



Moorefield Station Elementary School  
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**May and June 2018**

### **A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:**

Dear Families:

I can't believe May is already here. We are packing in many fun-filled events and academic challenges. It feels like just yesterday we were opening the doors for the first day of school. We have accomplished quite a lot this year and we have much to be proud of. We held many PTO events: The Fun Run, a Multi-cultural Night, STEM Night, BINGO Night, a volleyball game, and we became one of three Code Immersion schools in Loudoun County. As we start to draw near to the end of the year, I want to thank our amazing PTO Board, Samantha, Heidi, Keri and Ken. I also want to thank Ekta for working with Enrichment Matters to continue to offer ASEP. I feel lucky to get to work with such dedicated parents.

Please remember that we start SOL testing on May 14th. Be sure to check the testing schedule on our website and in this newsletter, to be sure you don't plan any doctor visits or trips during your child's SOL testing dates. It is important for your child to come to school well rested, well fed, and on time during the testing window.

As we start to wind down, I just want to say a heartfelt thank you for such an amazing year here at Moorefield Station. We continue to face each day with a positive attitude that makes Moorefield Station the special place it is.

We still have several fun events to look forward to, so I hope everyone marks their calendar so as to not to miss any event. Dates for upcoming programs, events and field trips can be found in this newsletter, as well as on our website.



As always, the school year has flown by faster than I wish to think, but as we close the chapter on this year, I know our future holds many exciting milestones still to come.

Thank you for your continued support.

Karen D. Roche - Principal

### **Important Events for May and June:**

May 3 – PTO Mtg, 2:45pm  
May 7-11 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 8-9 – First Gr Field Trip  
May 13 – Mother's Day  
May 14 – SOL Tests Begin  
May 21 – Kdg Butterfly Showcase  
May 23 – Third Gr Field Trip  
May 25 – All Student Library Books Due  
May 25 – First Gr Musical-Daytime ONLY, 9:00am  
May 25 – Spirit Day, Wear Red & Black Day  
May 28 – Memorial Day, No School  
May 30-31 – Third Gr Ancient Civilization Day  
June 4 – Field Day  
June 5 – Book Swap Day  
June 7 – Spring Chorus Performance, 6:30pm  
June 8 – First Gr End of Year Party, 1:00pm  
June 11 – Fifth Gr DARE Graduation, 8:15am  
June 11 – Third Gr End of Year Party  
June 11 – Kdg End of Year Party  
June 11 – Fifth Gr Promotion Ceremony, 6:00pm  
June 12 – Primary Elections on Site  
June 12 – Second Gr End of Year Party, 1:15pm  
June 13 – Last Day of School  
June 13 – Fifth Gr Promotion Party



**REVISED SOL TESTING INFO  
PROVIDED...See Page 8!**

**FIFTH GRADE PROMOTION DATE  
CHANGE –  
MONDAY, JUNE 11 AT 6:00PM**





## A MEMO FROM MUSIC:

May and June will be busy months for music students at Moorefield Station. First graders are preparing the musical "Pajama Party" which will be performed on Friday, May 25th at 9 am. Note the date and time: there will be NO evening performance. Families are welcome to attend! Lyrics to all of the songs for this performance will be posted on the music page of the school website, which is updated regularly to keep you informed of upcoming musical events during the school year. Fourth and fifth grade chorus members have been busy preparing for our Thursday, June 7th performance. We will perform during the school day and in the evening. The daytime performance is at 9:00 am and the evening performance is at 6:30 pm on June 7. Please check the website for lyrics of the songs. We are so excited about this performance! For our final quarter together this year, all students (1st - 5th graders) are writing musical compositions. Ask your child about their progress! We are also listening and learning about the famous film composer, John Williams this quarter. What a wonderful year of music at Moorefield Station! Every musical performance was outstanding. We look forward to more wonderful musical moments next year!

## SNIPPETS FROM SEARCH:



It is hard to believe there are only a few weeks left in the school year. Though I am sad to see the school year come to an end, I am very excited about the last group of SEARCH lessons we have planned.

Kindergarteners will work cooperatively to figure out Patterns with Holes. Students will then use their imagination and our creative thinking strategies to create pictures using black dots.

Students in first grade will use their creative thinking for an activity based on the book *Never Take a Shark to the Dentist*. Then, students will need to rely on their math skills and quick thinking as we play *Math Dice Jr*.

Second grade students will wrap up the year with two games. In *Shape Sequence*, students will rely on their reasoning and connecting thinking as they try to figure out their partner's shape pattern. Students will then enjoy some friendly competition and practice visual dexterity as they play the game *Q-Bitz*.

Third graders will review and utilize their creative thinking strategies in our *Drawing Starts* lesson. Students will then put their reasoning thinking to the test as they complete another

one of my favorite lessons, *Nurtz*, where they will try their hand at solving a coded message.

In fourth grade, students will tap into their linguistic knowledge to complete not-your-average word search in our *Word Round Up* lesson. Students will then rely on their strategic and evaluative thinking as they compete against each other in a game of *Ultimate Tic Tac Toe*.

During the last couple weeks of school, several classes will make-up missed lessons from earlier in the year.

It has been such a great year! I've had so much fun watching your children learn and grow. I wish you all a fantastic summer.

## ART E-FACTS:



Students in grades first through fifth have been creative artists. Each grade has recently finished an environmental awareness poster and applied "good design" elements to help their drawings come to life. Throughout the remainder of the school year, the classes will continue to learn and apply new art terms, study artists and art movements. First grade will complete a lesson based on the artwork of Claude Monet. The students will use crayon resist technique to create water and apply three-dimensional water lily flowers. The second grade class will get their hands messy while creating a sculptural dragon. The third graders will be expanding their knowledge of the color wheel while making color-wheel creatures. The fourth grades classes will be creating beautiful coil built bowls that they will then glaze. The fifth grade classes will be creating and glazing a clay Henna hand project. The student will add design and textures to them with stamps, as well as, clay coils.

Congratulations to the winners of the Arbor Poster Contest. The list of winners can be found on the main page of Moorefield Station's website. Congratulations to the winners! Have a wonderful summer!

## BITS AND BYTES FROM THE LAB:



This month students have been busy working on their coding projects for our third Epic Build. Cycle 3 focused on a Minecraft theme across grade levels 1-5. In Kindergarten, students worked on collecting and displaying data, in grades 1-3 students learned about Minecraft.edu as they continued to learn coding in Scratch. Lastly, 4th and 5th grade students used Minecraft.edu and a program called *Make Code* to learn text based coding. All of our students





are very excited to share their progress and projects on April 27 at our Epic Build.

In addition to coding, students in grades 2-5 completed the second Student Growth Assessment in both reading and math. Teachers and students are preparing for the upcoming SOLs for grades 3-5 in May. See our website for specific days and times when your child will be testing.

Finally, Mrs. Buss (Instructional Facilitator, Technology) and Mr. Deluca (4th grade teacher) attended the Code to the Future conference in Costa Mesa, CA where they represented Loudoun County Public Schools. They presented projects and activities students created this year with coding. It was a wonderful experience for them to represent our school and county as well as collaborate with educators from 20 different school districts across the country.

### **LINK TO THE LIBRARY:**



#### **SPRING BOOK SWAP**

We still need gently used books (grades Preschool – Fifth Grade) for our annual book swap that will take place on June 5. Since students will not be checking out library books during the last two weeks of school, they will be able to get a book (or two?) from the Book Swap to take home. Each class will visit the library to select books from the swap. We hope to have enough books donated for every student (that's over 960) to take home a book, regardless of whether they were able to donate one. So far, we do not have nearly enough books to have our Book Swap. If we do not get enough books for this year, we will save what we have for next year. We did not have enough one year to have a swap, so we are really hoping that we can continue to bring it back this year!

#### **FINAL DUE DATE: MAY 25**

All library books for the school year are due by May 25. This will allow us time to reconcile our inventory. We appreciate parents helping their children locate overdue and/or lost books from this school year. For any lost or damaged books, we will need to collect payment so that we can replace them. We have sent emails to parents with records of overdue books throughout the school. Please continue to keep an eye out for one of these for your child. Thanks for your support!

#### **OVERDUE or DAMAGED BOOKS**

We are asking for extra help with returning overdue library books. If you receive an email from Mrs. Davidson or Mrs. Jacobson about books your child has checked out, please remind your child to look for their book(s). We've been trying to encourage the students with overdue books to ask for help to locate them and return them as soon as possible. This is especially helpful as we prepare for the end of the school year. Thanks for your support!

#### **LIBRARY LOST AND FOUND**

We have a number of items (books, jackets, water bottles, etc.) that have been left in the library during the year. If your child is missing something (especially a public library book!), please be sure to have them check our collection! They are next to the Weather Bug station in the library, next to the main doors.

#### **READING**

Look for information coming home soon about summer reading with suggested book lists and activities, including those for the Loudoun County Public Library's reading program.

#### **VOLUNTEERING IN THE LIBRARY**

We are always in need of volunteers in the library throughout the school year to help with general tasks. We need help with shelving books daily, processing new books, and repairing books. Processing new books involves stamping, putting labels on, and covering them with plastic. We also already have books in need of repair and could use help fixing them. We will train you to do all the above tasks. Whether you have an hour or two once in a while or even weekly, we'd be glad to have your help. Please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4babaf23a13-library>

Thank you in advance for your support!

#### **COUNSELOR'S CORNER:**



We are in the final stretch of the school year! There have been many exciting activities occurring around the school this spring, and we hope that your children have been enjoying all the fun learning opportunities provided by our wonderful school staff.



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our 5th Grade Service Club's shoe collection to benefit those in need around the world. We collected 225 pairs of gently used shoes! We greatly appreciate your generosity and willingness to help those less fortunate.

For the month of May, the Counseling office will be conducting classroom lessons focusing on honesty/trustworthiness and gratefulness. Also, small groups involving self-confidence and worry/stress will be ongoing this month.

We look forward to working with your students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (571) 252-2380.



## SPRING INTO READING:

As the season of Spring makes its debut, we see the earth begin to wake up from a long winter's nap. This is the perfect time to spring into reading by creating a literacy-rich environment for your family. Here are some suggestions:

1. Model reading. Reading to your child is just one way to reconnect with the joy of reading. Read parts of the story using different voices.
2. Make books accessible. Have books in a special place in your home that is easy for your child to locate. Watch as your child chooses a book and reads.
3. Listen to audiobooks. Find good literature and listen to it while traveling to a sports activity or even while relaxing around your home.
4. Find a favorite series. Read the first book in a series together. Talk about favorite parts, character traits and story plot. Then decide if you will continue to read the rest of the series.
5. Consider non-fiction. Read about a new topic and talk about all of the information you have learned. Then look for additional books to read on that topic.
6. Find a special outdoor reading spot. Choose a good book and head to that special spot to read together.

Will you read under a shade tree or in a tent or on your front porch?

7. Explore the public library. Take time to get a library card and then explore all that the library has to offer. Choose just right books and read with a friend. Don't forget to be on the lookout for a summer reading program your library is sponsoring.

## LET'S GET PHYSICAL:

April showers bring May...fitness testing! Students in grades 4 and 5 will participate in their end of year Fitnessgram assessments, which will show their improvement throughout the year. Students have been working hard all year on their curl-ups, push-ups, flexibility, and cardiorespiratory endurance and we know they will do great! In May we will begin our four-square unit for all grade levels. Students will learn the rules, strategies, and skills and apply them to small group games. At the end of the month we will review our 5 components of fitness that were introduced in September and apply them when playing lifetime/leisure activities. Bocce, frisbee golf, and scoops are some of the activities that we'll be playing outside.

Field Day is Coming! We will soon be sending out information for parents to sign up as volunteers for Field Day on June 4th. Volunteers are responsible for setting up/cleaning up a station and teaching students how to play a game. We would greatly appreciate your help!

### Field Day Information:

- Please send your child to school in comfortable clothing. They will be outside most of the day participating in fitness activities.
- Please, NO swimsuits!
- Students should wear regular sneakers, NOT flip flops.
- Sunscreen must be applied at home, not at school.
- Hats and sunglasses are permitted.
- Please send your child with a water bottle.
- Your child is responsible for carrying their own belongings.



## VOLUNTEER NOTICE:



Don't forget that Loudoun County has a policy that all volunteers must submit a "volunteer form" to the elementary. If you are planning on volunteering at Moorefield Station, please submit this form to our office staff. A copy of the form can be found on our school's website on the right-side bar.



## DAY CARE RIDERS:

If you are a parent with children attending daycare facilities at the end of each day, it is important that you communicate with them if your child is absent on a particular day or that you have picked your child up early from school.

## SPEED LIMIT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS:



We are concerned for the safety of your child at school. If you are on our grounds, please pay attention to your speed while driving on our campus. We have noticed adults going over the state required speed of 25 MPH. Please help us keep your children safe!

## UPDATE FROM THE CLINIC:



### End of Year Medication Pick Up

Many students have medication in the Health Office.

Please pick up your child's medication between 8 am to 2 pm by June 13 -Inhalers, Epinephrine, Prescription Medications or Over the Counter Medications. Remember, only adults may pick up medications!

VA State requirements do not allow us to store medication over the summer. Left over medication WILL be discarded if it is not collected by 1 pm on June 14.

### Medications for 2018-2019 School Year

Loudoun County Public Schools requires a new physician's order/care plan each school year for the medication or specialized care which your child receives at school. If your child will continue to need medication or specialized health

care at school, you and your child's physician must complete and sign the proper form(s) dated after June 13, 2018.

Please note: parents may not amend the physician's order for managing the child's medical condition.

Please review and complete all pages of the Action Plans. The plan will not be accepted if incomplete.

The required forms are available in the health office or online at [www.lcps.org](http://www.lcps.org). Click on the "Parents" tab and the forms will be found under Medication at School—For Parents. Please refer to the "Medication at School Guidelines" for further information regarding medication at school.

Below is a list of health conditions medical form on the website:

Medical Condition
Severe Allergy and Epinephrine auto-injector
Seizures
Asthma with Inhaler and/or Nebulizer
Diabetes
Current Medical Procedures, i.e. tube feeding, catheterizations
New Health Concerns or Medical Procedures

All Over-the-Counter and Prescription Medications require the Medication Authorization form to be completed. This form is located on the [www.lcps.org](http://www.lcps.org) website under Medication at School – For Parents.

Parents must transport all medication to and from school. We ask that you bring in your child's medications with the appropriate paperwork the week before school starts. This allows the health office staff to organize/distribute paperwork and helps to promote a safe, healthy environment for all students when they arrive the first day.

This information is being sent to you at the beginning of the summer in order for you to have sufficient time to have your physician complete his/her section of the forms prior to the beginning of the next school year. All public schools in Loudoun County require that appropriate physician's order forms be on file prior to clinic staff accepting and dispensing prescription medication, providing specialized health care at school, or allowing students to carry epinephrine or an inhaler.





### Friendly Reminders.....

**\*\*Students are not permitted to transport any medicine (prescription or non-prescription) to or from school.\*\***

### Health Form Request

To request a copy of your child's health records, email: [jeni.stuart@lcps.org](mailto:jeni.stuart@lcps.org) with your child's name, grade and teacher. Allow 24-hours when requesting a copy of the health records. They will be sent home with your child in the backpack.

### Surgery or Emergency Room Visit

If your child had surgery or was seen in the Emergency Room, he/she needs a physician's clearance to return to school. The clearance should include:

- 1/ Return to School Release Date
- 2/ Any Restrictions and the duration of the restrictions the student may have.

### Concussions

LCPS seeks to ensure that students who have concussions are properly diagnosed, given adequate time to heal, and comprehensively supported until they are symptom-free. Parents should notify school officials, including the school clinic staff, if a student of any age has been treated outside school time for a concussion.

Students with a concussion diagnosis may return to school with the following documents signed by a physician or therapy clinic:

1. A Written Release clearing your child to return to school date.
2. A Medical Release or Allowable Activity Checklist completed by physician for physical activity
3. Instructions regarding rest breaks, snacks, light/noise avoidance
4. Documents must be updated every 4 weeks.

### Rev Your Bev ~ Save the Date ~ May 7st

Rev Your Bev is a statewide campaign in Virginia to raise awareness about the health effects of soda and other sugary drinks.

Why sugary drinks? There is A LOT of sugar hiding in popular drinks. And the way they are being consumed right

now is hurting our health. And it's not just soda – sugary drinks include sports drinks, fruit drinks, energy drinks, and sweet tea.

Over time, too much liquid sugar can lead to serious health problems, like heart disease, tooth decay, liver disease, and diabetes.

Head over to the Rev Your Bev display in the MSE foyer on May 7 from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm to see if the beverages you drink may add up to harmful health consequences for you or your loved ones.

### May 25th is "Don't Fry Day" ~ Stay Safe in the Sun

Sun protection is important at any age. Protect you and your children from the sun's harmful UV rays in 5 ways.



**Slip** on sun protective clothing



**Slop** on SPF30+ sunscreen. Reapply every two hours



**Slap** on a broad-brimmed hat



**Seek** shade



**Slide** on wrap-around sunglasses



**Rehydrate!!** drink water

### Rising 6th Grade Parents

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that all students entering middle school must have received a Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) vaccine booster unless the student has received a Tdap vaccine after the age of seven years. Only one dose of the Tdap booster is required after the age of seven years, regardless of the interval since the last dose of pertussis-containing vaccine. Please note that Tdap is a different vaccine than the DTaP vaccine.



Immunizations may be obtained from your physician, military clinics, or the Loudoun County Health Department. The Loudoun County Health Department will provide the immunizations that are required for school attendance at no cost to the parent or guardian. The Health Department is located in the Shenandoah Building at 102 Heritage Way, N.E., Suite 100, Leesburg, (phone number 703-777-0236). Immunizations are administered by appointment. If you choose to go to the Health Department for this immunization, you must bring a current immunization record.

For rising sixth graders, documentation of the Tdap vaccine booster should be given to the nurse or health clinic specialist at your child's elementary school this school year. If your child will not receive the Tdap vaccine booster before the end of this school year, documentation should be given to the middle school this summer.

Your child will not be allowed to start school on August 23 without this vaccine or a medical exemption. A list of students who require this immunization will be provided to each middle school at the end of this school year.

If you have questions, please contact your child's physician or the local health department.

Thank you for your assistance.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG:

As the weather improves, please be mindful that Loudoun County Public Schools has a **NEW dress code policy.**

**Appropriate attire is requested!**



## First Grade Musical

Join our talented first grade students as they present their hours of hard practice on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am.



## Help our school...

**Support our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).** Meetings are held monthly in our library.

**The next meeting will be held on**

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:45pm.**

**Your participation can make a difference!!!**



## 2018 MOOREFIELD STATION SOL TESTING

PARENTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD:



- gets a good night of rest the evening before.
- eats a nice healthy breakfast the morning of the test.
- is on time for school!



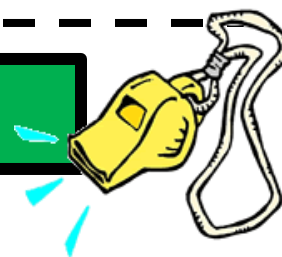
Date of Test	Grade Being Tested	Subject of Test
<b>Monday, May 14</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 15</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>Thursday, May 17</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>VA History</b>
<b>Friday, May 18 NEW DATE</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Monday, May 21</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 22</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Math</b>

## Glass is Dangerous!

Parents, as students hydrate throughout their day of learning... it is important to note that glass water bottles are NOT safe in school. We have had a few bottles drop from the student's hands and break on the floor. Plastic water bottles are the ONLY safe option.



## FIELD DAY SCHEDULED:



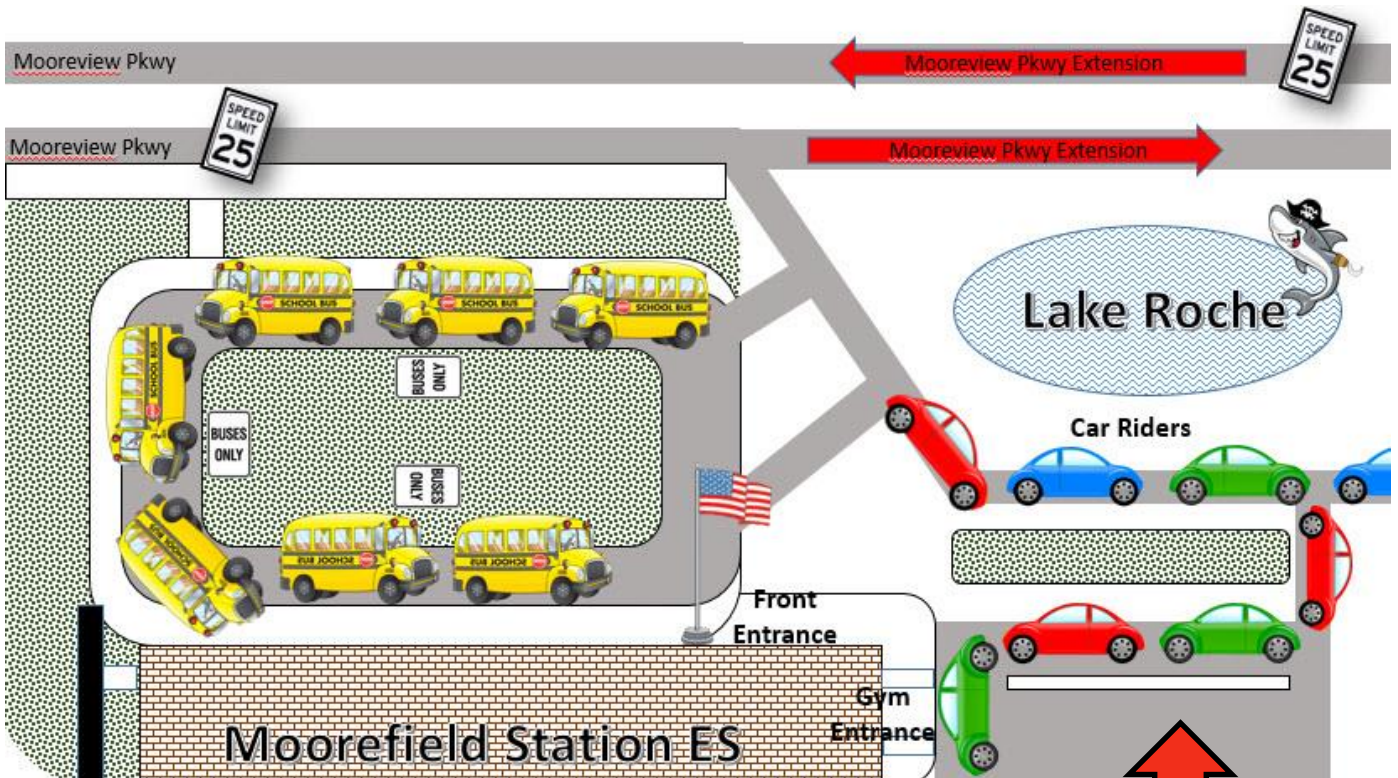
## Monday, June 4th

Our day won't be as successful without your help! Please consider spending part of your day volunteering. Notify our PE teachers of your availability!

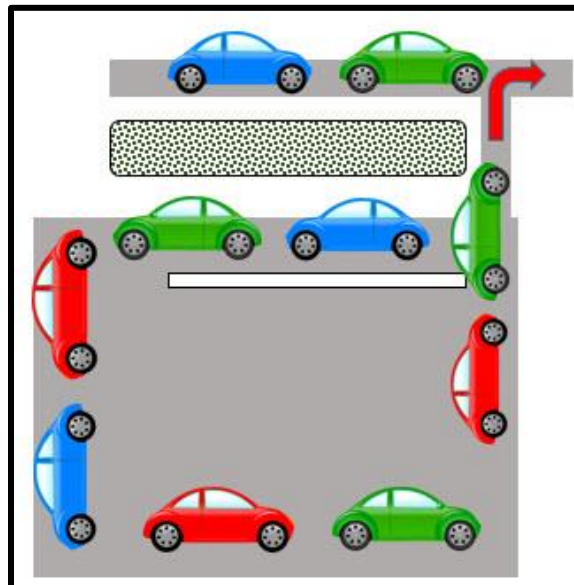
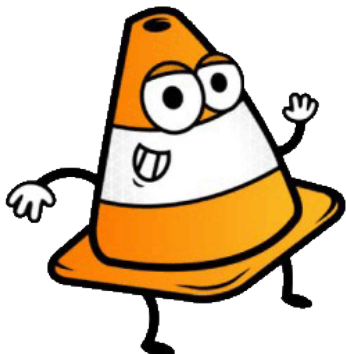




In May, our campus traffic flow will have a change. Mooreview Parkway extension will go from two lanes to four lanes! Two lanes heading in both directions. To help this flow...cars will NOT be able to take a left out of our parking lot. Right turns ONLY!!! See our map!



**A MESSAGE  
FROM LCPS  
& VDOT!**



**RIGHT TURNS  
ONLY OUT OF  
OUR PARKING  
LOT!**