Dear Algonkian Parents,

Pre-registration for Kindergarten began on February 10th. Parents can complete most of the paperwork prior to March 29th when registration begins. If you pre-register, parents have the option of scheduling a short meeting with Ms. Farrar, our attendance secretary, to finalize the registration instead of waiting in line on March 29th. Once the budget is approved for next year we will know how many full day kindergarten classes we will have at Algonkian.

We have many students this year participating in our third annual invention expo. We need some items to help with the STEM activities taking place that night. We need clean two liter soda bottles and clean 20 ounce water bottles. Please send those items in to Patty Peterson our SEARCH teacher.

Fifth grade DARE graduation will take place on Thursday, April 20th at 9:00 AM. It is important that parents and fifth grade students attend the Riverbend instrument test drive night and parent orientation on February 23rd. Students who choose the band will be able to try out different instruments and make their instrument selection that night.

I want to thank all the parents volunteers that have helped with our STEM labs this year. The STEM labs have been a success and the students have enjoyed having the parents as the teachers during the labs.

This month students are working hard to earn 2,000 bobcat tickets for positive behavior. If students earn 2,000 tickets by the end of the month they will be rewarded with a PBIS assembly called minute to win it. Students will go up against staff members in minute to win it games.

Brian Blubaugh
Principal
2016-2017 Save the Date
Panther Alliance Special Education Cluster Meetings
6:00pm-8pm

These are quarterly meetings that will feature a variety of educational topics. Please put the following dates and times on your calendar. Daycare will be provided by school staff and high school volunteers. Please look for additional information in your child’s folder as we get closer to the meeting dates. Parents will need to return a RSVP form for each meeting. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Karen Shields at Karen.Shields@lcps.org or 571-434-3250.

Tuesday March 16th @ Countryside (Summer Resources)
Tuesday April 20th @ Algonkian (Sensory and Social Concerns)
Thursday March 16, 2017 at Countryside Elementary School Cafeteria

Pizza and Sign in (Cafeteria)  
6pm-6:30pm

Introduction, Ms. Zecher  
6:30pm-6:35pm

Summer Resources:  What community resources options are available for the summer?  
6:35pm—8:00pm Presentations  
6:35pm-6:55pm Heeling House  
6:55pm-7:15pm Loudoun County Parks and Recreation including Adaptive Programs  
7:15pm-7:35pm YMCA  
7:35pm-7:55pm Loudoun Public Library

Questions?  
7:55pm

Please return the attached to your child’s teacher by FRIDAY March 10th

I will attend the March Panther Alliance Meeting. Yes No

How many adults will be attending? ______________________

Name of your child or children____________________________________

How many children will be attending? (we will be providing daycare)____________

Email address:_________________________

Do you need an interpreter? Yes No

Please email or call Jen Zecher with any questions.  
Jennifer.Zecher@lcps.org  
571-434-3250
Dear Algonkian Families,

One of my goals at Algonkian this year is to inspire a healthy lifestyle with our students. I know that with each new year I come up with a new challenge for myself. This year I am challenging myself to complete one 5k walk/run each month. I actually started in November and have now completed three. Participating in races encourages me to continue to train and is also a fun activity to do with the whole family. I am encouraging our Algonkian Families to come and join me on this journey.

Sincerely,
Miss Shields

ALGONKIAN TRIPLE CROWN

The Algonkian Triple Crown Racing Series will be awarded to any student who completes all 3 racing events. Students earning the Algonkian Triple Crown will receive an awesome prize in May!

ALGONKIAN
TRIPLE
CROWN

Arctic Dash
Saturday, February 25th
www.OldDominionRacing.com

Make sure to assign Algonkian as your school to support

AUTISM AWARENESS
Rough and Tumble 1K
April 1st - more info to come

Redskins Draft Day Race
Saturday April 29th
www.redskins.com/community/draft-day-dash.html

Use code SCHOOL2017 for a discount on registration fee

When registering join Algonkian A-Team
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ALGONKIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ORDER BY: APRIL 7, 2017

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Mail-In Deadline: 2/28/17 • Online Deadline: 4/7/17

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customerservice@candidcolor.net • 703-590-0187 • M-F 9AM-4PM

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School: ALGONKIAN ELEMENTARY 2016-17

Student Name

Grade _____ Teacher __________________________

Parent Name ________________________________

Home or Cell Number _________________________

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During the month of February, second grade students in Loudoun County Public Schools will take the online Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), Form 7, Level 8. The CogAT measures general and specific cognitive skills that allow a student to learn new tasks or solve problems in the absence of direct instruction.

Algonkian Elementary has tentatively scheduled our CogAT assessment for February 14, 15 and 16. Things may change depending on weather.

Students' verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning abilities are measured by three test batteries, each of which is comprised of three subtests. Students typically complete three subtests per day, for three consecutive school days, to complete all nine subtests. These tests are untimed; however, each day's testing period usually does not exceed 90 minutes. Students work through each subtest at his or her own pace, and the entire test is read aloud to students by means of pre-recorded audio.

Students cannot prepare or study for the CogAT. Instead, they will have the opportunity to become familiar with test items through teacher-directed practice activities. Additionally, practice questions, administered before the first subtest, will familiarize students with the online testing environment.

Score reports will be sent home to parents/guardians together with the 3rd Quarter report card.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Shields at 571-434-3240 or via email at Karen.shields@lcps.org

Have a great day!

Karen

Karen Shields
Not that we have had any snow days recently to enjoy, but if we have any coming up and you are stuck inside – or need a break from the cold outside, kids always want to turn to computer on-line time and play games. There are links to our subscription programs like REFLEX, I-Ready and for our K & 1 grade friends – Reading Eggs. If you are looking for educational videos students can access Safari Montage from home using the Library Media resources link. http://sm.lcps.org/SAFARI/montage/login/login.php

Please be an advocate for your kids and watch what they are accessing on the internet. We teach computer safety and digital literacy and digital citizenship here at Algonkian, but you can be an active part of this as well. Common Sense Media has a great resource for parents who want answers or ideas on how to talk to your kids about on-line safety. https://www.commonsensemedia.org/parent-concerns

This month’s kid’s activity sheets focus on giving credit where credit is due. Many grade levels have been working on research projects and we always teach our student to cite their resources. “My Creative Work” K-2 and “How to Cite a Site” 3-5 are follow up activities to those lessons taught in school. So go have fun, but remember to be safe both inside and outside!
1. **Family Activity**

How can you give credit to your creative work?

Find a favorite book in your house and work together with a family member to find out how it's credited. Can you identify:
1. the title,
2. the author, and
3. the illustrator of the cover?

Hunt together for the copyright date, which always appears on the title page with the symbol ©.

2. **Tech It Up!**

See if you can find the book online and locate the same information in the digital version! (Sites such as Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com often allow you to see the first pages of the books they sell.)

3. **Common Sense Says...**

Take credit for your own work (by signing it with your name) and make sure to give others credit for their work! In giving themselves credit, artists can show that they're proud of their work. Also, others can learn more about the artist (by searching online!), share their work, or cite the work later on.

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**Unjumble to Find the Hidden Words**

1. olnnie  
2. emal  
3. dnrotacliy  
4. cridet  
5. olgrnal  
6. plbsuhih

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**What do you think?**

Why is it important to give yourself credit on your artwork?
How to Cite a Site

**DID YOU KNOW...**

Creators can choose how to sign their work. Some creators use their real names, some use nicknames, and some use "pen names" (similar to how names authors give themselves to keep their real identities secret). Dr. Seuss' real name was Theodore Seuss Geisel. He chose Dr. Seuss as his pen name.

Unjumble to find the hidden words

1. serek nmae
2. suree
3. dgtial citizezn
4. coiffian
5. brghaolplby
6. wadpe

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Why include a bibliography in a report or research project?

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

What kinds of information you need to cite an online source?

1. **Family Activity**

   Go on a scavenger hunt around your house to find: one book, one magazine article, and one newspaper article. Once you've collected your sources, try to write citations for all three using MLA format [include example of MLA on handout].

2. **Tech It Up!**

   With the help of a parent, try using EasyBib, a helpful online tool, to create an online bibliography for your three sources (easybib.com/mla-format/). Check the citations you wrote out against the citations you generated using EasyBib.

3. **Common Sense Says...**

   When you're working on a research project, make sure to record sources as you go rather than waiting until the end. Otherwise, you might lose track of them and not be able to find the citations again later!
Dear Algonkian Parents,

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 has been a big success so far and all teams are improving with every game.

Here are some of the activities from this past month.

**Grades 1-3:**
- Finished bowling unit
- Completed scooter unit (1 and 2,3)
- Finished cup stacking unit

**Grades 4 and 5:**
- Completed bowling unit
- Started ABL games
- Finished volleyball unit

Currently and in the near future:

**Grades 1-3:**
- Complete long jump rope unit
- Begin parachute activities
- Start scoops unit (throwing and catching mobile objects with implements)

**Grades 4-5:**
- Completed long jump rope unit
- Finish ABL
- Finished Volleyball unit
- Start Scoops

Have great month,

Joe Terango and Nick Peters
Physical Education Teachers
Hello 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 is creating in February:

**Donations:**
Hello parents, family, and friends!!! This year in Art we are doing a variety of Art History Projects where your artists will be creating masterpieces inspired by art and artist throughout history. For this we will need plethora of supplies. If you have any of the follow that you can donate it would be much appreciated.
- Old CD’s
- Small children’s toys- like from fast food restaurants
- Baby Wipes
- Buttons
- Soda Can Tabs
- Bubble wrap
- Tape- masking, transparent, and double sided
- Bobby Pins
- Paper plates
- Clean Terry Towels
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towel Rolls

**WHATS NEW !!!!!**
The students in are making fantastic masterpieces inspired by many amazing cultures, artists, movements, and stories. Here is a synopsis of what each grade is creating in February:
- Kindergarten are creating: Fiji Origami Seascapes and Seurat Portraits
- First Grade are creating: Starry Night Cityscape and Lunar Moth
- Second Grade are creating: Chihuly Macchia’s and Masterpiece Museum
- Third Grade are creating: Paul Klee Cities and Scream Portrait
- Fourth Grade are creating: Da Vinci Flying Machines and Dino Fossils
- Fifth Grade are creating: Art Critique Remake and Russian Kirigami Dolls

**Art Shows Information:**
This year we will be having an art show that inspired by the theme of their musicals.
3rd Grade Musical- Thursday, April 6, 2017 @ 1:30 & 6:30

There will also be several art exhibits throughout the year here at Algonkian.
**School Improvement Plan**

School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been developed for Algonkian Elementary by staff and our leadership team. 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](http://www.lcps.org/Page/40302) and in our school office.

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**3rd Grade Musical**

April 6, 2017 @ 1:30 and 6:30

**5th Grade**

Students have been learning a circle folk dance called “Comment ça va?” that includes new folk dance movements such as the allemande and the dosido. They have also been reviewing the notes on the treble clef in preparation for continuing to play the recorder. Please make sure your child has his or her recorder for each music class. Students are unable to fully participate if they do not have a recorder. Failure to bring their recorder to class three or more times will result in a lowered grade for this quarter.

**4th Grade**

Fourth grade students are about to begin playing the recorder. Students will start by learning the notes C’, D’, and A. We will then add notes G and E. We will be working on proper playing technique of notes individually and using them in simple familiar songs. I will be sending music for the songs home with students as we learn them. Also, just another reminder that if your child does not bring his or her recorder to class three or more times it will result in a lowered grade.

**3rd Grade**

Students are just starting to learn songs from their upcoming musical, “Go West!”. The musical will take place on April 6, 2017. Permission slips/t-shirt orders must be turned in ASAP (due February 17). Please also be on the look-out for an email containing a sign up genius link. I will need a few parent volunteers to help with set design, programs, props, and small costume pieces. Thank you in advance!

**2nd Grade**

Students are working on using proper playing technique on the Orff instruments with exploration and rhythmic exercises. This month we will also be doing a few Valentine’s Day activities and then we will begin our World Music Drumming unit. We will review concepts and techniques learned last year, and will continue to build from there!

**1st Grade**

Currently, we are finishing up a movement, song, and sound activity with the story *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. This month we will be doing a few Valentine’s Day activities and I will be introducing them to World Music Drumming. I will be teaching basic techniques in order to prepare them for putting together a multi-layer instrument ensemble.

**Kindergarten**

Kindergarten students are working on a simplified version of the movement, song, and sound activity with the story *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. After we finish that activity, we will be doing some Valentine’s Day and winter themed activities that continue to reinforce concepts such as steady beat, vocal explorations, singing, echoing, and movement.
Think Spring! I have never relied on the Groundhog seeing his shadow to predict Spring. I instead rely on the sighting of Bluebirds and I saw 6 this past weekend. So think positive, think Spring!

With warmer weather hopefully in the future we will be putting away the winter coats, hats and gloves. Please encourage your students to check the Lost & Found bins. We have a new procedure at the school; lost items are in marked bins in the small conference room in the front office. During the last week of the month the bins are moved to the Café so the students can look through the clothes at the end of their lunch time. I will hold all the Lost & Found until the end of the school year and then will donate to the local thrift store.

**LCPS Department of Pupil Services** is holding a series of Mental Health & Wellness Parent Seminars. The next seminar is “Managing Bumps in the road: Building Resilient Relationships with your Teen”. The seminar is March 2nd in Ashburn at the Administration Building, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. For more information please visit: [www.lcps.org/ParentResourceServices](http://www.lcps.org/ParentResourceServices).

I have a few new resources to share. **WGB (Women Giving Back)** is a non-profit clothing boutique and warehouse in Sterling. Their mission is to support women and children in crisis and build their confidence and self-esteem, by providing great quality clothing at no cost. Visit their website for more information: [http://womengivingback.org](http://womengivingback.org), or send an email to info@womengivingback.org. This is also a wonderful outlet for your gently used clothing donations and also a good opportunity to volunteer.

Every summer the **Girl Scouts** hold a camp at Algonkian Regional Park designed for girls who are not Girl Scouts but who may be interested in joining. **Camp Amistad** runs June 26th through the 30th for girls in grades K through 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp fee is $40.00 but financial assistance is also available. This is also another great opportunity to volunteer, they are always looking for teens, 7th grade through 12th, and adults to help during the camp. To find out more about the camp or volunteering please contact Carrie Robinson, crobinson@gscnc.org or Ann Golski, agolski@gscnc.org or call 703-777-5644.

**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 the next open meeting or have questions, concerns or comments, please contact either Theresa Ryan, Counselor or Susan Smith, Parent Liaison. Our next open meeting will be in April.
**SEARCH**

For Parents of 3rd and 4th Grade Students

**District Referrals** - Students with qualifying test scores on the CogAT and/or NNAT will receive a district referral via US mail in mid-February. With parent permission (via a signed referral form returned to school SEARCH teacher), these students will be evaluated for gifted services.

**Parent Referrals** - Parents of students who did not receive a district referral letter, but who wish to have their children evaluated for gifted services, may submit a parent referral form to their child's SEARCH teacher from **February 14 – March 3, 2017**.

Referral forms submitted after March 3, 2017 will be processed next school year.

For Parents of 5th Grade Students

Parents of 5th grade students who wish to have their children evaluated for gifted services in middle school, may submit a parent referral form to their child's SEARCH teacher from **February 14 – March 3, 2017**.

Referral forms submitted after March 3, 2017 will be processed next school year.

Parent/Guardian Referral Form

**LCPS GIFTED INFORMATION NIGHTS**

If you are interested in gifted services in Loudoun County, please plan to attend one of our upcoming information nights. Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) will hold six Gifted Information Night presentations during January and February.

These one-hour sessions will present an overview of the gifted education programs LCPS offers and the eligibility process for these programs.

The same information will be presented at each of these meetings, so it is not necessary to attend more than one.

The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

- Belmont Station Elementary School, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 18th
- Moorefield Station Elementary School, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 18th
- Meadowland Elementary School, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, February 13th
- Frederick Douglass Elementary School, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, February 13th
- Forest Grove Elementary School, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 28th
- Kenneth Culbert Elementary School, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 28th

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the evening programs and 8:15 a.m. for the morning program.
ELEMENTARY GIFTED INFORMATION SESSIONS

If you are considering referring your child for gifted services, join us to learn about elementary gifted education services available through Loudoun County Public Schools and the eligibility process for these services.

The same information will be presented at each of the meetings, so it is not necessary to attend more than one session. In case of cancellations due to inclement weather, check the gifted education webpage at http://lcps.org/Page/617.

LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GIFTED EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
(571) 252-1440

BELMONT STATION ES
LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
7:00-8:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

MOOREFIELD STATION ES
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
7:00-8:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

MEADOWLAND ES
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
7:00-8:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

FREDERICK DOUGLASS ES
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
7:00-8:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

FOREST GROVE ES
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:00-8:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

MORNING SESSION
KENNETH W. CULBERT ES
CLASSROOM #23
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
8:30-9:30 AM
DOORS OPEN AT 8:15 AM

If due to a disability, you require assistance to meaningfully participate in this program, please contact the principal of the school five working days prior to the event.
Message from the Health Clinic
Ms. Franzen

Algonkian families,

As you are cleaning out over these winter months, please consider donating your BOYS pants to the school. The Health Office is in need of BOYS pants size 8-10.

The Health Office provides clothing for students at school on an as needed basis. A student will require a change of clothing when there has been a body fluid issue. The Health Office is able to provide clean clothes because of generous contributions from our school community.

The clothing is to be returned to the Health Office, post laundering, for use by other students.

There are times when the Health Office runs out of clothing for student use; please if you have any boys pants, sized 7-10 consider donating those to the Health Office.

Thank you
The official Loudoun County Public Schools app gives you a personalized window into what is happening at the district and schools. Get the news and information that you care about and get involved.