

Hello Lake Braddock Families,

03/21/2024

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• Family Engagement Survey — Online. When schools build strong partnerships with families, respond to their concerns, and honor their contributions, students can experience a range of benefits including improved school readiness, higher student achievement, better social skills and behavior, and increased likelihood of high school graduation. Fairfax County Public Schools is committed to building authentic relationships with families. Parents and caregivers can help by participating in the 2023-24 Family Engagement Survey. Please take the Family Engagement Survey until Friday, March 22, 2024

https://survey.k12insight.com/survey1.aspx?k=RQsRXVWUsQRYsPsPsP&lang=0

- 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 website.

- The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is working to enhance equitable access to the benefits and opportunities available within the Fairfax County Park system. Please share your experiences and potential barriers by taking this survey. https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/park-equity-study
- FCPS Summer Camps, Fairfax County Park Authority, and spring sports are now registering. FCPS' <u>IFTA, E-IFTA, Career Technical Education Summer Academy and Tech</u> <u>Adventure Camp</u> 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, 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!

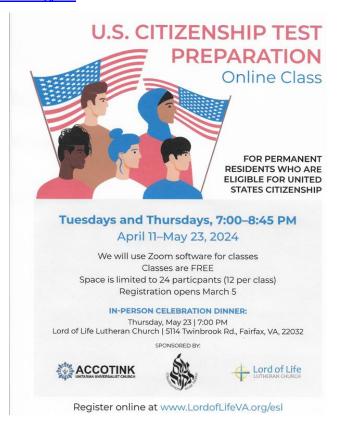
• Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA)

<u>Scholarships Program</u> now open. People who live in affordable housing supported by FCRHA will have the opportunity to apply for a \$5,000 academic scholarship for postsecondary education including technical training. Up to ten applicants will be selected. **Applications are due April 30, 20204.**



Citizenship Test Preparation Online Class

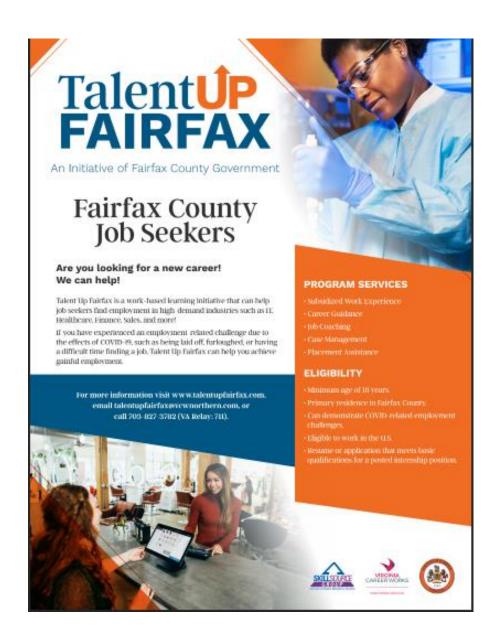
This free class is sponsored by local churches April 11th - May 23rd. Register online https://lordoflifeva.org/esl



• Fairfax County Fair Housing Event April 2024



• TalentUp Fairfax program for job seekers



 Spring Camp for 1st to 6th graders - Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Service March 25-29, 2014.



The **Spring Camp** program provides exciting opportunities for self-discovery and skill building, with an emphasis on team building and leadership. The program offers a

variety of hands-on experiences in a safe and fun environment!



SCAN for Spring Camp registration information and other details.



Featured Opportunities:

- Outdoor Adventures
- Podcasting
- Field Trips
- Sports, Recreation, Health, Fitness & Nutrition
- Music & Art
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Exploration
- and much MORE!

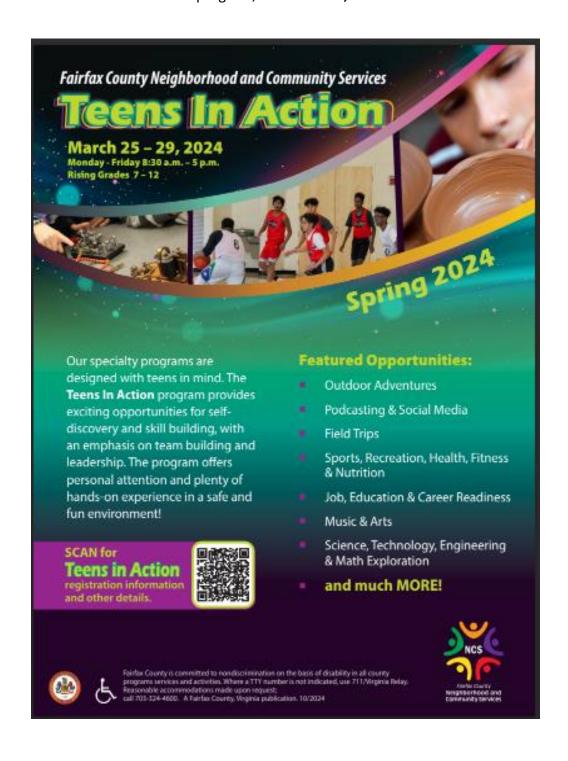


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• **Spring Camp for rising 7th- 12th graders-**Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Service offers Teen in Action program, **March 25-29, 2024.**



• 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 • NADuncan@fcps.edu



• Teens In Action 2024 Summer program

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.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) - Free Income Tax Preparation:

If you or your family earned less than \$64,000 in 2023, you may qualify for this free service! The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is a national program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to help families maximize their tax returns and avoid the fees businesses charge to prepare taxes.

What to Bring to a Tax Appointment (Checklist)

• Tax Information: Fairfax County Public Library

IMPORTANT DATES

Federal returns due April 15, 2024 Virginia returns due May 1, 2024



Available at George Mason Regional Library:

- · Federal 1040 Forms
- · Federal 1040-SR Forms

For further assistance, please ask the Information Desk

The library does not print tax instruction booklets

FOR MORE INFORMATION

FCPL Tax Information https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/ tax



Internal Revenue Service https://www.irs.gov





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TAX HELP FOR THE 2023 FILING SEASON



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

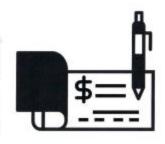
Mason District Government Center 6057 Columbia Pike Annandale, VA 22003

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:

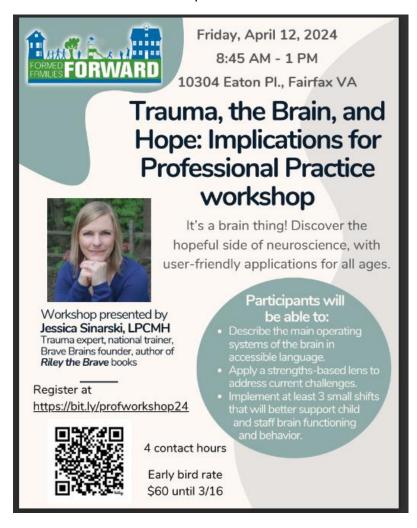
- Formed Families Forward (FFF) Events and Learning Opportunities
 - 11th Annual Spring Forward Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Family Fun Day. Saturday April 13, 2024 from 8:30am-2:00pm at the Science and Technology Campus of George Mason University in Manassas. While parents, caregivers and professionals are enjoying sessions presented by experts in education, children age 4-9 will take part in outdoor activities organized by Camp Sarraka while youth ages 10 and up will engage in GMU's outdoor experiential challenge course "The EDGE". More information on the inclusive programming for children and teens is provided below or can be found by visiting https://edge.gmu.edu.

Tickets and more information available at https://www.zeffy.com/en-us/ticketing/fb9b90b5-2e3f-4f6a-b3f1-3eaed7ff0a46.

Tickets include admittance to sessions, activities, and a sandwich lunch.

Workshop: Trauma, the Brain and Hope In-Person Workshop

Workshop with Jessica Sinarski, LPCMH to discover the hopeful side of neuroscience, with plenty of user-friendly applications for all ages. Early bird \$60 registration for the 4-hour workshop ends March 29th.



- 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:
 - 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



• Magnet Schools Lottery Now Open

Three FCPS elementary magnet schools provide programs that enhance learning in science, technology, and performing arts. Registration for the 2024-25 elementary magnet lottery is open until Friday, April 12th. Get more information about the schools, their programs, and locations.

NOVA Virtual Sessions for Seniors and Their Families

NOVA is offering virtual information and application sessions. Information sessions will provide an overview of NOVA and the opportunities, services, and resources designed to connect high school seniors to the NOVA Nighthawk Community.

A <u>virtual application workshop</u> will be held Tuesday, April 30th, at 7 p.m.

Sessions are open to all FCPS seniors and their families. For questions, email admissions@nvcc.edu or call 703-323-3000.

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

- <u>Parent Encouragement Program</u> "Encouraging Parents, Enriching Families" (webinars, in-person programs, podcasts, videos) https://pepparent.org/
- Military Families Resources

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

Learn About Pathways and Opportunities at Virtual Military Night

FCPS School Counseling Services is hosting a <u>Virtual Military Night</u> on Wednesday, March **20th from 6 to 8 p.m.** for high school students and their families who are interested in learning more about the military pathways and opportunities. Enlistment, service academies, and ROTC pathways will be represented.

Operation Purple Camp, a free one-week overnight camp exclusively for military kids, creates a space to celebrate all the ways Military Kids Serve Too®. The application will be open until March 15th. After March 15th, applicants will be placed on the waitlist.

Frequently asked questions

Virtual <u>Operation Purple Summer Challenge</u> offers military families all around the globe the opportunity to connect, have fun, and try new things all from the comfort of their home. Registration opens in April.

Applications for both camps are open for military connected kids of all service branches. Both active duty and veteran families are eligible. For more information, contact OPC@MilitaryFamily.org.

• Check out the Library Events:

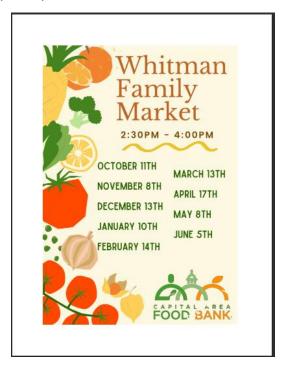
Burke Centre

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

Kings Park

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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/

NAVIANCE Virtual Workshop- Recording

Thank you for joining the NAVIANCE virtual workshop, in the beginning we had some technical difficulties, you may want to skip de recording until minute 11 and 40 seconds.

English:

https://myfcpsk12.zoom.us/rec/play/8pEEib5ZcStKo61aLsLgI9uDnRBt4ACfJdx7oJd8hX5X04RlgkdXeqxLjz P2d-tNORKVa5ixhK0aNb-L.sy2s6Jf3D4JVW4Ha

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What is Naviance? Why is this important?

Join us for a virtual session to learn more about Naviance!

Topics:

- · College Search
- Scholarship Search
- X2Vol (Community Service hours)

What do you need?

 Your ParentVUE account's username and password

Don't have a ParentVUF account?

 Email to Sandy Coleman SMColeman@fcps.edu

- O 7PM-8PM
- Tuesday, Mar 19th, 2024
- ZOOM

REGISTER FREE:

Zoom link will be sent to all HS parents via Talking <u>Points</u>

Session will be in English

<u>Spanish, Korean,</u> and <u>Vietnamese</u> interpreters are also available 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.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

Please fill out this form to request a baby box.

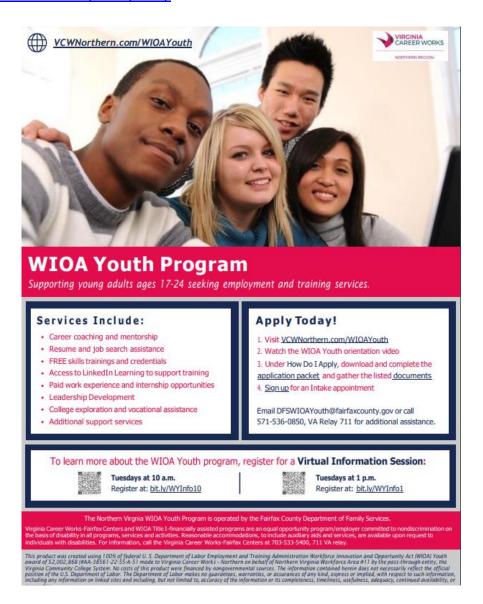
Work Force Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program

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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https://vcwnorthern.com/wioayouth/



Apprenticeship Opportunity for Juniors and Seniors

How to register:

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



JOB READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Britepaths and <u>the Financial Empowerment Center at South County</u> are offering free virtual consulting services and workshops to help with your personal finances, job search and more.
 - Financial Mentoring: Work with a dedicated trained volunteer virtually for six months or more on your financial goals. The volunteer is there to guide you and teach you skills pertinent to your life! If interested, please email CRogers@Britepaths.org
 - One-on-One, Confidential Coaching: Free and Confidential Coaching and Consulting. To book an appointment call 703.704.6101 or email info@FECSoCo.org, or click here: https://fecsoco.timetap.com/#/
- 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

• 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</u>
<u>Referral Form</u> to have a staff member contact you about home visiting services.

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

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.

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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

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 <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.



• Fellowship Baptist Church:

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