

# Hello Lake Braddock Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter for the 2024-2025 school year. Hope you all had a nice time with the family.

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

### COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• Fairfax County Health Department - Immunization Clinics call 703-246-7100 for appointments.

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/immunization/locations

• The Fairfax County Health Department has shared a comprehensive document that provides several health care options for families. Click on the link below to review the Health Safety Net Services list:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/sites/health/files/assets/documents/pdf/novasafety-net-providers.pdf

- <u>Women Giving Back</u> is a non-profit organization that provides clothing and shoes to women and children in crisis. Please check the shopping guideline <u>video here</u>.
  - Clients can shop at the boutique 4 times a year. Women Giving Back operates in 2 seasons Spring/Summer (April-September) and Fall/Winter (October-March).
- Food for Others 11th Annual Tysons 5K & Fun Run

The 2024 Food for Others Tysons 5k & Fun Run is on Saturday, September 28, at 8:00 a.m. at Tysons Corner Center Mall Plaza. REGISTER TODAY and help support Food for Others, which distributes food to our neighbors in need by mobilizing our giving community and volunteers.

Register here: https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=143466

Food for Others is an important part of Northern Virginia's food insecurity safety net, serving over 3,000 families and 3,900 children a week through the Power Pack Program, which provides weekend meals to roughly 3,800 students at 44 Fairfax County schools during the school year. The weekend meal pack helps alleviate a child's hunger and allows them to come to school on Monday morning fed, focused, and ready to learn.

• Fairfax County's Farmers Markets have raised the amount of matching dollars for fruits and vegetables up to \$40 per week this season. Families who qualify can get these double SNAP funds when they shop with their EBT card at the markets. See the flyer for locations and details.

### https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets



Sử dụng các phúc lợi SNAP của quý vị tại một số Chợ Nông Sản chọn lọc và nhận MIĚN PHÍ thêm trái cây và rau quả trị giá lên đến 40 đô la. Hãy đến lều thông tin SNAP quẹt thẻ EBT của quý vị để đổi lấy token. Quý vị có thể sử dụng token như tiền mặt, nhưng chỉ tại Chợ nơi đã mua token. Token không bao giờ hết hạn. 😓 For Inclusion and ADA Support, call 703-324-8563. TTY Va. Relay 711



 JA Finance Park<sup>®</sup> (JAFP) is an innovation in experiential education designed to prepare our region's youth for life and work in the real world. Eighth grade student in FCPS visit this facility and learn about financial responsibility and accountability. JAFP is looking for multilingual volunteers to better accommodate our diverse population. Please share the attached flyer with caregivers that may be interested in volunteering their time.

https://www.myja.org/financepark/

Volunteer Opportunity Caregivers





# **Financial Capability Matters**

JA Finance Park<sup>®</sup> is an innovation in experiential education designed to prepare our region's youth for life and work in the real world.

As a JA Volunteer, you'll watch students step into the future and catch a glimpse of what's possible if they take control of their financial future. JA students need your experience, expertise and commitment to help them be 100% inspired, 100% prepared and 100% employed when the time comes.

What does it mean to be a volunteer at JA Finance Park?

The total time commitment is ~4.5 hours, including a 1hour training the morning of your scheduled volunteer day.

- You will help guide students through different phases of the day, which simulate real-world budgeting decisions, spending research, and bill payment.
- Then you'll share your own life experiences and help them walk a day in your shoes. You bring the program to life!

#### Next Steps

- Contact your child's social studies teacher to indicate your interest in being a part of the JA Finance Park experience.
- Visit <u>http://jafpfc.jagw.volunteerhub.com/</u> to sign up to volunteer and learn more about the program.
- Arrive at your scheduled volunteer time ready to empower our future.

JA Finance Park Fairfax County 4099 Pickett Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

### FAMILY RESOURCES:

• Varsity Tutors- Online Tutoring Services at no cost to families

https://www.fcps.edu/services/families-and-caregivers/family-academy/tutoringoptions/online-tutoring-service

 School Attendance - Parents and caregivers can now report up to two consecutive fullday absences using ParentVUE. Click on the link below to learn how to do it. <u>school</u> <u>attendance</u>.

https://lakebraddockss.fcps.edu/attendance-reporting

### • Need to activate your ParentVUE account?

<u>SIS ParentVue videos</u> are available on the FCPS website. SIS ParentVue is an invaluable tool for families to stay connected to their students' learning, especially in middle and high school.

To obtain a ParentVUE activation code contact:

Middle Shool: Angela Santizo assantizo@fcps.edu

High School: Sandra Coleman <u>SMColeman@fcps.edu</u>

- Parent Advocacy Handbook, this contains answers to the many questions parents or guardians may have about the school system and how they can best advocate for their student at the various stages of their school experience. <u>https://www.fcps.edu/parentadvocacyhandbook</u>
- The NEW <u>FCPS Family Academy</u> promotes connections and collaborations between families, educators, and the community. They have classes, webinars, workshops, and programs offered by Fairfax County Public Schools to help families support their students' needs and learning at home.

- Computer CORE offers <u>FREE</u>, <u>online</u>, basic computer skills classes to dults 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). <u>https://www.computercore.org/</u>
- **Register for <u>FREE online webinars</u> offered by the Family Resource Center.** There is also a library of <u>archived webinars and workshops</u> with great resources to families.



### Parent Encouragement

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

# • Parenting Education Program through Fairfax County

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/parenting-educationprograms?utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=govdelivery#classes

• Formed Families Forward, Local nonprofit Formed Families Forward is offering a new training for families to boost family safety and wellness as we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year.

### https://formedfamiliesforward.org/

There will be three opportunities for the trainings:

### 9/9/2024, 6:30 - 8:00 pm: Fairfax County @ the Sherwood Community Center, Fairfax City

### 9/20/2024, Noon - 1:30 pm: Virtual via Zoom

# 9/23/2024, 6:30 - 8:00 pm: Manassas @ the Pat White Center at Ben Lomond, Multi-Purpose Room A

The training will cover:

- Easy strategies to mitigate safety risks.
- Evidence-based stress management tips & tools.
- Where to find help.
- Opportunities to connect with other families.

Refreshments, take-away items, and a childcare stipend are available for those attending inperson sessions. Local Community Services agencies will also be sharing information and takeaway safety items such as medication lockboxes and trigger locks.

### • Military Families Resources

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

• Purple Star National Convening of Schools and Communities (Virtual Conference), Thursday, October 24, 2024

### **Register Here**



### • 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**

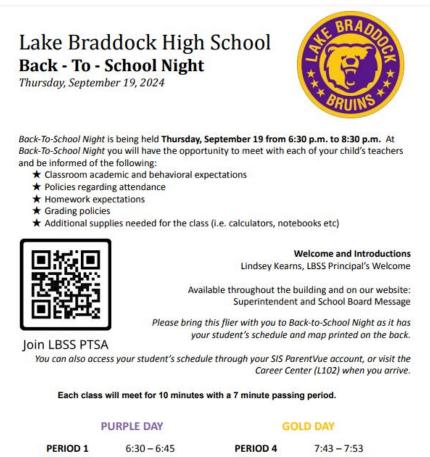
https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&cm=3446&inc=0

#### **Pohick Library**

6450 Sydenstricker Rd Burke, VA, 22015-4274

https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&cm=3452&inc=0

# LBSS EVENTS:



PERIOD 1	6:30 - 6:45	PERIOD 4	7:43 - 7:53
PERIOD 3	6:52 - 7:02	PERIOD 6	8:00 - 8:10
PERIOD 5	7:09 - 7:19	PERIOD 8	8:17 - 8:27
PERIOD 7	7:26 - 7:36		

• Join the Lake Braddock Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)



# YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

# • NEW Student Leadership Development Program with the School Board

The School Board is accepting applications for the Student Leadership Development Program, open to any high school freshman, sophomore, or junior in good academic standing. The program is for students interested in a future in law, government or public policy. Twelve students will be chosen to work closely with the School Board to how FCPS is governed and will give the students opportunities to participate on various advisory committees to the School Board, and even to seek election as the student representative on the School Board.

The program information and application are available at the link below:

https://www.fcps.edu/node/31703

# • Register for the Alcanza College Fair (HS)

We are pleased to announce that George Mason University will be hosting the 24th Annual <u>ALCANZA</u> College Fair! George Mason hosts <u>ALCANZA</u> as part of our effort to increase college interest and awareness among high school students in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area during Hispanic Heritage month. This event was created to get Latinx students motivated and excited about their post-secondary plans, and the program is open to all students in the Washington D.C. metro area to explore their educational opportunities beyond high school. Over 150 colleges from all over the nation will attend <u>ALCANZA</u>, and we expect about 2,000 high school students to participate. We are excited to welcome you and your students to EagleBank Arena in October!

Please note that there will not be an opening session this year – the fair will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and high schools may come and go as they wish. Lunches will be distributed to students on their way into the fair.

ALCANZA College Fair Wednesday, October 16, 2024 <u>EagleBank Arena</u> George Mason University - Fairfax Campus

Register TODAY! Space is limited. https://go.gmu.edu/alcanza

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Various student and teacher resources can be found on our website linked<u>here</u>. These include a <u>Preparing for College Calendar</u>, <u>College Fair Tips</u>, and fair flyers in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>.

Please feel free to pass this invitation to your colleagues from other schools who you believe may have interested students! If you have any questions about this event, please e-mail <u>admevent@gmu.edu</u>.

# • Al Bootcamp for High School Students

The Mark Cuban AI Foundation and Booz Allen have partnered to offer an <u>AI Bootcamp</u> for high school students. Students will participate in building AI systems, gain a clear understanding of what AI truly is (and what it is not), see how AI plays a role in their daily lives, delve into the ethical aspects of AI technologies, and explore much more. The camp will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 2nd, 9th, and 16th, 2024, and hosted at the Booz Allen McLean office, 8283 Greensboro Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102. The application deadline is **September 30, 2024**. <u>Apply here</u>.

<u>Flyer</u>



• Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest

Calling all student artists! The 2024 Conservation Poster Contest theme is "May the Forest Be With You, Always." This contest is open to all K-12 students in Fairfax County, and scouts are eligible to earn a poster contest patch. Additionally, this year features a digital poster contest open to students in grades 7-12. The application deadline is Friday, September 27, 2024. Learn more about the 2024 Conservation Poster Contest and contact <u>Ashley Palmer</u> with questions.

**Guidelines and Rules flyer** 

Entry Form

#### JOB READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

AUG 13: Using Credit Wisely

AUG 20: Interview Skills

- AUG 27: Car Buying 101
- SEP 3: Budgeting for Celebrations
- SEP 10: All About Insurance
- SEP 17: Job Search Techniques

Use this link to register for a specific class or the entire series: <u>https://fecworkshops.timetap.com/</u> or scan the QR Code If you are having trouble registering, please

email your request to info@fecsoco.org



Virtual Personal Finance & Career Building Workshops

Workshops conducted through Zoom



In Partnership with United Way NCA, Fairfax County, and Britepaths



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- 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: <u>https://fecsoco.timetap.com/#/</u>

• BritePaths Workforce Development- helps Northern Virginia job seekers navigate the job search process and find meaningful employment. It is designed to work with under- or unemployed men and women in an individualized and coordinated way to ensure that their workforce development needs are met. All services are free, and most are offered virtually.

https://britepaths.org/our-services/workforce-development/

# 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: 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>.

https://englishempowermentcenter.org/

• Fellowship Baptist Church:

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