



Roadrunner Review

Upcoming Events

11/7-11/8 Student Holidays
11/16 picture make up day
11/16 7:00pm PTA meeting
11/17 Thanksgiving Lunch
11/18 Trotting for a Track
11/23 2 Hour Early Release
11/24-11/25 Thanksgiving Break

For more information on these events and a complete listing, please check out the Marshall Road PTA website at:

www.marshallroadpta.org/monthlycalendar.html

Principal's Corner Jennifer Heiges

The New Standards-Based Progress Reports

Did you realize that FCPS has used the same report card for elementary students for the last 20+ years? Beginning this year, FCPS will begin to implement a new standards-based progress report in 10 elementary schools and the rest of us will follow in the fall of 2012.

On our current report card, children receive a single grade for each subject taught. The new standards-based progress report contains specific information about your child's progress, not a general overall grade. Each subject area has standards. Teachers will now report academic achievement, effort, reading level, life, work and citizenship skills using a 4-point rubric that better describes mastery in each area.

The achievement levels are:

4-Consistently demonstrates concepts and skills of standards taught this quarter.

3- Usually demonstrates concepts and skills of standards taught this quarter.

2- Sometimes demonstrates concepts and skills of standards taught this quarter.

1-Seldom demonstrates concepts and skills of standards taught this quarter.

Our teachers are going to be examining the new progress report this year to plan for a smooth transition and implementation. You may begin to see some changes to our interim reports as well. We are looking forward to using this new tool next year at Marshall Road ES.

I will share more information on the new standards-based progress report at the next principal's tea. If you would like more information there is much available at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/elemprogreport/index.shtml>

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

Jennifer Heiges
Principal

Note from the PTA President

Beth Eachus

Inspired. When I started to think about a topic for this month's newsletter, the only word that came to me was inspired. When over 200 students walked to school on International Walk to School Day, it was incredible. When many of our students visited Mrs. McClain's desk to make their donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, it was wonderful. And, then, when I co-signed our check from Marshall Road Elementary with our donation of over \$400 to help fight childhood cancer, the generosity of our community was overwhelming.

When Ms. Kinsey and Mr. Jones, our Student Council Association teacher sponsors, reported that 138 letters were written to soldiers overseas, it was moving. When our Book Fair chairperson Erin Kane shared that we more than reached our goal of \$250 for One for Books, almost tripling what we had ever raised before and giving more than 50 children an opportunity to get a book, it was inspiring. Watching student after student bring in the bread that they baked to give away to a local food pantry – and almost 100 loaves were donated – it was amazing.

And when huge number of parents volunteered for Family Fun Night and our Scholastic Book Fair, it makes you proud to be a part of this community which not only shares their money but also their time. Every single time that you enter the doors of Marshall Road, you see a parent who is at our school to volunteer. And so thank you to Krystal Ledford for organizing our teacher breakfast. And thank you to Sandy Durham for chairing our Ice Cream Social. Thank you to Caryn Baum and Nellie Hatch who, year after year, have made our Family Fun Night a fabulous event. Thank you to Shelly Koshuta and Lesley Chambers for hosting a wonderful Principal's Welcome Coffee and Tea. Thank you to Erin Kane for organizing a wildly successful book fair. Thank you to Brian and Kara Ebert for chairing Donuts for Dads. Thank you to all our many, many volunteers who are helping our teachers, our students and our school every day. And thank you to our students who realize that they can make a difference in the world. You are truly inspiring.

Beth Eachus

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50 Service Projects for 50 years

Completed Projects in **bold**, upcoming in **red**



- 1. Students donate \$.50 each for fighting cancer (over \$400 collected)**
- 2. 50 students participate in International Walk to School Day (over 200 walked)**
- 3. 50 students participate in the Providence District VolunteerFest (138 letters written to Service Personnel)**
4. **Collect 50 used cell phones for victims of domestic abuse (ongoing)**
- 5. 50 loaves of bread made by our 5th and 6th graders for Food For Others (98 loaves baked and donated to the food pantry)**
6. **50 MRES volunteers participate in the Vienna Town Clean Up on Nov 5th**
- 7. 50 books purchased in the One For Books program (\$245+ collected, which purchased 50 books)**
8. **Collect 50 items for the Fairfax County Animal shelter (ongoing through October 28th)**

TROTTLING FOR A TRACK

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On Friday, November 18th, 2011, Marshall Road students, faculty and community members will be participating in our "Trotting for a Track" Run-a-thon to raise money in order to have a two-to-four lane stone track built at our school. This track would be a gift to our entire community and it would continue our efforts to help our students build "Strong Minds, Strong Bodies and Strong Characters." This commemorative track will not only be used by the students and faculty of Marshall Road, but by the residents of Vienna and it will promote healthy life choices for our children and their families. We'll all need a little extra exercise the day after our school Thanksgiving lunch!

However, in order for this track to be constructed, we need your support! Look for the sponsor sheets in the November 1st Tuesday Folders & please join us on November 18th for this event. Check the PTA website (www.marshallroadpta.org) for updated information.

If you have any questions, contact Brian and Missy Walsh at: runathon@marshallroadpta.org.

Thank you for your support!

Teacher Feature:



Stephanie Liu Kindergarten Teacher

Stephanie Liu is excited to be a part of the Marshall Road community! She is a fifth year teacher who transferred from Kings Park to be closer to home

and her 9-month-new son. Ms. Liu has taught multi-age kindergarten-first. Multi-age classrooms combine 2 grade levels in the same class. Half of the class were first graders, and the other half kinder. The first graders would graduate on to a straight second grade class, and kindergarteners would loop up and be the rising first graders of the class. She is enjoying teaching straight kindergarten for the third year in a row. Ms. Liu has a passion for reading, and so pursued a Masters in Reading, Language and Literacy Instruction. Her goal is to nurture a lifelong love of reading and learning in all her students. Ms. Liu also loves to talk with the families of her students. One of her favorite parts of teaching kindergarten is getting to see former students and their families year after year. Come on by Room 113 and say hello!

Book Fair Success!

Our book fair was a resounding success this year with almost \$8000 raised for our school library. Our librarian, Megan McKeon, will be able to purchase so many wonderful new books to enrich our children's learning environment. Thank you Marshall Road families!

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We want to know what you are interested in! Please send in ideas or comments to Lisa Dauernheim at newsletter@marshallroadpta.org

Do you want to know what is going on in our school community?

Join the PTA!

The Marshall Road Elementary School (MRES) Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is made up of parents just like you, working with the school to enrich our children's public school experience. You can join the PTA online at www.marshallroadpts.org/join.html

Our PTA meets monthly to discuss programs, provide special events for our teachers, raise funds and support our school. Please join us, **Wednesday, November 16th at 7pm** for our next meeting.

Ms. Luck's Little Wellness Wisdom

November is a month of giving thanks & being thankful - What are you and your kids thankful for? Your family, your home, your health, food, clothes, etc? Consider getting your family involved in helping others this month - whether it is helping a neighbor with some yard work, giving some cans to a local shelter, lending a hand in a local food kitchen, donating old clothes or toys, participating in a run or walk that raises money for a cause, supporting our schools' Food for Thought program that benefits Marshall Road families in need, helping with our 50 for 50 projects are some ideas. Giving is not only a good thing it is also GREAT for your heart and well-being. It is up to YOU!

“Sultan, Give Me Back My Diamond Button!”



**Storyteller:
Megan Hicks**

The students of Marshall Road got an early Halloween treat on October 26th but this one won't rot their teeth! Storyteller Megan Hicks regaled our school during two assemblies. Ms. Hicks captivated the Kindergarten to Third Grade audience even while they were getting settled in the gym by teaching them movements to a rhyme. She continued her participatory storytelling by giving the audience a roll with call-and-response and defining movements to go along with the characters in her stories. She told the tale of a rooster with a magic stomach who found a diamond button. She reminded us to be clever by

using our “eyes to see, our ears to hear, our mouths to watch what we say“ and if we have to run--run FAST. Ms. Hicks re-told the classic Dr. Seuss tale of Yertle the Turtle and she sparked the imagination with a tale of bravery called The Ghost of One Black Eye.

The Fourth through Sixth graders were treated to some of Aesop's fables, but Ms. Hicks left out the “moral of the story”, telling the students to figure it out for themselves. She adapted a story to the setting of Marshall Road where a 5th grader liked to tell stories about his classmates but is reminded through a feather pillow that gossip and feathers can never be taken back. That tale reminded all of us not to tell stories about others without asking ourselves first:

- Is it true?
- Is it kind?
- Is it necessary?

Finally, Ms. Hicks put the upper grades in the proper mood for the season by telling the spooky African-American slave folk tale “Wiley and the Hairy Man.”

Ask your child to tell (or re-tell) you a story today!

www.meganhicks.com