100 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA 22152 Natalie Duncan • <u>NADuncan@fcps.edu</u>



• Teens In Action 2024 Spring program

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



Our specialty programs are designed with teens in mind. The **Teens In Action** program provides exciting opportunities for selfdiscovery 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!

SCAN for Teens in Action registration information

and other details.



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- and much MORE!



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Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Service offers Teen in Action Summer program from June 17-August 16, 2024 for rising 9th- 12th graders and from June 17-28 and Aug. 2-16, 2024 for rising 7th- 8th graders.



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Value In Prevention Camp | July 1– August 1

In partnership with FCPS, we are offering a five-week Value in Prevention Camp for our rising middle school teens.

- Seventh and Eighth grade participants are invited to join the Teens and Action program when the VIP program is not in session from June 17-28 and Aug 2-16.
- Registration info for VIP: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/value-in-prevention-camp

Times and locations may vary.



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• Tax Information : Fairfax County Public Library



TAX ASSISTANCE

24/7 Federal Tax Help

Website: https://www.irs.gov/ Forms and Instructions: Phone: 1-800-829-1040

Local IRS Office

7980 Quantum Dr Vienna, VA 22182 (844) 545-5640 Mon-Fri: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm By appointment only

Virginia Returns

Website: https://tax.virginia.gov Individuals: (804) 367-8031 Businesses: (804) 367-8037 Phone: Mon-Fri, 8:30 am - 5 pm

Tax-Processing Websites Approved by Virginia Department of Taxation (Fees may apply)

> eztraxreturn.com OLT.com

AARP TAX AIDE

Opens January 29, 2024

Mason District Government Center 6057 Columbia Pike Annandale, VA 22003

Appointments Mon, Tues & Fri Walk-ins welcome

Call (after Jan 21): (703) 249-9961

For more information and additional locations, visit:

https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

You may qualify if you or your family made less than \$64,000 in 2023

Walk-ins Welcome

Locations & Hours

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

Gerry Hyland Government Center 8350 Richmond Hwy Alexandria, VA 2209 Tues & Weds: 6 - 8pm Sat: 10am - 3pm Operates Feb 3 - Apr 13, 2024

For more information and additional locations, visit:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ familyservices/employment-andtraining/volunteer-income-taxassistance

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:
 - <u>Behavior Solution Series for Elementary and Secondary Families</u> 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
- <u>https://www.fcps.edu/family-resources/family-engagement/family-resource-center/register-free-workshops-family-resource</u>
- Parenting Education Programs and Workshops
 For more information or to enroll in a class, please email buildingstrongfamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov or Parent Support Line at 703-324-7720.
 <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/parenting-education-programs</u>
- 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. Please click <u>here</u> to submit a family enrollment form, or email us for more information.

The Parenting Education Programs – Accepting Winter Referrals Parenting Education Programs
Parenting E • <u>Parent Encouragement Program</u> "Encouraging Parents, Enriching Families" (webinars, inperson programs, podcasts, videos)

https://pepparent.org/

• 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

• Whitman Family Market hosted by Whitman Middle School where they distribute fresh produce and pantry staples to approximately 200 families in our community. This food is free of charge for all who participate.



LBSS EVENTS:

Lake Braddock Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Join PTSA: https://lbssptsa.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: <u>https://lakebraddockss.fcps.edu/B2S-SEL</u>.

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:

• Fairfax County Teen Job Fair

Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs and Career-Building Workshops will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, at <u>Chantilly High School</u>, and Saturday, March 9, at <u>West Springfield</u> <u>High School</u>.

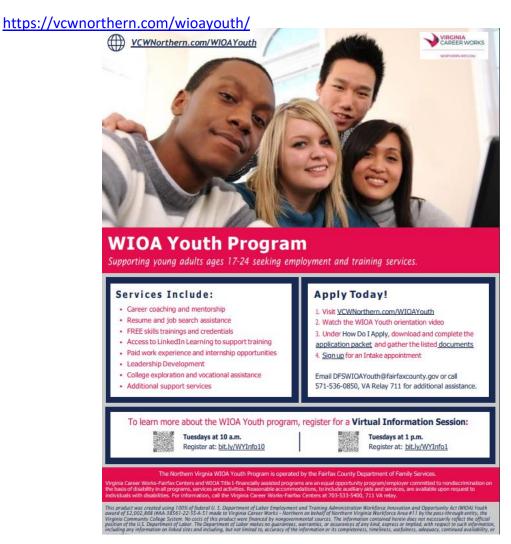
<u>Student registration</u> is free and open to all teens in Fairfax County seeking employment, volunteer opportunities, or tips on building their resume. <u>Business registration</u> is also free and open to any organization providing positions for students.

• 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.

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Apprenticeship Opportunity for Juniors and Seniors

How to register:

- Online by clicking <u>here</u>
- By calling (703) 658-1201
- By emailing <u>educationalcounseling@fcps.edu</u>



• 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



• 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**— <u>apply here</u>.

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/supplementalnutrition-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

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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

• 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 <u>Maternal Child and Family Support Home Visiting Programs Referral</u> <u>Form</u> to have a staff member contact you about home visiting services. <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/maternal-child-health</u>

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 <u>https://englishempowermentcenter.org/free-conversation-class-and-continued-learningbetween-semesters/.</u>

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

English Empowerment Center also offers in-person classes for Spring semester. Registration for their Spring semester classes will begin January 8th. Please follow the <u>link</u> to learn more information.



Intensive English and Workforce Readiness Cla

This course affers 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.

Course Level Details:



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 tr 9:30am-1:30pm*

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Now Accepting

*Additional hours available for VIEW clients

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.





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

• Fellowship Baptist Church:

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