Participants will be working as a team 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.

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**February 2014**

*** Algonkian Basketball League make up snow day games (see page 10)
7 Report Cards send home
10-12 2nd Grade CogAT testing
11 Student to Student ~ 7:30 a.m.
11 PTA’s Chick-fil-A Night ~ 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
12 PTA sponsored assembly
12 Family Math Extravaganza ~ 6:30 p.m.
14 Valentine’s Day
17 Presidents’ Day Holiday ~ school closed
17 PTA’s Chuck-E-Cheese Day ~ 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
18 Student to Student ~ 7:30 a.m.
19 Authors' Night ~ 3rd grade at 6:30 p.m.
21 MONDAY SCHEDULE
25 Student to Student ~ 7:30 a.m.
25 Chess Club ~ 2:45 p.m.
26 Authors’ Night ~ 2nd grade at 6:30 p.m.
27 Interims send home

**March**

4 Student to Student ~ 7:30 a.m.
4 PTA Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.
6 LCPS Spelling Bee ~ 6:30 p.m.
at Stone Bridge HS
7 PTA sponsored assembly
7 PTA’s Bingo Night!
11 Student to Student ~ 7:30 a.m.
12 3rd grade musical performances
12 at 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
18 Student to Student ~ 7:30 a.m.
25 Student to Student ~ 7:30 a.m.
28 End of third grading period
31 Teacher Work Day ~ no school for students

**LUV Spirit Week Feb 10-14 see page 11**

**Letter from the Principal**

January just seemed to fly by or blow by in all that wintery weather! If the predictions are correct, February may bring us much of the same. Please be sure your child is dressed to face the elements each day. Also, please review your family’s plan in case of an early school closing to avoid the anxiety of students wondering what to do. The office is a very busy place during emergency situations and we are not able to allow students to call home or take phone messages from parents changing plans. When schools close early, CASA is cancelled. Please be sure all CASA students have a back-up plan. Thank you for helping us ensure all students get home safely!

Congratulations to Janika Perezous, our Algonkian School Spelling Bee winner! Janika will be participating in the Loudoun County Public Schools Spelling Bee on March 6th at Stone Bridge High School to compete against all the school winners in the county. Good luck, Janika! Special recognition to all of our Spelling Bee participants: Paige Anderson, Gabi Belogay, Will Coffey, Ethan Harris, Eric McKeown, Garret Moreau, Jack Shumaker, and Sebastian Tuninga.

Congratulations to Abdullah Baig, our Algonkian Geography Bee winner! After winning the school geography bee, Abdullah took a written test that was submitted to the state to determine if he is eligible for the next level. We look forward to receiving the results! Special recognition to all of our Geography bee participants: Daniel Pappalardo, Maggie Lum, Diana Correa Cabrera, Chase Halsey, and Hope Palmer. In March, all of our Geography Bee participants will be working as a team to compete in the Washington Redskins’ Geoplunge Challenge. This is Algonkian’s first time participating and we are exciting to have such a great team representing our school. Special thanks to Mrs. Pappalardo for coaching.

We have just begun our second semester of the school year and I hope you have noticed our intentional focus on instruction this year. From instructional conversations at PTA meetings, to Reading and Math Nights, and all the great things going on in our classrooms -- we are really working hard to...

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give your students the best foundation to keep them excited about learning and moving forward into their futures with great possibilities! If you ever have questions about what (or how) your child is learning at school, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher. You will be surprised at the high level skills our students are mastering!!

Have a fantastic February,

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!! **

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 is hosting one Authors’ Night per month 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 third Authors’ Night for this school year with our 3rd Graders on Wednesday, February 19 (rescheduled from January 29 due to snow) and the fourth Authors’ Night with our 2nd Graders is on Wednesday, February 26. The dates for all other grades will be announced in the monthly school newsletters.

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

2nd Grade – CogAT Testings

Our second grade students are participating in the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. The CogAT measures general and specific cognitive skills that allow a student to learn new tasks or solve problems. The students have completed practice tests on February 3-6. February 10-12 will be the CogAT Tests; and if make-up is needed that will take place on February 13-14. Questions about the tests, please contact Karen Shields, Assistant Principal at 571-434-3240 or email: karen.shields@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.

Happy Valentine’s Day

February 14, 2014
Reading
Ms. Kristi Peace

February is Don’t Cry Over Spilled Milk Day. It recognizes that everyone spills a little milk now and then. It’s a day to be optimistic, think positive, look on the bright side, and to find something good in everything that happens. As the song says: Don’t Worry, be Happy!

You should participate in "Don’t Cry over Spilled Milk Day" with an optimistic attitude and a smile on your face and use it as an opportunity to talk with your child about idioms and what they mean. Idioms are sayings that play with the actual meaning of the words. Your children probably hear a lot of idioms in their everyday lives, but don’t know what they mean. Get children thinking about the meanings behind these common phrases by examining them through the creation and play of a homemade memory game. Children collect idioms from friends and family as well as inventing their own, then design playing cards depicting the idioms.

Sources:
* http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/February/spilledmilkday.htm

Math
Ms. Emily Dubnowski
Mathematics Resource Teacher

It’s hard to believe that we are ½ way through the school year! February 12th is Algonkian’s Family Math Extravaganza Night!! Come play some fun math games that you can easily re-create at home, win an estimation jar filled with goodies, and challenge yourself with a math scavenger hunt. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Here are some more tips on Math at home. This website: http://mixinginmath.terc.edu/materials/athomewithmath.php features ten everyday math activities that build math into the things most families already do — ordinary routines such as figuring out ways to save money, to share fairly, or to get somewhere on time. With these activities, children practice adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, and using other important math skills while doing tasks that are a regular part of life.

Activity 1 is Number of the day (Computation Age 5 – 11). This link will give you tips and step by step instructions:
http://mixinginmath.terc.edu/materials/athome_pdfs/English/math_ENG_sect1.pdf

As always, please contact me: emily.dubnowski@lcps.org if you have any questions. And stay warm!!

Responsive Instruction (RI)
Ms. Ann Negley

January has been a short but busy month for the RI program. Algonkian students have participated in Universal Screening for both math and reading. Students have also completed another quarter of BLT. Students who have participated in an intervention group will be receiving their quarterly progress report along with their report cards.

New BLT groups will be forming during the month of February. Notification letters of new groupings will be sent home during the third week of February. These we identify the teacher who is responsible for your student’s daily intervention instruction.

If you have any questions regarding your student’s quarterly report data or new grouping, feel free to contact us at: anegley@lcps.org.

CHESS CLUB

5th Chess Club Meeting on Tuesday, February 25
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!

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
Dear Algonkian Family,
I wanted to say THANK YOU for being such a wonderful community, and for such kind words during School Counseling week and always! Thank you for your appreciation! 😊

Much Love,
Ms. Ryan 😊

GUIDANCE LESSONS:
In the book "Who Moved My Cheese for Kids, by Spencer Johnson, four characters named Hem, Haw, Sniff and Scurry are in a maze looking for magical cheese. As we read the story, students discuss what changes they have experienced and are asked to consider which of the 4 characters with which they have most in common. Sniff & Scurry are excited when it’s time to find new cheese, and are hopeful that new cheese will be even better than the old cheese. Hem & Haw take things slow, and are scared and upset when the cheese is all eaten and it’s time to find new cheese. As Haw tries to adjust, students are able to relate things in life that are “old cheese” such as things that used to scare them or somewhere they used to live. Students enjoyed “imagining their new cheese” and discussing what is upcoming “new cheese” in their own lives.

Students response well to this story, and it is a nice way to help students understand the difficult concept of change and the inevitable question of “Why?!”

HOME CONNECTION:
As a parent you can help your child have realistic expectations by:
1. Making expectations as clear and predictable as possible.
2. Giving adequate explanation when there is a change.
3. Involving children in creating the rules they are to follow.
4. Explaining that although certain rights are due everyone equally, others are earned with age and increased responsibility.

GUIDANCE GROUPS:
New groups are beginning in March! 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.

ALGONKIAN GUIDANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL -- The advisory council will be 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 will meet once more this year on March 24 at 3:00 p.m. in Ms. Ryan’s office. Please email Ms. Ryan at: Theresa.Ryan@lcps.org if you are interested in joining this committee.

SOUPER BOWL XIII -- THANK YOU ALGONKIAN FAMILY!!

Our Souper Bowl XIII Community Outreach continues! Thank you to all families donating needed food items to LINK, our neighborhood food pantry. Class competition winners will be highlighted in our March [continue to page 5]
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school newsletter!

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) at Algonkian
What’s your SUPER power? We PuRRR!

Students have started earning new grade level cafeteria rewards! When an entire grade level earns $50 per class on their classroom reward e-card, the grade level can choose music or a story in the cafeteria.

Don’t forget that the key to PBIS is POSITIVES!
Visit our Algonkian PBIS webpages at: http://lcps.org/domain/13641 for more information on PBIS!

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Lines from the Library

Ms. Chrissie Devinney & Ms. Becky Wetzel

The American Library Association (ALA) announced the winners of several book awards at their midwinter meeting in January. This year’s ALA midwinter was held in Philadelphia, PA. The two best known awards are the Newbery Award and the Caldecott Award. The following is from the ALA website:

http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberyaward/newberyaward

The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

2014 NEWBERY MEDAL WINNER

Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures, written by Kate DiCamillo and published by Candlewick Press Comic book fan and natural-born cynic Flora Belle Buckman and Ulysses, a flying, superhero, poetry-writing squirrel, join forces to overcome Ulysses’ arch-nemesis, Flora’s mother and encounter a quirky cast of characters. Through poignant, laugh-out-loud episodes, this homage to comic books is a testament to the power of love.

And the one I look forward to most each year the Caldecott Award, also from the ALA website:

http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal

The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

2014 CALDECOTT MEDAL WINNER

Locomotive, illustrated by Brian Floca, is the 2014 Caldecott Medal winner. The book was

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FLES

Señora Christine Ellis

¡Hola, padres! It’s a new quarter, and the students in 4th grade FLES will have new material to learn. This quarter, we will learn about the words to describe basic family relationships: mother, father, sister, brother, grandparents. We will learn a little more about adjectives, and how to describe the clothing a person is wearing.

The fifth grade will be quite busy with me during the third quarter. Again this year, all fifth grade students in Loudoun County Public Schools FLES program will take a Spanish “Exit Assessment.” The county orders this assessment for the purpose of gathering information on how students are progressing in Spanish. Students will not be graded on this assessment, nor will students’ results affect middle school placement.

They will be assessed on their listening, speaking, and reading comprehension skills. We are reviewing in class, and students do not need to study at home.

The assessment will take place during your child’s regularly scheduled Spanish class, beginning the week of February 10 and should be completed by the week of March 31.

If your younger children in grades 1-3 participate in the Hola Español Club, thanks so much for bringing your child bright and early at 7:00 a.m. We have learned about numbers this past month, as well as a little bit about math facts in Spanish. This is material we will work on throughout the year.
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written by Brian Floca and published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. All aboard! Accompany a family on an unforgettable weeklong train trip from Omaha to Sacramento in 1869. Brian Floca’s dramatic watercolor, ink, acrylic and gouache illustrations incorporate meticulously-researched portraits of the train, the travelers and the crew as they traverse the American landscape on the new transcontinental railroad.

You may wish to visit the ALA website to see which books won Newbery and Caldecott Honors as well as the many other awards given each year.

Music

Ms. Alicia Smith

We’re all SUPER heroes in Music!
What’s happening at Algonkian:

3rd Grade Musical: “Mighty Minds”
Wednesday, March 12 ~ 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

5th Grade students are finally getting ready to start recorder. We ended up getting a little delayed due to a few unexpected snow days! Please make sure that your child returns his/her recorder materials to his/her backpack after practicing and cleaning. This will help to ensure that everyone always has all necessary materials on music days. In 5th grade, we will be adding at least two more notes to their repertoire. By the end of 5th grade recorder your child should be able to play the notes B, A, G, D, and E, and possibly a few more!

4th Grade students are still working diligently on learning to read the treble clef. We ended up getting a little delayed due to a few unexpected snow days! However, after a few more classes of practicing reading, students should be ready to start bringing recorders. This year student will learn how to properly hold the recorder and play the notes B, A, and G. By the end of 4th grade recorder your child should be able to earn 3 belts in “Recorder Karate”. (Something that I’m sure they will be able to tell you about very soon!)

3rd Grade students are working hard on memorizing lyrics, dance moves, and lines for their musical “Mighty Minds”. Thank you all for being flexible with the permission slip deadline. T-shirts should hopefully be in by the end of the month. Please make sure that your child is practicing at home so that we can ensure each child is comfortable with all of the material. Also, keep an eye [continue to page 7]

Physical Education

Mr. Joe Terango & Mr. Dan Craig

Greetings from the PE department once again. The year seems to be flying by and we are getting a lot of things going in our physical education classes. The Algonkian Basketball League (ABL) has been a big success so far and all teams are improving with every game.

** Due to the snow days, make up basketball games have been scheduled on the following dates: January 21 games will be played on Thursday, February 13; and January 22 games will be played on Thursday, February 20. As for the recent February 5 snow day, that make up will be scheduled at a later date to be announced soon. ** (see page 10 for ABL game schedule)

Here are some of the activities from this past month!

Grades 1, 2, 3:
- Finished bowling unit
- Started juggling unit (1, 2, 3)

Grades 4, 5:
- Finished bowling unit
- Started ABL games
- Started volleyball unit

CURRENTLY AND IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

Grades 1, 2, 3:
- Start juggling activities
- Complete long jump rope unit
- Start scoops unit (throwing and catching mobile objects with implements)

Grades 4, 5:
- Complete long jump rope unit
- Finish ABL
- Finish volleyball unit

Have a great month!

Art

Ms. Caryn Michael

This Month in the Creative World of Art ~ Hello again from Ms. Michael! In the month of January, the student artists here at Algonkian have been very creative! We compiled a map of all the places each grade has learned about this year. Students learned about and were inspired by a famous child artist named [continue to page 7]
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out for speaking parts coming home this month. If your child is selected, please help to go over these lines at home. At the end of the month we will start blocking scenes with these students.

2nd Grade students will finish talking about instruments of the orchestra and the four families that they belong to. We will wrap everything up with the story of “Peter and the Wolf”. We will also keep singing our snowy songs (they seem to be working quite well!!). I am hoping to start some World Music Drumming with the students at the end of the month. We will be reviewing proper playing technique, as well as question and answer form.

1st Grade students will finish talking about instruments of the orchestra and the families that they belong to. They will be finishing the unit with the story “Tubby the Tuba”. We will continue singing our snowy songs too, since they seem to be working quite well!! First graders will be introduced to World Music Drumming at the end of the month. We will be talking about the area that the tubano drums come from, as well as basic playing technique. The students will practice high and low tones in addition to a few basic patterns.

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This month there was also a first grade art show, located by the cafeteria! The showcase displayed the photographs that first grade artists took in December of their original Crystal Snowflakes.

Hand Wipe Donations?!
As you know, the end of January marked the beginning of a new semester and term; which means new projects in art. We are starting out the new semester and term creating some fun and messy projects. In the art room we have begun to use baby wipes as a way to clean up quickly as to leave more time for instruction and creativity! Any baby wipes you would like to donate to the art room would be much appreciated!

Technology
Mrs. Pauline Burkett

I am VERY sad to announce that Algonkian's favorite Technology Assistant, Mrs. Trish Grace, is leaving us. She has accepted a new position at another school. Please join me in sending her all the hugs and fond farewells as she moves to a new career.

A few words from Mrs. Grace:

I'm so lucky to have had the chance to work in Algonkian's computer lab for 2 and a half years! I love everything I've had the opportunity to learn and to share with others. Your children have been so much fun! I'm sad to leave, but with my own children getting closer to college, it was a necessary move for me. I'll be the attendance secretary at Belmont Ridge Middle School starting February 12th. But I will always be PROUD TO BE A BOBCAT!!

Tech Task Force: There will be a TTF meeting Monday, February 10 at 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Permission forms have gone home this week. Please sign and turn in as soon as possible. Thanks!

CALLING all 5th grade photos!!!! Please send in ONE image of your fifth grader from 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 e-mail to me at: pauline.burkett@lcps.org.

We will miss you, Mrs. Grace!!
Wow, this cold weather just won’t go away! I have access to gently used and new coats and hats and gloves, so if you have a need, please contact me. All communication is strictly confidential. No one should go without in this terribly cold weather. I can be reached at the school or email me at: susan.r.smith@lcps.org.

Speaking of needs, I would like to share some information with you that was recently published by LINK. We live in one of the wealthiest counties in the Nation and we sometimes forget that no matter where you live there will always be those that need our support and help. Many of our schools and local organizations support LINK through food, clothing and toy drives during the Holiday Season and throughout the year. For the months of November and December, LINK supplied over $44,000.00 in grocery gift cards, over 2,500 gently used coats and clothing and over 4,500 new toys. They distributed more than 100,000 pounds of food so that families in need had food for 3 to 5 days each month. LINK continues to host their Mobile Food Pantry on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the rear parking lot of Christ the Redeemer Church. A current flyer is in the standing file at the foyer of the school. If you need further information on LINK and/or would like to volunteer, please contact Lisa Lombardozzi at 703-973-4444.

It’s that time of year again; preparing to file your income taxes. If you meet the income requirements in 2013, you can qualify to have your taxes done for free. For more information, please go to: www.nvacash.org.

Do you need help in finding a job? I have several resources available in the County. Crossroads Job, Inc. in Leesburg offers a free employment service. For more information, call 703-771-4112 or visit: www.crossroadjobs.org. Loudoun County’s Department of Rehabilitative Services hosts a Job Club in Leesburg at the Shenandoah Building on Heritage Way. They help with job seeking skills, resume and interviewing techniques. Also, please visit the website for Loudoun Workforce Center: http://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?NID=1592 for their latest schedule of free classes that can help you prepare for your job search. Classes are free but pre-registration is required. Stop by the center in Leesburg or call 703-777-0150. The Job Club and Workforce Center are in the same building.

Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office is holding a Drug Awareness Program at Potomac Falls High School on February 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Program is for Parents ONLY.

Flyers for most of the resources listed above can be found in the standing file at the foyer of the school. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please contact me at the school or email me at: susan.r.smith@lcps.org.

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FUTURA NEWS (grades 4-5)

Ms. Tracy Mayobre

It’s hard to believe that we are halfway through the year! We have so much more to learn! Egg businesses are in the design phase. Students are anxious to complete their business plan and acquire a budget so that they can begin making the fashions, develop the advertising, and bring this whole business venture to the next FUTURA Runway Eggstravaganza! Please look for a flyer that will announce the date.

Students will be receiving the first semester county assessment the week of February 18. They will also be bringing home a portfolio that will hold all of the work they have completed thus far. Please take the time to go through this with your child and have them explain what it all means.

If you are interested in knowing more about the gifted program in Loudoun County, you may want to attend one of the information nights. Here are the dates, times, and locations:

**FARMWELL STATION MS**
Monday, February 10
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**HARMONY MS**
Monday, February 24
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**LEESBURG ES**
Thursday, February 20
MORNING SESSION ~ 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**CREIGHTON’S CORNER ES**
Wednesday, February 26
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Yearbook Time

There’s a buzz going around Algonkian that this year’s yearbook is going to be the best one ever! So don’t be left out. Order early to guarantee a copy and a discount. There is a limited supply!!

This year’s theme: Algonkian Super Heroes – What’s your SUPER powers?

Yearbooks can be ordered online at: www.ybpay.lifetouch.com. Put in code: 1744014. You will need to pay with a credit or debit card. Starting March 24 to April 4 the school will begin accepting checks and cash.

Grade level art completion for the yearbook began February 3 until March 3. Students have been given a handout of instructions and a template to use for submitting their idea. This handout and template can also be found on the school’s website. [continue to page 9]
If you have taken pictures this year and you think they might be good for the yearbook, you can submit them by going to: www.Community.Lifetouch.com and upload them there. You will need to register your name by using the access code: TUVFHZ. Then follow the directions. Only 66 pictures are allowed to be uploaded, so only submit a few which will allow for others to share. **This site can only be viewed by the Algonkian Yearbook committee. Pictures submitted are not guaranteed to be used in the final production of the yearbook.**

One of the most popular programs presented by Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents (LEAP) will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Administrative Offices, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn.

Representatives of the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office will present their annual update on Internet safety.

Topics discussed will include:
- Social Networking
- Sexting/Texting
- Cell Phone Technology and Features
- Laptops vs. Desk Top PC’s
- Current Trends
- Predatory Behaviors
- PC and Console Gaming
- Monitoring Techniques

In addition, the Sheriff’s Office representatives will talk about the new dangers posed by synthetic drugs.

Nationwide, the use of synthetic drug abuse has increased, along with emergency room visits associated with these drugs. They are causing a significant number of deaths and illnesses nationwide. Parents are invited to learn more about the dangers of synthetic drugs and prescription drug abuse.
## Algonkian Basketball League (ABL) -- 2014 Schedule

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LUV Spirit Week
February 10th—14th

Monday – Pajama Day
Wear your comfy clothes & PJ's to school!

Tuesday – Pink DAY!
Wear PINK for Anti Bullying!

Wednesday – Crazy Hair Day

Thursday - 80’s Day
Dress like a kid in the 80’s!

Friday - ALGONKIAN T-Shirt DAY!
Wear your favorite Algonkian T-Shirt!
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 Make the Difference

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

Parent Resource Center

February 2014 Events & Winter Schedule

http://www.lcps.org/Page/76179

February 2014 Breakfast & Lunch School Menu

http://www.lcps.org/Page/68454

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

Algonkian School Cafeteria News

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. **