



Hello Lake Braddock Families,

04/19/2024

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 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' [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>

- **Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA)**

[Scholarships Program](#) 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, 2024.**



Fairfax County
Redevelopment
and Housing
Authority



Apply for a \$5,000 Scholarship

Realize Your Dreams
The FCRHA will award multiple \$5,000 scholarships to affordable housing participants to use for tuition and related educational expenses during the 2024-2025 school year. Apply today!



**Application
Deadline**
April 30, 2024



**How to
Apply**
Go to fcrha.org for
details or scan the
QR code below.



Must be a Fairfax County
resident who lives in
affordable housing
supported by the FCRHA.
For postsecondary education
and technical training only.




Application and information:
www.fcrha.org

APPLY NOW

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

U.S. CITIZENSHIP TEST PREPARATION Online Class






**FOR PERMANENT
RESIDENTS WHO ARE
ELIGIBLE FOR UNITED
STATES CITIZENSHIP**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00–8:45 PM
April 11–May 23, 2024

We will use Zoom software for classes
Classes are FREE
Space is limited to 24 participants (12 per class)
Registration opens March 5

IN-PERSON CELEBRATION DINNER:
Thursday, May 23 | 7:00 PM
Lord of Life Lutheran Church | 5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax, VA, 22032


SPONSORED BY:


Register online at www.LordofLifeVA.org/esl


- Fairfax County Fair Housing Event April 2024


Join us for Fairfax County's Annual Fair Housing Event
**Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing:
Behind the Scenes Working to Serve You**



Thursday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

 **Fairfax County Government Center Board Auditorium**
12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax


 *Come early! Light refreshments served at 9:30 a.m.*




Topics include

- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Best Practices in Fair Housing Planning
- Fair Housing Outreach and Resources

RSVP online
<https://bit.ly/ffxfairhousing>
or scan our QR code



Need language assistance?
Call us at 703-324-2953, TTY 711

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- TalentUp Fairfax program for job seekers

**TalentUP
FAIRFAX**

An Initiative of Fairfax County Government

**Fairfax County
Job Seekers**

**Are you looking for a new career?
We can help!**

Talent Up Fairfax is a work-based learning initiative that can help job seekers find employment in high-demand industries such as IT, Healthcare, Finance, Sales, and more!

If you have experienced an employment-related challenge due to the effects of COVID-19, such as being laid off, furloughed, or having a difficult time finding a job, Talent Up Fairfax can help you achieve gainful employment.

PROGRAM SERVICES

- Subsidized Work Experience
- Career Guidance
- Job Coaching
- Case Management
- Placement Assistance

ELIGIBILITY

- Minimum age of 18 years
- Primary residence in Fairfax County
- Can demonstrate COVID-related employment challenges
- Eligible to work in the U.S.
- Resume or application that meets basic qualifications for a posted internship position

For more information visit www.talentupfairfax.com, email talentupfairfax@vcw.northern.com, or call 703-827-3782 (VA Relay: 711).

- 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



The poster features a central orange starburst with the text "VIP SUMMER CAMP" in large blue letters. Above the starburst, it says "FCPS MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AND NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENT:". To the left is the Fairfax County Public Schools logo with the tagline "ENGAGE • INSPIRE • THRIVE". To the right is the NCS logo with the tagline "Neighborhood and Community Services". Three blue speech bubbles contain the text: "Save the Date!", "\$100 for 5 week program", and "Scholarships available". A blue speech bubble on the left says "Transportation Provided". Below the starburst, a large blue rounded rectangle contains the dates "JULY 1 - AUGUST 1" and the text "Irving MS site will serve rising 7th and rising 8th graders from: Frost MS, Irving MS, Lake Braddock SS, Robinson SS, South County MS". At the bottom, it says "APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN ON 3/12". In the bottom left corner are orange flip-flops, and in the bottom right corner are blue and orange sunglasses. At the very bottom, it says "General Questions? Contact your Middle School After-School Specialist".

FCPS MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
AND NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY SERVICES
PRESENT:

Fairfax County
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENGAGE • INSPIRE • THRIVE

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NCS
Neighborhood and
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Robinson SS, South County MS

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- **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.

Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services
Teens In Action
June 17 - Aug. 16, 2024
 Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Rising Grades 9 - 12
June 17-28 and Aug. 2-16, 2024
 Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Rising Grades 7 - 8

Summer 2024

Our specialty programs are designed with teens in mind. The Teens In Action program provides exciting opportunities for self-discovery and skill building, with an emphasis on team building and leadership. The program offers personal attention and plenty of hands-on experience in a safe and fun environment!

Featured Opportunities:

- Outdoor Adventures
- Podcasting & Social Media
- Field Trips
- Sports, Recreation, Health, Fitness & Nutrition
- Job, Education & Career Readiness
- Music & Arts
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Exploration
- **and much MORE!**

SCAN for Teens in Action registration information and other details.

Value In Prevention Camp | July 1- August 1
 In partnership with FCPS, we are offering a five-week Value In Prevention Camp for our rising middle school teens.

- Seventh and Eighth grade participants are invited to join the Teens and Action program when the VIP program is not in session from June 17-28 and Aug 2-16.
- Registration Info for VIP: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/value-in-prevention-camp

Times and locations may vary.

Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services

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❖ 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 poster features a light blue background with a white circular logo in the top right corner containing the FCPS logo. The main title '2024 Family Summit' is in large, bold, black font, with the tagline 'SAFE, SUPPORTED, AND INCLUDED' below it. The date 'April 20, 2024' and time '8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.' are prominently displayed. The location 'Marshall High School, Cafeteria and Lecture Hall' is listed below. An illustration at the bottom shows a family walking on a green hill under a blue sky with white clouds. At the very bottom, there are logos for the collaborating organizations: FABSE (Fairfax Alliance of Black School Educators), Asian Educators Association, and Hispanic Educators Association.

2024
Family Summit
SAFE, SUPPORTED, AND INCLUDED

April 20, 2024
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Marshall High School,
Cafeteria and Lecture Hall

In collaboration with:

FABSE
FAIRFAX ALLIANCE OF
BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS

Asian Educators
ASSOCIATION

Hispanic Educators Association

FAMILY RESOURCES:

- **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>



The poster features the FCPS Parent Resource Center logo at the top left and a QR code at the top right with the text "Register Online". The main title is "Family Resource Center April 2024 Webinars". The events are listed in a vertical stack, each with a date in a colored circle, a title, and a description. Time slots are indicated by colored bars above each event.

Date	Time	Topic	Description
5 APR	10-11:30 A.M.	Apego: Creando una relación con mi hijo donde se sienta seguro y protegido. (presentado en español)	El propósito de estos seminarios de web es apoyar y empoderar a los padres a establecer relaciones saludables y seguras con sus hijos (*apego) respondiendo de manera positiva y efectiva a las necesidades de sus hijos.
12 APR	10 - 11:30 A.M.	Supporting the Learning and Recreational Needs of 2e Learners During the Summer	Learn about how summer can be a time for twice exceptional students to encourage the love of learning, develop talent, socialize, and reflection. Find out about inclusive summer camps that serve students of all abilities.
16 APR	10 - 11:30 A.M.	Mathspace* Mastery: Elevate Independent Learning and SOL Prep	Join us to see how Mathspace fosters independent learning at every grade level! This informative session will highlight how your student can use Mathspace to independently tackle math challenges, aligned with their grade-level course.
16 APR	7-8 P.M.	Meet the Author Series: Gifted and Distractible	Does your child exhibit giftedness and behavioral issues like meltdowns, power struggles, and difficulty relating to their peers? Are they out-of-the-box thinkers requiring different teaching and learning methods?
19 APR	10 - 11:30 A.M.	Proactive Strategies for Effective Communication for Secondary Families	We will equip you with strategies for navigating the teen years. Uncover the secrets to fostering open communication, building trust, and transforming challenges into opportunities for growth.
30 APR	10 - 11:30 A.M.	Counseling Services in Virginia: How to Get the Help You Desire	Join a private practice therapist and FCPS's Senior Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist to help attendees understand how to locate and become involved with mental health and substance abuse treatment services in VA.

- **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 [virtual application workshop](#) 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>

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

- **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: <https://lbspsa.org/>

- **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/>



VCWNorthern.com/WIOAYouth

VIRGINIA CAREER WORKS
NORTHERN REGION

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](https://vcwnorthern.com/WIOAYouth)
2. Watch the WIOA Youth orientation video
3. 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:

 <p>Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Register at: bit.ly/WYInfo10</p>	 <p>Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Register at: bit.ly/WYInfo1</p>
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The Northern Virginia 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

NCCER CORE CONSTRUCTION SKILLS
APPRENTICESHIP
101

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
EDUCATIONALCOUNSELING@FCPS.EDU

ACECLASSES.FCPS.EDU

\$870
~~\$870~~
\$197*

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

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.
 - 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://fecso.com/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 [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>

- **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

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>

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 8th. 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)

Now Accepting:



Contact LVaughn@EnglishEmpowermentCenter.org or
call 703-237-0866 for more information.



English Empowerment Center



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- Fellowship Baptist Church:

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