



Hello Lake Braddock Families,

1/26/2024

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 begins next Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 9 a.m.! Spots fill up fast! In preparation, 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](#).

### FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER:

- **Dual Language Immersion Program Registration**

Registration for the countywide lottery for [Dual Language Immersion \(DLI\) programs](#) will **open on Monday, January 22**. Current pre-K students may apply for the kindergarten immersion program, and current kindergarten students may apply for the first grade immersion programs for the 2024-25 school year. Programs are available in French, German, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish. Check the [FCPS events calendar](#) for the most current information.

Below are the 2 Dranesville Immersion programs' information sessions:

- French Immersion- Kent Gardens ES- **January 18: 5:30-6:30pm**
- Japanese Immersion- Great Falls ES- **January 30: 5 -6pm**
- **Virtual Immersion Informational Session- February 2**

A virtual meeting, **Feb. 2: 6- 7pm**, hosted by the World Languages Office will include general program information. [Access to this virtual meeting will be made available on the FCPS events calendar](#) and the [Dual Language Immersion registration site](#) on the day of the meeting

- 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:
  - **Meet the Author Series: Mind in The Making** with Ellen Galinsky – Help your children learn how to take on life's challenges, communicate well with others, and remain committed to learning. **Friday, February 2, 10-11 a.m**
  - **Youth Mental Health First Aid** – This in-person course teaches how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18. **Friday, February 9, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**  
Address: Family Resource Center at 2334 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA
  - **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**
- **Parenting Education Programs and Workshops**  
For more information or to enroll in a class, please email [buildingstrongfamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:buildingstrongfamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov) or Parent Support Line at 703-324-7720.  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/parenting-education-programs>
- **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](#).

Sessions will be offered on:

- **January 30: 7- 9pm** at Falls Church HS
- **February 3: 10am- 12pm** at Justice HS
- **February 6: 6-8pm** at Lake Braddock SS
- **February 7: 7- 9pm** at Westfield HS

- **February 8: 6- 8pm** at South Lakes HS
- **February 20: 3:30- 6:30pm** at Annandale HS
- **Military Families Resources**  
<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/military-families>

### **LBSS EVENTS:**

- **FAFSA/VASA Completion Event**

A FAFSA/VASA Night will be held at **Lake Braddock Secondary School on 2/6/24**. This event will take place in the **Lecture Hall starting at 6:00pm**. The best place to park will be outside of Door 1. We will have staff there to direct you into the room where we will have helpers! Please complete this [form](#) so we have a headcount of how many families to expect. **Interpreters' services will be available for Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese families.**



**Information for Parents & Students**



**Attending a**

**FAFSA Completion Event**

**Verified FAFSA IDs Are Required Prior to Event**

All FAFSA completion event attendees (students and/or parents) need to have a verified FSA ID. If you arrive without an FSA ID, it is unlikely you will also be able to complete your FAFSA at the event (it can take up to three days for an FSA ID to be verified). You can obtain your FSA ID [here](#).

**Important Changes to FAFSA Completion Procedures**

Each Contributor Must Complete Their Own Section of the FAFSA

Previously, a parent could complete both the student *and* parent portions of the FAFSA. Now, the student and parent must each complete their own portion of the FAFSA. [Here](#) is the information you should bring to complete the FAFSA.

Contributors Must Agree to Use the Direct Link to the IRS Site

Please note FAFSA now requires all contributors to agree to link their FAFSA to the IRS site (even if you know you will not be able to use the direct link and will enter information manually).

## **There Will Be Limited Computers at the Completion Event**

The student and parent should attend the event together, and the student should bring their FCPS laptop. If a parent does attend without the student, please note we will only have a limited number of computers for participant use. Personal computers cannot connect to the FCPS Wi-Fi at the school, and it is against FCPS regulations to bring a student laptop without the student also being present.

### ❖ **Lake Braddock Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)**

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

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

Student sign up:

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

adult Sign up:

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

### ❖ **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>

### ❖ **Ways You Can Help Fight Hunger and Homelessness in Fairfax County**

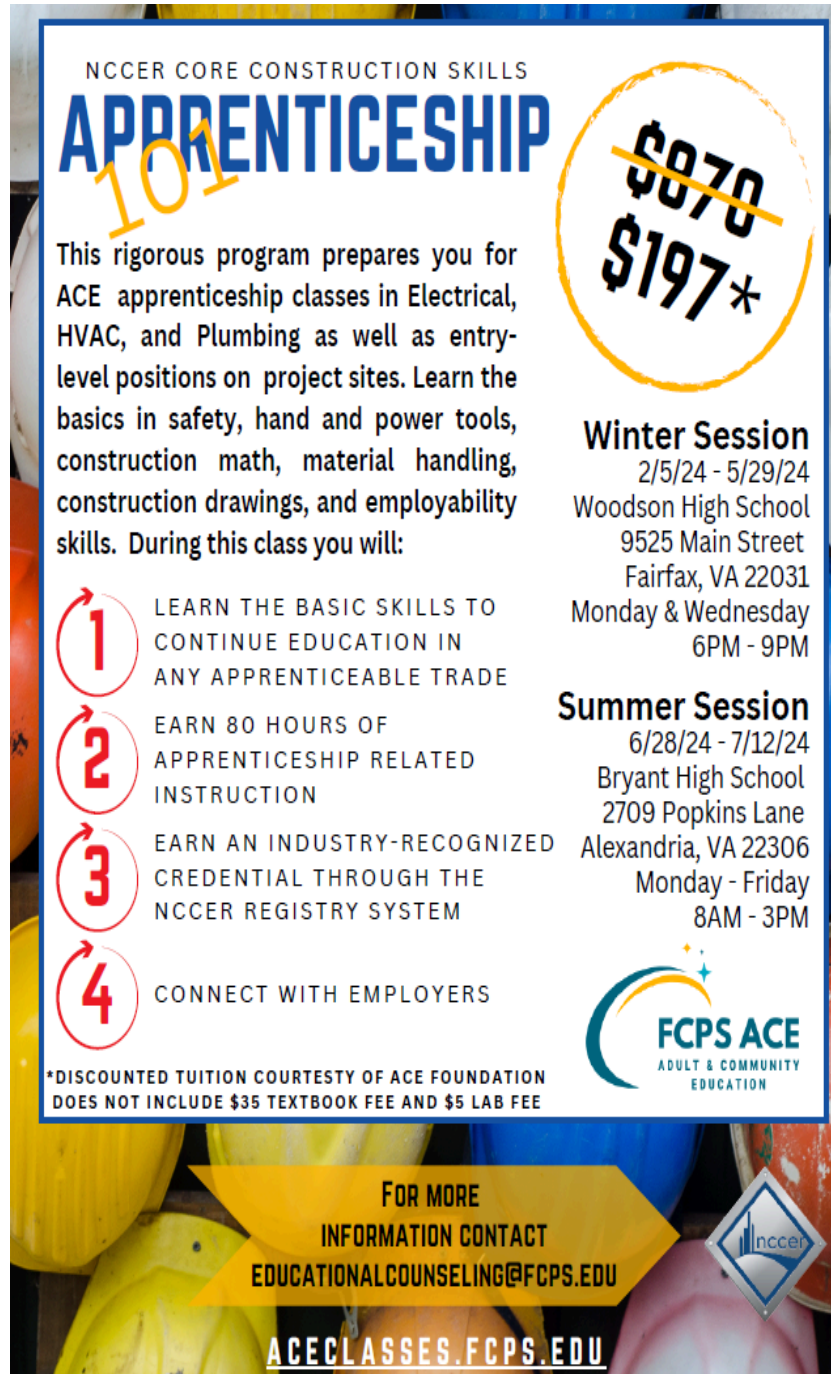
As we enter the season of giving, here are some ways to help those experiencing hunger and homelessness in Fairfax County. [Ways You Can Help Fight Hunger and Homelessness in Fairfax County | News Center](#)

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

### Apprenticeship Opportunity for Juniors and Seniors

#### How to register:

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



NCCER CORE CONSTRUCTION SKILLS

# APPRENTICESHIP

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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

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**\$197\***

**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

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

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION CONTACT  
[EDUCATIONALCOUNSELING@FCPS.EDU](mailto:EDUCATIONALCOUNSELING@FCPS.EDU)

[ACECLASSES.FCPS.EDU](http://ACECLASSES.FCPS.EDU)



- **FCPS School Counseling Services** and [Go Overseas](#) are co-hosting the annual FCPS Gap Year Fair on **Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at George C. Marshall High School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** This event is for high school students and their families who are interested in learning more about the growing array of gap year opportunities. Student registration will open on **November 20, 2023**. Contact Pamela White, Postsecondary Special Projects Liaison, at [pcwhite@fcps.edu](mailto:pcwhite@fcps.edu) or 571-393-1102 if you have any questions.



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# ARE YOU CONSIDERING A GAP YEAR?



**Gap Year Scholarships**  
Learn about our newest scholarships & tips for funding your gap year. Plus, connect with gap year experts, programs & alumni.



**Gain Bonus Points**  
Seniors attending a fair can earn a bonus point toward a \$5,000 gap year scholarship entry!

**FAIRFAX  
USA GAP YEAR FAIR**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM EST**

Public event hosted by:  
**George C. Marshall High School**  
7731 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22043



**Register today!**  
Don't wait to reserve your spot, as space is limited at the event.  
[Learn more at usagapyearfairs.org](https://usagapyearfairs.org)



- 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](https://tinyurl.com/December-12)

January 23, 2024 (4:30pm)

Register here: [tinyurl.com/January-23-2024](https://tinyurl.com/January-23-2024)



February 20, 2024 (7:00pm)

Register here: [tinyurl.com/Feb-20-Spanish-Session](https://tinyurl.com/Feb-20-Spanish-Session)

March 19, 2024 (4:30)

Register here: [tinyurl.com/March-19-2024](https://tinyurl.com/March-19-2024)

### APPLICATION WORKSHOP

April 30, 2024 (7:00pm)

Register here: [tinyurl.com/April-18-Application-Workshop](https://tinyurl.com/April-18-Application-Workshop)

Open to all FCPS seniors and parents. For questions, contact [admissions@nvcc.edu](mailto:admissions@nvcc.edu)

**NOVA** | Northern Virginia  
Community College

- **FCPS ACE Online STEM Courses**

Fairfax County's Adult and Communication (ACE) are offering K12 Enrichment classes starting in Jan. **They are offering classes for grades 2-12.** Learn more at [ACE 4 KIDS](#) or at the [ACE K12 FCPS website](#).

- **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>

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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 [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 8<sup>th</sup>. Please follow the [link](#) to learn more information.



### Intensive English and Workforce Readiness Class

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

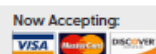
#### Course Level Details:

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).

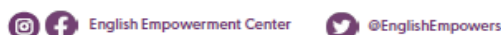
Beginning and Intermediate levels will meet VIRTUALLY.

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)



Contact [LVaughn@EnglishEmpowermentCenter.org](mailto:LVaughn@EnglishEmpowermentCenter.org) or  
 call 703-237-0866 for more information.



- Fellowship Baptist Church:

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