

Hello Lake Braddock Families,

03/08/2024

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

 March into Health Community Health Fair -Sunday, March 10th, 1 to 4 pm., Lorton Community Center



• Community Conversation on Fentanyl and Other Drugs will be held Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the auditorium at Lake Braddock Secondary School. (Door #14). This discussion will provide families, staff, and students with valuable knowledge about the dangers of drugs and deadly fentanyl (grade 6-12). Language interpretation and ASL services are available. Learn more about the event and register online.

All attendees will receive a free REVIVE! Narcan training during the event and learn about support services currently available within FCPS and Fairfax County.

- 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.

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.



Fairfax County Fair Housing Event April 2024



• 2024 VIP Summer Camp

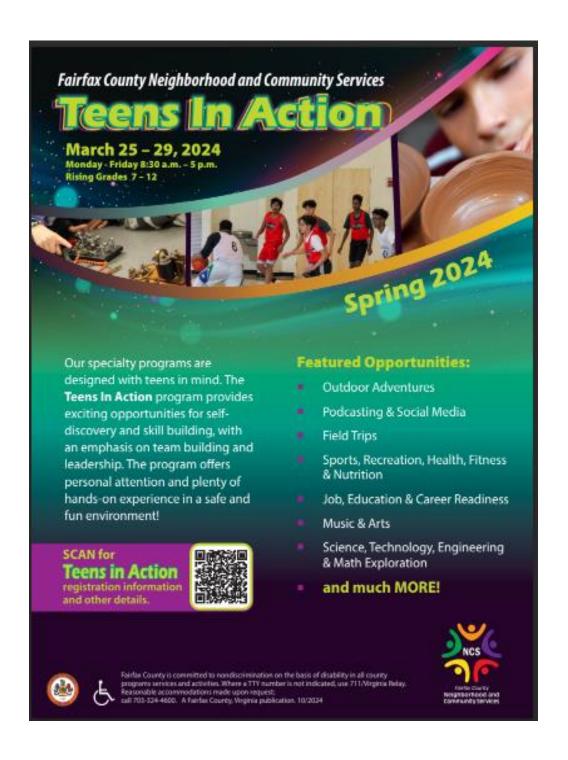
Irving Serving: Frost MS, Irving MS, Lake Braddock SS, Robinson SS, South County MS.

8100 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA 22152

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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.



• 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.



• 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:

Magnet Schools Lottery Opens Tuesday, March 5th

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 Tuesday, March 5th through 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.

An information session will be held Tuesday, March 19th, at 4:30 p.m.

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.

- 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
- Formed Families Forward (FFF) Events and Learning Opportunities
 - O 11th Annual Spring Forward Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Family Fun Day, 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.



- 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/
- Free Virtual Parent Café, Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Brain Tricks for ADHD
 and Executive Function. Learn ways to support and encourage children in managing
 their ADHD. Email buildingstrongerfamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-7720 to
 register.



Military Families Resources

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

FCPS Virtual Military Family Gathering, Wednesday, March 13th, 7 to 8 p.m.

Military-connected parents are invited to attend a virtual gathering to connect directly with FCPS staff and community members, learn about valuable resources, and share their experiences within FCPS. Please <u>register</u> for this event to receive the Zoom link and meeting invitation. Questions? Email Meredith Ayala at mlayala1@fcps.edu or <u>militaryfamilies@fcps.edu</u>.

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.

<u>Operation Purple Camp</u>, 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 15**th. 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:

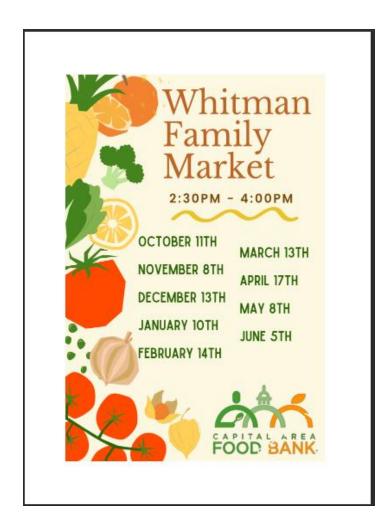
Burke Centre

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/

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.

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 Chantilly High School, and Saturday, March 9, at West Springfield High School.

<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.

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https://vcwnorthern.com/wioayouth/



WIOA Youth Program

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

Services Include:

- · 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

Apply Today!

- 1. Visit VCWNorthern.com/WIOAYouth
- 2. Watch the WIOA Youth orientation video
- Under How Do I Apply, download and complete the application packet and gather the listed documents
- 4. Sign up for an Intake appointment

Email DFSWIOAYouth@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 571-536-0850, VA Relay 711 for additional assistance.

To learn more about the WIOA Youth program, register for a Virtual Information Session:



Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Register at: bit.ly/WYInfo10



Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Register at: bit.ly/WYInfo1

The Northern Virgnia 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.

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Apprenticeship Opportunity for Juniors and Seniors

How to register:

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



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**— apply here.

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

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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</u>
<u>Referral 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
 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</u> <u>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