

# 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). <u>https://www.computercore.org/</u>
- 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>.

- 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' 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

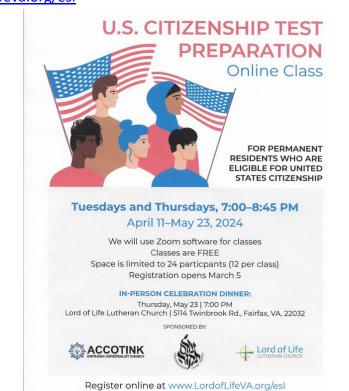
• FCPS Summer Learning Page https://www.fcps.edu/academics/summer-learning

## <u>Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA)</u>

<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.** 



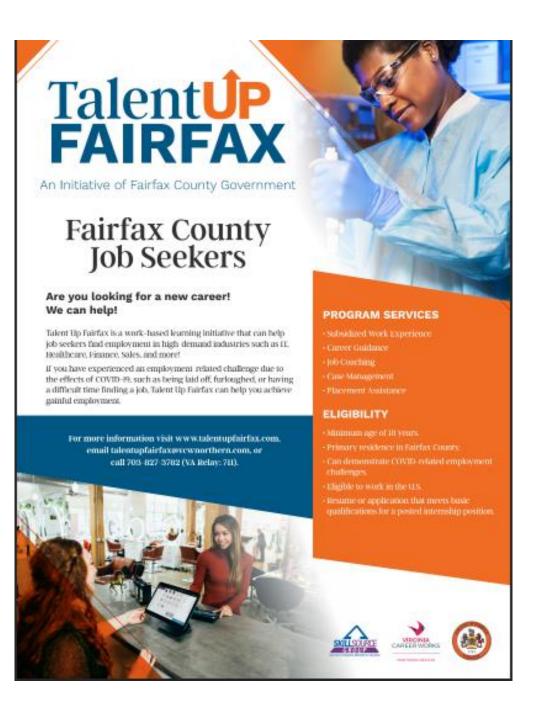
Citizenship Test Preparation Online Class
 This free class is sponsored by local churches April 11th - May 23rd. Register online
 https://lordoflifeva.org/esl



• Fairfax County Fair Housing Event April 2024



#### • TalentUp Fairfax program for job seekers



#### • 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 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders.



- Registration info for VIP: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/value-in-prevention-camp

#### Times and locations may vary.

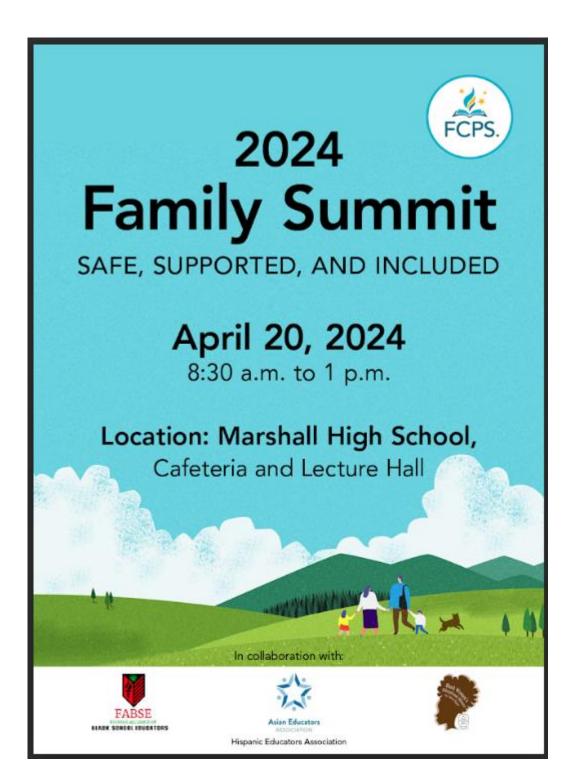


Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs services and activities. Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711 Mirginia Relay. Reasonable accommodations made upo



## The 2024 Family Summit will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 8:30am to 1:00pm

FCPS has collaborated with Fairfax Alliance of Black School Educators, Black Women's Educational Alliance - DC Chapter, Asian Educators Association, and Hispanic Educators Association for this event. We aim to provide an in-person opportunity outside of the virtual Special Education Conference to engage diverse families in a learning opportunity together.



- 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-resourcecenter/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 <u>the schools, their programs, and locations.</u>

## • 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.
   <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/parenting-education-programs</u>
- <u>Parent Encouragement Program</u> "Encouraging Parents, Enriching Families" (webinars, in-person programs, podcasts, videos) <u>https://pepparent.org/</u>

# • 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: <u>https://lbssptsa.org/</u>

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:**

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



#### 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/supplementalnutrition-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. <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/maternal-child-health</u>

#### • 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



**Pet Pantry:** Our pet pantry provides pet food and other supplies for Fairfax County residents facing hardship.

microchips.

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. <u>https://www.fcps.edu/academics/adult-education-academics/esol-classes</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</u> <u>Learns</u>.

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 Cla

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.

#### Course Level Details:

**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)

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\*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