Happy Spring, everyone! I am hopeful that the spring weather is finally here to stay! We are looking forward to a wonderful final quarter as the weather continues to get better and our students begin excelling at all the skills they have learned this year!

There is an update on the HVAC leak in the fifth grade hallway last month. **Good news!** We have received the lab report from a chemical engineer at Boland (a private HVAC corporation) who analyzed a sample of the liquid that leaked from the closed loop system at Algonkian. Nothing in the lab report stood out as abnormal for use in the closed loop system and a few of the chemicals were found to be in a lower concentration than recommended for the system. If you would like to see a copy of the report from Boland, please feel free to stop by the office anytime during regular business hours. Thank you again for your patience and support during events that followed the leak!

If you have a child that was born on or before September 30, 2009 he/she is considered eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten. **Registration for Kindergarten** is scheduled for April 8, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Only students who will be attending Algonkian will be able to register at our site. Please be sure to bring the following required documentation with you: your child’s original birth certificate, your child’s social security number, if available, and proof of residency. If you child will be 5 years old on October 1, 2014 or later, he/she cannot be considered for enrollment; this includes students who transfer from other school districts. We look forward to meeting our new students and families.

In preparation for the next school year, there is an **“Are You Moving?”** form within this newsletter [see page 12] asking if you or someone you know is moving. This will help us tremendously with placements and preparations for the next school year. If this form pertains to you, please complete it and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

Speaking of placement, **Parent Questionnaires** will be distributed this month. The purpose of this optional form is for you to have an opportunity to share with us information about your child that you feel is important for us to consider when creating classes for the 2014-2015 school year. The information requested from you includes:  

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your child’s strengths, motivating factors for your child, the environment he/she performs best in, and whether or not there are any medical concerns or special needs for us to consider. Your feedback is very valuable! We ask that you do not make requests for specific teachers. A great deal of time and preparation goes into this process. The questionnaires are to be returned no later than Friday, May 2. Placement meetings will take place during the month of May and you will be notified of your child’s teacher prior to school starting in August. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and confidence in our placement process!

Many, many thanks for your input on our Algonkian Elementary School Survey. We were very pleased that 126 surveys were posted. The results [see page 9] were very positive and the recommendations will be taken into consideration as we plan. Thank you for taking the time to help Algonkian Elementary be the best school it can be!

Hoping for blue skies and sunshine this month,
Jennifer

** Please note that children should not be dropped off to school any earlier than 7:30 a.m. as there is no adult supervision provided prior to that time. Thank you for your cooperation!! **

Assistance Notice
If, due to a disability, you need assistance to enable you to participate meaningfully in any of our school programs, please contact Ms. Karen Shields, Assistant Principal at 571-434-3240 at least five working days prior to the activity.

Clinic Corner
Ms. Peggy Franzen
Clinic Hours
7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
margaret.franzen@lcps.org

Spring cleaning is here! If you find any elastic waist pants that your student has outgrown (girls or boys), please consider donating them to the clinic. Thank you!!

SOLs Tests Dates
- May 12 – 4th Grade VA History
- May 13 – 4th Grade Math (Part I)
- May 14 – 4th Grade Math (Part II)
- May 15 – 4th Grade Reading
- May 16 – 3rd Grade Science
- May 19 – 3rd Grade History
- May 20 – 3rd Grade Reading (Part I)
- May 21 – 3rd Grade Reading (Part II)
- May 22 – 3rd Grade Math (Part I)
- May 23 – 3rd Grade Math (Part II)
- May 27 – 5th Grade Science
- May 28 – 5th Grade Math (Part I)
- May 29 – 5th Grade Math (Part II)
- May 30 – 5th Grade Reading
- Week of June 2 – Make Up Tests (if needed)

Spring Break
April 14-18 – School Closed

School Improvement Plan
School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been developed for Algonkian Elementary by staff, parents, and the community. Annually, we review and revise our plan based on the data we receive. Our School Improvement Plan is available on our school website: http://www.lcps.org/Page/40302 and in our school office.

We continue to have a School Improvement Plan Steering Committee. If you are interested in participating on this committee or participating in the development of monitoring the School Improvement Plan, please contact Principal Jennifer Steeprow at 571-434-3240.
AUTHORS’ NIGHT!!

Algonkian has been hosting Authors’ Night for each grade level. This means more students can participate. The criterion is still the same. Each teacher will invite 10 students to read stories that have been written in the classroom and have gone through the writing process. Students will be given an invitation the Friday before and an RSVP needs to be given to the classroom teacher by the following Monday. A practice session will be held either the day before or the day of the scheduled Authors’ Night.

On the night of the scheduled event, students are to arrive no earlier than 6:15 p.m. It will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Family and friends go to the Activity Room (gym) and participating students go to the stage. Semi-formal attire is required. Students may not wear jeans, sweats or shorts.

We will continue the Authors’ Nights with our Kindergartens on Wednesday, April 30 and with our 1st Graders on Thursday, May 1.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Mayobre at: tracy.mayobre@lcps.org.

ALGONKIAN EQUITY COMMITTEE

The Equity Committee is here to serve our Bobcat family by ensuring that our instruction and interaction with students, staff, and families is equitable. We monitor activities, programs, and projects to make sure they are relevant, diverse, and support and represent all of our students and staff here at Algonkian Elementary School.

The Committee welcomes parental/guardian participation and if you have an interest in attending an open meeting or have questions, concerns or comments, please contact either Theresa Ryan, Counselor (theresa.ryan@lcps.org) or Susan Smith, Parent Liaison (susan.r.smith@lcps.org) at 571-434-3240.

FLES

Señora Christine Ellis

¡Hola, padres! We’re in the home stretch!

In fifth grade, the students are finishing their Loudoun County cumulative assessment, which tests their abilities to listen, read, comprehend, and speak Spanish after their experience in FLES. The county gets the results of this exam and decides what is best for the FLES program based on these results. Once that is finished, they will close the year with a unit about the community.

In fourth grade, the students are set to begin a lesson about food: identifying it by name, stating preferences, and ordering in a restaurant. Sorry, eating real food will not be part of this experience.

If your younger Bobcat is a member of the ¡Hola Español! Club, I am sure he or she is excited about the new material we are learning. The club finished a couple of lessons which covered some rather challenging vocabulary about the human body. It was challenging, because the majority of the vocabulary does not resemble the corresponding word in English. After Spring Break, we will start again with lessons about clothing.

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club Meeting on Tuesday, April 29
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria

Visit our Chess Club webpage: http://www.lcps.org/page/40419 for more information!

Here is a direct link to our online Chess Club Permission Slip: http://www.lcps.org/page/40421

Please remember students need a NEW permission slip for EVERY club meeting!

We always need parent volunteers to help with our monthly after-school Chess Club meetings.

Basic chess skills are helpful, but not necessary!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Ms. Ryan at: 571-434-3240 or email: theresa.ryan@lcps.org
Lines from the Library
Ms. Chrissie Devinney & Ms. Becky Wetzel

Book Fair is back! April 21 to April 25 we will host a Bedford Falls Book Fair in our Library. Come shop for wonderful reading materials for the whole family.

The Book Fair will be open 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Book Fair will be open at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23 in conjunction with the PTA Muffins with Moms (note: food should stay in the cafeteria and not be brought to the library).

Each class will have the opportunity to purchase books during their regularly scheduled library class time. Please feel free to join us at school when your child is scheduled to come to library:

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Dear Parents:
As you are aware, it is important for students to read a variety of materials if they are to become successful readers. Surrounding children with books that they enjoy reading helps them develop reading fluency and a love for reading. In order to help you purchase books at a reasonable cost for your child’s personal library, our school participates in the Bedford Falls Book Fair.

The Bedford Falls Book Fair offers a selection of books at a reasonable cost. Participation in the Book Fair is optional; the school does not sponsor this or any other book fairs, and the book selections have not always been previewed. We are merely giving you the opportunity to purchase books at a reasonable cost.

The books selected by the book fairs are written by established authors of children’s literature. From time to time, however, students have purchased books that have contained language that parents found objectionable. Therefore, it is important you aid your child in the selection of his/her books. As you assist your child in the selection, please pay careful attention to the description of the books and the designated age or grade level given in the description.

If you have any questions about the books, please contact me. I may already be familiar with the book and might be able to help you. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Chrissie Devinney, Librarian

Volunteers Needed!!
Parents interested in helping out with the Book Fair should contact:
Heather Dyson -- email: algvolcor@aol.com or
Mrs. Devinney -- email: chrissie.devinney@lcps.org
Math
Ms. Emily Dubnowski
Mathematics Resource Teacher

Math March Madness was a success for students who participated. In looking through student Reflex reports, I see huge gains in math fact knowledge, which is an integral part of a student’s math success. Keep up the practice and great work!

As we head into April, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are gearing up for the SOL tests coming up in May. The students have worked hard all year learning their grade level curriculum and will be prepared for these assessments. As we review in school, it is a good idea to review at home, as well. Below is a list of online resources for SOL prep:

1) [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/practice_items/](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/practice_items/) Virginia Department of Education SOL Practice Site grades 3-12
2) [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released_tests/](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released_tests/) Virginia Department of Education SOL Released Tests
3) [http://education.jlab.org/solquiz/](http://education.jlab.org/solquiz/) Jefferson Lab – Practice Math tests for 3rd and 5th grades
4) [http://www.esolnsl.com/test.htm](http://www.esolnsl.com/test.htm) Practice Assessment Tools for 3rd to 8th grades
5) [http://www.virginiasol.com/test.htm](http://www.virginiasol.com/test.htm) Variety of practice links for all grades
6) [http://studyzone.org/testprep/math4.cfm](http://studyzone.org/testprep/math4.cfm) Math Practice for Grades 3,4,5
8) [http://www.ixl.com/math/](http://www.ixl.com/math/) Practice math problems for all grades

Lately, I’ve been asked, by several parents, about how they can help their child with math at home. My advice is to help their child realize that Math is not just a subject at school but an important and fun part of everyday life. I found this article that may be helpful:

**Doing Mathematics with Your Child**
by Martin D. Hartog and Patricia A. Brosnan

Parents have the wonderful opportunity and responsibility for nurturing children. This nurturing process takes place in several areas of development: physical, emotional, and intellectual. While parents can usually find time to read a story to their children, thereby instilling a love for literature, they are often at a loss as to how to instill a love and appreciation for mathematics.

Like reading, mathematics is a subject that is indeed necessary for functioning adequately in society. More than that, mathematics is a subject that should be more enjoyable than it sometimes is.

School Counseling
Ms. Theresa Ryan

Character Focus for April is... RESPONSIBILITY!

**APRIL 22nd IS EARTH DAY!!**

RESPONSIBILITY: A person of character meets the demands of duty, is accountable, pursues excellence and exercises self-control.

Use the story of *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss to help students learn the importance of showing responsibility for our environment.

**EARTH DAY** is on the same day every year, April 22nd ~ [http://earthday.envirolink.org/](http://earthday.envirolink.org/)

Here is a direct link to Algonkian Guidance – Student Link’s! Included is a link to Seussville and great Lorax coloring pages and games: [http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/page/40394](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/page/40394)

**RISING 6TH GRADE INFORMATION FOR RIVER BEND MIDDLE SCHOOL (RBMS)**

**Parenting Information on the Middle School Transition:**

Please visit our Algonkian Middle School Transition webpage: [http://lcps.org/Page/103895](http://lcps.org/Page/103895)

- April 1 ~ Course selection forms send home to parents
- If you need a paper copy, Ms. Ryan can get that for you.

- April 22 ~ ALL Course selection forms DUE back to Algonkian
- June 4 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (bus times 8:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) -- 5th Grade field Trip to RBMS

**ALGONKIAN SCHOOL COUNSELING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The advisory council is composed of school and community members and is tasked with making recommendations regarding student and community needs, and advising the school counseling staff as it strives to meet these needs. The advisory council has completed the final meeting for the...
Parent Liaison

Ms. Susan R. Smith

Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter, we will be having warmer weather. That being said, is your student missing any gloves, hats, coats and hoodies? We have an abundance of miscellaneous items in the Lost & Found. Please remind your student to check the Lost & Found next time they come down for lunch.

Last month I wrote about the Information Table in the foyer of the school and we have received several new flyers for summer camps and various other activities. Please stop by and see what is available. One flyer I would like to mention is for Camp Amistad at Algonkian Regional Park. The Camp is run by the Girl Scouts and financial assistance is available. They also have volunteer opportunities for adults and teens. More info at: http://www.gscnc.org/camp_amistad.html.

Parents Make A Difference – We have a “shortcut” link on our school webpage for this newsletter. There is an elementary, middle, and high school version. It’s a great newsletter with interesting articles and practical advice for our student’s. You can read the newsletter at: http://www.lcps.org/page/1597.

School Supplies, Backpacks & Coats – I have a good supply of school supplies, backpacks, and new coats. If you have a need please contact me at the school or by email at: susan.r.smith@lcps.org. All communication and information is strictly confidential.

Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing Spring Break!

Math [continued from page 5]

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) has identified the appreciation and enjoyment of mathematics as one of the national goals for mathematics education. This goal, coupled with the task of nurturing children’s confidence in their ability to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve real-life problems, is a challenge facing every parent today.

This article presents resources that will enable parents to fulfill their responsibility for developing their children’s abilities to do mathematics, while at the same time encouraging more positive attitudes toward mathematics.

1. Activities in the Home
   http://www.math.com/parents/articles/domath.html#1
2. Working with Your Child’s Teacher
   http://www.math.com/parents/articles/domath.html#2
3. Projects for Parental Involvement
   http://www.math.com/parents/articles/domath.html#3

To read more, go to:
http://www.math.com/parents/articles/domath.html

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2013-2014 school year; however, if you are interested in joining us next year, please email Ms. Ryan at: Theresa.Ryan@lcps.org.

COUNSELING GROUPS
If you feel you signed your child up for a group and your child hasn’t participated in any group yet, please call Ms. Ryan! The request form may not have made it to her office! As always, please let Ms. Ryan know if there are any special considerations or concerns that need attention individually or if your child may need to be added to a currently running group!

PBIS AT ALGONKIAN
What’s your superpower? We PuRRR!

PBIS -- Positive Behavior Intervention and Support

Want to encourage your child in a positive way to use good manners at home? Try creating a comic that shows their favorite superhero showing good manners!

Go to:
http://marvel.com/games/play/34/create_your_own_comic

For more information on PBIS, visit our Algonkian PBIS webpages at: http://lcps.org/domain/13641
Art

Ms. Caryn Michael

This Month in the Creative World of Art ~ Hello Again from Ms. Michael! The students in art are making fantastic masterpieces inspired by many amazing cultures, artists, movements, and stories. Here is a synopsis of what each grade has created in art for the month of March:

First Grade: Dali Mustache Portraits

1st grade student artists read "Mustache Baby" by Bridget Heos and learned about portraiture. Students then learned how shapes and lines can be used to create an observational self-portrait drawing, and about the artist Salvador Dali and his unique art and infamous mustache. Using wire, students then created their own mustache to add to their surrealistic self-portraits.

Second Grade: Masterpiece Museum

2nd grade student artists read "The Museum" by Susan Verde and learned about museums. Student artists created their own museum to house three of their own masterpieces. Students then learned about the artist Jackson Pollock, created their own action painting, and finished the project with photography by creating pictures of each other as visitors to their museums.

Third Grade: Greek Vases

3rd grade student artists learned about ancient greek art and the history behind why certain pieces of art were made and how that art still has a presence in today’s culture. Students then sketched out a vase design and learned about symmetry and created a symmetrical vase out of paper using their own unique and personal design.

Fourth Grade: Coat of Arms

4th grade student artists learned about the ancient form of symbolism known as a Coat of Arms. We discussed the history of Coats of Arms, why they were created, and what roles they continue to play in today’s culture. Students learned specifically about the Coat of Arms for Virginia given by the King of England and the Coat of Arms of Loudoun County give by John Campbell the Fourth Earl of Loudoun (which is an area in Scotland).

Music

Ms. Alicia Smith

We’re all Super Heroes in Music!!

5th Graders have been rockin’ the recorder! They breezed through the songs from last year and have learned a new note – E. This month they are continuing to work on the song “It’s Raining” that includes this new note. After we master this piece, we will learn at least one more new note and play songs using it. Please encourage your child to practice often and work on reading the music.

4th Graders have had a fantastic start to their recorder unit. At the end of March I gave them a “Recorder Karate” packet. Now that they are able to play three different notes (B, A, and G), we are ready to use them in a few songs. Students will be responsible for practicing the first three songs in the packet. Please encourage your child to practice often and work on reading the music.

3rd Graders did an OUTSTANDING job with their musical, “Mighty Minds!” I am so proud of them. This month we will start review techniques and activities from last year using the tubano drums. My goal for 3rd grade is to put together two different ensembles from the World Music Drumming curriculum. After we finish our drumming unit, we will be focusing on the form of music through movement. We will also discuss the composers who wrote the pieces that we study.

2nd Graders began their World Music Drumming unit at the end of March. This month we will continue to refine the techniques learned last year, in addition to learning new ones. I would like to put one or two modified ensembles together from the World Music Drumming curriculum. After we finish our drumming unit we will move on to studying the form of music, specifically AB and ABA form. If we are able to fit it in, we may also work on reading rhythm patterns.

1st Graders will be learning the basic techniques used in World Music Drumming this month. Last month they were introduced to the tubano drums and learned about the area they come from. This month they will learn to play two different tones on the drum, as well as several rhythm patterns. In first grade, I mainly focus on developing playing technique through echoing examples and various games. We will also start to learn a basic modified ensemble that includes 2-3 different instrument parts. If we have time at the end of the month, we will talk about AB form and rhythm.
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Students then were able to apply this knowledge and sketched out a design for their very own Coat of Arms, and then created a sculptural coat of arms using clay and paint.

Fifth Grade: Treehouse Architecture

5th grade student artists read “Miss Twiggley’s Tree” by Dorothea Warren Fox and learned about tree house architecture and about the tree house architect Pete Nelson. Student artists then learned about 2 Point Perspective and used this knowledge to design their very own tree house using lots of detail and including a unique entrance design. The final piece of this art project was learning about blue prints. This knowledge inspired the students to use the tree house design to create their own blue print schematic!

Physical Education
Mr. Joe Terango & Mr. Dan Craig

Spring is finally here and with the coming of a new season we look forward to another month of PE at Algonkian. Again, with spring arriving Fitness Gram Physical Fitness Tests will be coming up soon. Good luck to the 4th and 5th graders on setting and achieving their fitness goals!

Grades 1, 2, 3:
- Finished juggling, and cup stacking with First Grade
- Completed scoop’s unit (throwing and catching with implements)
- Completed throwing with opposition
- Started Spring Games unit

Grades 4, 5:
- Started Spring Games unit
- Completed fleeing and dodging games unit
- Finished striking mobile targets
- Completed Beach Volleyball unit

Currently and in the near future:

Grades 1, 2, 3:
- Continue spring games unit
- Tandem Jump Rope

Grades 4, 5:
- Preparing for Fitness Gram Physical Fitness tests
- Fitness Gram Physical Fitness Testing
- Tandem Jump Rope
- Field Day Prep

Technology
Mrs. Pauline Burkett & Mrs. Susan Brown

It is never too early to start preparing for the upcoming SOL tests. The fifth graders already took their writing SOLs.

We have many programs and web links that students can practice and review at home. We have:

- Algonkian’s Grade level web links – http://www.lcps.org/Page/74962
- Rockingham County – http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us/mves/MountainView/SOL.html ... which has a nice collection for students to browse as well.

But the best place to look is Virginia’s Department of Education site:
- VDOE – http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/
Here you can find practice tests and videos explaining the Technology Enhanced Items (TEIs) and many more useful resources.

Study hard and good luck!

5TH GRADERS – I REALLY WANT THOSE PICTURES!!

CALLING all 5th grade photos!!!! Please send in ONE image of your fifth grader from an earlier grade level. If you have a few group photos from previous years from special Algonkian events, I would appreciate them as well. Please send images via email to me at: pauline.burkett@lcps.org.

Algonkian welcomes Mrs. Brown to the computer Lab:

My name is Susan Brown, and I’m the Technology Assistant in the computer lab. I’m coming to Algonkian from River Bend Middle School where I have worked as a Resource teacher since 2009. I loved working with the middle school aged kids, but I’m very excited to make the transition to working with elementary age children. I am married to Charlie Brown (yes, Charlie Brown), and we have a 16 year old son named Jordan who is a junior at Potomac Falls High School. Jordan is a former student here at Algonkian, so being back here is like coming home for me. When I’m not working, you can find me out running or watching Jordan play baseball for the Varsity Panthers.
Congratulations Students, Parent, and Staff!!!
Algonkian Elementary School Survey
126 Responses
School Year ~ 2013-2014
(Strongly Agree & Agree/Disagree & Strongly Disagree)

Dear Bobcat Parents:
Thank you so much for your input on our Algonkian Elementary School Survey. Below is a table with the responses. We were very pleased that 126 surveys were posted. The results were very positive and the recommendations will be taken into consideration as we plan. Thank you for taking the time to help Algonkian Elementary be the best school it can be!

Jennifer Steeprow, Principal

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>% Respondents who agree/ strongly agreed</th>
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<td>1. Parents and visitors are made to feel welcome.</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>2. I am encouraged to express concerns or make suggestions to my child’s teacher.</td>
<td>89%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>3. My child’s teacher regularly provides me with information about my child's academic progress.</td>
<td>76%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>4. The administration is easily accessible to parents and children.</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>5. The administration fosters a climate of caring, trust and high expectations.</td>
<td>80%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>6. High expectations for academic achievement are evident in my child’s classroom.</td>
<td>78%</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>7. My child is being taught to respect people of different cultural, ethnic, and racial backgrounds.</td>
<td>98%</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>8. My child feels respected</td>
<td>93%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>9. My child is not afraid to make mistakes. He/she feels confident in taking academic risks at school.</td>
<td>88%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>10. Algonkian provides a safe environment for my child.</td>
<td>96%</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>11. I am satisfied that my child is receiving a quality education at Algonkian Elementary.</td>
<td>79%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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TECHSTRAVAGANZA!

April 5, 2014 10:00AM–3:00PM

What? A science, technology, engineering, and math exploration day at TJHSST.

Who? Upper elementary and middle school students. Activities are run by TJHSST students, faculty, and professionals from participating organizations.

When? Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10 AM until 3:00 PM.

Where? Holmes Middle School
6525 Montrose St, Alexandria, VA 22312

*** NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Spread the word! If you have any questions, email twistcoordinators@qmail.com or visit http://activities.tjhsst.edu/twist.

Techstravaganza is free and open to everyone!
FAQ:
TECHSTRAVAGANZA

What is Techstravaganza?
- Techstravaganza is a science, technology, engineering, and math exploration day at TJHSST. Students will have the opportunity to conduct hands-on science activities and watch a variety of demonstrations.

When is Techstravaganza?
- Techstravaganza will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2014 and will be open to the public from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Is registration required for Techstravaganza?
- Registration is not required for Techstravaganza.

Who should attend Techstravaganza?
- Techstravaganza is designed for upper elementary and middle school students.

Where will Techstravaganza take place?
- Holmes Middle School 6525 Montrose St, Alexandria, VA 22312

***NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Is there any cost for admission to Techstravaganza?
- No. Techstravaganza is free and open to the public.

Who sponsors Techstravaganza?
- Techstravaganza is an outreach effort of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. It is organized by members of TWIST (Tomorrow’s Women in Science and Technology) and the Biology Society. We also have corporate sponsors with booths at Techstravaganza.

Who should I contact for additional information?
- If you have any questions, email twistcoordinators@gmail.com or visit http://activities.tjhsst.edu/twist
Are You Moving?

For planning purposes, please let us know if your child will NOT be attending Algonkian Elementary next year.

If you are moving, we wish you the best of luck!!!

Child’s Name: ________________________________________

Current Grade: __________________

Current Teacher: ______________________________________

We Will Be Moving To:
New School __________________________________________

New Address if Known _________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________

Parent Signature ______________________________________

Please return to Gail Farrar by April 30, 2014.

Thanks!
Parents Make the Difference
April 2014
Parents Make the Difference newsletters are posted on the LCPS website:
http://www.lcps.org/page/1597

Parent Resource Center
April 2014 Events & Spring Schedule
http://www.lcps.org/Page/76179

April 2014 Breakfast & Lunch School Menu
http://www.lcps.org/Page/68454

School Food Service
Free and Reduced Price Meal applications are available ALL YEAR
Anytime there is a change in employment status or wages, a new application may be filled out and sent to Food Services for approval. Please note that a social security number is not required for approval. This process is a year-long process not just at the beginning of the year.
Please feel free to call the Food Services Office with any questions at 571-252-1010 or visit website: http://www.lcps.org/Page/73936.

Parents/Guardians of Algonkian students! The school cafeteria is offering snacks to purchase in the morning for students to eat during "snack time" in class!

If you would like your child to purchase a snack, please let them know when they arrive to school in the morning to go straight to the cafeteria before heading to class.

They are still allowed to purchase a cookie at lunch but the snacks listed below are not available during lunch times (ONLY can be purchased in the mornings during breakfast).

SNACKS: We are offering fruit (apple slices, whole apple or banana) at $0.75 each and Quaker Snack kids mix (tiny twist pretzels, bite-size nacho cheese doritos, white cheddar cheese flavored popcorn, and cheetos brand flavored snack) at $0.60 per snack mix.

** Please note the snack mix does contain wheat and milk ingredients. **

Loudoun County Guide to Services...

COMMUNITY SERVICES
- Family Services (daycare referrals) 703-777-0353
- Childcare/Preschool 703-777-0353
- Elementary Age Programs 703-737-8042
- Youth After School (Middle School) 703-737-8042
- Youth Shelter 703-771-5300

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES
- Financial Assistance 703-777-0353
- Emergency Housing 703-777-0353
- Transitional Housing Shelter 703-777-0353
- Loudoun Cares 703-669-4636
- Loudoun Interfaith Relief 703-777-5911
- LINK 703-437-1776
- Career Support Services 703-777-0353

HEALTHCARE SERVICES 703-777-0234
- Loudoun Community Free Clinic 703-779-5416
- Dental Care 703-771-5831
- Nutrition Services 703-777-0239
- Mental Health Centers
  - Eastern Loudoun 571-258-3026
  - Leesburg 703-771-5100
- FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security) 703-777-0353 or toll free 866-873-2647