Principal Update

DEAR ALGONKIAN PARENTS,

Another year has come to end and I want to let everyone know what a privilege it is to come work at Algonkian Elementary! I truly have the best job. Our students and staff have had another successful year and we could not do that without the support of the community. I want to thank you for that support and all the volunteer hours put in helping with school activities.

I want to thank Ms. Chandler for all the support and work she did as our PTA president. Our staff and students appreciate the resources the PTA provides to enhance our students educational experience.

A reminder that students are not allowed to charge their lunch. Please make sure they pay past due charges and they have money on their account for the last week of school.

We have something special planned for the last week of school for our 5th graders. Please see the calendar to the right for upcoming events. The 5th grade class picnic is Wednesday, June 7.

This Friday we will recognize students for participating in our Poetry Masters. Students had to read or recite the poem in five out of the six months we did poetry masters.

Our office summer hours begin on Wednesday, June 14. Summer hours are from 8:30-3:30. Please see the page on back to school nights and open house. The first day of school is on Thursday, August 24.

Have a great summer!

Brian Blubaugh
Principal
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Algonkian School Counseling

Professional School Counselors
Help Students Reach Their Potential!
A Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP)

Wow! It's Almost Summer!

Our School Counseling Webpages will be of course up all summer, so please take some time to peruse the information and links to LOTS of School Counseling, Parenting, & Chess information! [http://www.lcps.org/page/40388](http://www.lcps.org/page/40388)

Looking for Summer Camps & Activities?!
Our Parent Resource Center has created a great summer activities page to help you!
[http://www.lcps.org/Page/1433](http://www.lcps.org/Page/1433)

Don’t Forget!
Mindful Parent Class is coming up May 18th!

May 18
Mindful Parenting:
Remaining Calm While Improving Family Dynamics
Donilee Alexander-Goldsmith, LCPS School Social Worker & Michelle Bogdan, LCSW, MLB Therapy PLLC

Learn about Mindfulness and Mindful Parenting. Mindfulness is noticing your thoughts, feelings, and physical sensations in the present moment without judgement. Learn how to utilize Mindfulness in your role as a parent to support your children in improving focus, reducing anxiety, and being more present in each moment.
2016-2017 CHESS CLUB
Over for this school year

Please consider volunteering for next year’s club!
Students that participated in at least 2 club dates this year will receive a chess club medal in the next few weeks!

Algonkian Elementary
(Positive Behavior Intervention and Support)
Algonkian’s PBIS framework is based on The 4 R’s
Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, and Ready

May Café Incentive is…
Picnic & Popsicles
On May 26th

We will be using the same ice pops we use on field days!

*Parents, please contact Ms. Franzen or your child’s teacher if you have any food allergy concerns with popsicles!

Check out PBIS on our webpage: http://lcps.org/domain/13641

When students feel safe, respected, and connected to learning, fun happens naturally!
It is that time of year again…. the flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping, the tests are coming... The Standards of Learning tests (SOLs) are just around the corner… but there are many great websites and subscriptions third, fourth and fifth graders can use to practice. Go to Algonkian’s Grade Level Weblinks: https://www.lcps.org/Page/74962 and choose your grade level... and look for Study Island, SOL pass, Interactive SOL quizzes, or the best one yet is straight to the source ...Go to Virginia’s Department of Education source for previous released tests http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released_tests/

Since summer is just around the corner as well…. Algonkian’s grade level web links will be up and available all summer long. (Some subscriptions such as Reading Eggs and Reflex will pick back up in the fall, Tumblebooks, Cool Math, and Brain-Pop and Brain-Pop Jr. will still be there. Do not forget to login using LCPS GO https://launchpad.classlink.com/loudoun !) Computer games are fun and on-line gaming is great to do with your friends when you cannot meet face to face to play, but check out these websites that will keep your mind healthy, too!

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS – LAST call for photos!!
I still need them! Please send in ONE photo of your fifth grader from an earlier grade level. If you have a few group photos from this year’s snow days, I would love to use them as well. Please send images via email to me at: pauline.burkett@lcps.org. Thanks! ABSOLUTELY DEADLINE is May 19th!

Ideas shared from: Clare Caddell from Hermon Elementary School, ME ~

ANIMALS
- Check out a web cam: http://www.ustream.tv/pets-animals and find chicks hatching, or wolves in a den, or penguins in Africa. But...would those African penguins be awake right now? Check this map: http://www.worldtimezone.com/.
- Go to a Zoo (virtually, that is) – from Washington, D.C.: http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ to California:
  http://www.sandiegozoo.org/zoo/index.php
  Or to Australia!!: http://koala.net/.

Games
- Make a crossword: http://www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker/ or other puzzle that only your family members can solve.
- Play some word games: http://vocabulary-plc.blogspot.com/2011/01/word-games-to-target-five-language.html to build language and literacy skills.
- Find games, videos, photos and fun from National Geographic: http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/.

Outside
- Find a place for a picnic or camping somewhere in Virginia: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/.
- Get Gardening! One place to start is No Dig Vegetable Garden:
  http://www.no-dig-vegetablegarden.com/gardening-for-kids.html

Pictures
- Find a picture online and see how many details you can observe. Does that picture tell a story?
- Find a picture online and create speech bubbles or captions that are funny or thought provoking.
- Print out a world, continent or country map:
  http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/world-map/?ar_a=1 and then draw or find pictures of things from that area.
- Use family photos to create a slideshow – add text to tell the story – print it out to make a book!
- Take turns giving directions while using a drawing program – is what you see what you described?

Reading
- Record your child's reading with something like Vocaroo: http://vocaroo.com/. What do they think of the recording?
  Try a second recording and see what they think about the next one.
- Use your library's computer to search for books by favorite authors and subjects – or titles that have been recommended.
  Look for audio books to borrow, too – then sit back and enjoy!
- Explore the meaning of a new word in an online dictionary like Word Central: http://wordcentral.com/.
- Wonder about something...and try to find out more about it, online.
- Keep up with current events with an online student magazine from Scholastic:

Stories
- Help your youngster create a place to share their writing with Edublogs: http://edublogs.org/.
Dear Algonkian Parents,

Field Day is almost here and we hope that you are as excited about it as we are. Below is the information about Field Day dates and times.

**Thursday June 1st Field Day**
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Kindergarten-am, Third (Monroe, Bonorchis, Fourth, and Fifth Grades

12:00 p.m - 2:00p.m
PM Kindergartens, Kindergarten full day, First, and Second Grades, and Mrs. Neff (3rd).

There will various water activities at Field Day. Students should please dress accordingly. Sneakers are required.

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with all Algonkian students in Physical Education this school year!!

Have a great summer!

Joe Terango and Nick Peters
Hello Again from Ms. Michael!

**Donations:**
Hello parents, family, and friends!!! Thank you for your donations throughout the year— they have been much appreciated!!! Please keep an eye over the summer for these items that can be donated for next year!!!!
- Old CD's
-*****Small children’s toys- like from fast food restaurants
- Baby Wipes
- Buttons
- Soda Can Tabs
- Tape- masking, transparent, and double sided
- Brown Paper Bags
- 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 May and June:

- Kindergarten are creating : Lollipops and Monet Waterlillies
- First Grade are creating: Squid Kites and Balloon Animals
- Second Grade are creating: Easter Island Portraits and Dali Melted Clocks
- Third Grade are creating: Fantasy Maps
- Fourth Grade are creating: Lobel Recycled Birds
- Fifth Grade are creating: Surreal Zoo

Again, thank you for all over your continued support of Algonkian’s Art Program.
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 and in our school office.

5th Grade
Fifth graders are finishing up their last recorder piece with a body percussion and Orff accompaniment. In addition to learning their promotion song, we will be finishing out the year with learning a canon on xylophones and hopefully some movement activities. Good luck in middle school and please keep me updated with any musical accomplishments!!

4th Grade
Fourth graders are finishing up their recorder unit. They have learned a total of 5 notes this year and have been doing a fantastic job! Please make sure to keep recorders in a safe place at the end of the school year. We will be using them again in 5th grade! For the rest of the year we will be working on folk dances, rhythmic concepts, and hopefully reviewing instruments of the orchestra.

3rd Grade
Third graders did a fantastic job with their performance of “Go West!” and will finally have an opportunity to perform for the school on Friday, May 12. Please make sure your child wears his/her musical shirt to school. The rest of the year will be spent reviewing the notes on the treble clef, rhythmic concepts, and exploring different forms of music. If time permits, we will also explore the different instruments of the orchestra.

2nd Grade
Second graders are working on rhythmic concepts, form, and timbre choices within a song. After that, we will be working on a song with an ensemble and reinforcing rhythm patterns that include half notes. We will also be working on more movement exploration, elemental forms, and identifying the treble staff in preparation for 3rd grade.

1st Grade
First graders have been working on rhythm patterns using the rhythmic building blocks that include quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests. We have also been exploring some movement words and talking about the different ways we can show the same movement. With the rest of our time, we will be talking about the four unpitched percussion groups, and reviewing opposites concepts such as: fast/slow, loud/soft, upward/downward.

Kindergarten
Kindergarten students are continuing their “On the Farm” unit. Each week we will discover a new animal and do several activities using speech, movement, singing, and playing instruments. So far we have done activities revolving around ducks, cows, hens, and sheep.
Susan Smith
Parent Liaison

Happy May! Finally, Spring is here and we have put away the winter coats and hats for another year. Based on the amount of items in the Lost & Found there are more than a few families missing clothing items. We have a huge amount of coats, hoodies, sweaters, etc. in the Lost & Found. Please make a special effort to stop by the school and look in our Lost & Found. Clothing that is not claimed will be donated to the local thrift store after the end of school.

Algonkian is supporting the Lions Club eyeglass donation drive through the end of May. If you have glasses or frames to donate, please drop them in the box in the foyer.

I have a couple of resources to share with you this month. LCPS and INOVA are hosting a program for those that have insurance issues and questions. Several health care resource representatives will be there to answer your questions. Discovering Health Insurance Resources for Families will be held Thursday, May 11th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at 21000 Education Court, Ashburn, Virginia. You can register via phone by calling 571-242-6540 or online at www.lcps.org/Page/185643. Spanish interpreters will be available.

LCPS Department of Pupil Services will be holding their next Mental Health and Wellness Parent Seminar on May 18th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Administration Building at 2100 Education Court, Ashburn. The topic for this seminar is Mindful Parenting: Remaining Calm While Improving Family Dynamics. Register by calling 571-252-6540 or go online at www.lcps.org/Page/185265.

Every year the Nation’s capital Girl Scouts organization holds a summer camp for girls who might be interesting in joining. This year’s Camp Amistad will be held at Algonkian Regional Park from June 26th – 30th, from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This camp is for Non Girl Scout girls in grades K-5th. The cost of the camp is $40.00 and financial assistance is available. Transportation and a snack is included in the cost. For more information and questions, please call 703-777-5644. Registration is on-line through June 19th at www.surveymonkey.com/r/gscnc-summer. There are also registration forms and flyers in the turning file in the school foyer.

This is my last newsletter of the school year and I hope that you have found the information and resources I have shared helpful. I thoroughly enjoy assisting our Bobcat families and students. I will continue to check my email over the summer so please contact me if you have a need at Susan.R.Smith@lcps.org. Enjoy the remainder of the school year and your summer!

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,
We've hardly had a winter, and yet, here it is--spring! As children are released from being inside all winter, it's time to think about what they can do outside that will be not only be fun but will have some positive educational aspects. Children certainly need lots of time for unstructured play, but it can also be beneficial to consider a family gardening experience. Whether you have a patio, a balcony, a small backyard, or an acre (or more), children can be involved in growing plants and, in doing that, can reap many benefits.

Howard Gardener has defined many learning profiles over the years (linguistic, kinesthetic, etc.) but one of the last areas he identified was the Naturalistic Learning Style. This time of year offers a perfect opportunity to let your child develop and explore his/her naturalistic learning profile by introducing him/her to gardening.

Involve your child in planning a garden. Explain "freeze zones," and let your child explore and discover geographic information to find out the freeze zone in which your home is located. Buy a Ph testing kit at a garden center to help your child understand basic chemistry, and then take a trip to a garden center to buy plants that require the kind of soil you have discovered in your own yard. To research appropriate plants for a backyard garden or a planter box, take your child to the library to read about plants that are appropriate for your zone, soil type, and lighting. This is a good time to explain photosynthesis to your child so that he/she will understand the relationship of light and plant growth.

As you plant seeds or seedlings and watch them grow, encourage interdisciplinary activities by encouraging your child to keep a written and photographic journal. Use a ruler to show the growth of the plants. If a camera is not readily available, incorporate art by having your child sketch the garden or planter box once a week.

Maybe you and your child would like to conduct some experiments. Explore the effect of light on plants by covering some plants with a black plastic sheet for part of each day while leaving identical plants uncovered. Ask your child to hypothesize what will happen, keep accurate written and visual records, then discuss the final results and have your child explain what made the difference in the growth of the plants. Introduce the idea of a "control group" while you do this experiment, thus helping your child understand the scientific method.

Everyday activities provide many opportunities for parents and children to explore new topics and fields of study. With all the beautiful weather we are having, what a perfect opportunity to learn a little bit about botany, while enjoying a relaxing outdoor activity with your child!

Patty Peterson

SEARCH Teacher
Message from the Health Clinic
Ms. Franzen

Algonkian families,

The Health Office will notify you if your student’s medication is indicated in the Voluntary recall effort by the manufacturer. At times during the year, certain medications get recalled. The Health Office will help in notifying you if there is a recall.

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

Lines from the Library May 2017
Ms. Devinney

Thank you to all who helped work at the Book Fair and to the families who purchased books for their homes, and for our classrooms!

A big shout out to our Book Fair Volunteers – we cannot do this without you.

**All library books will be due May 26th this year!**

Students who return all their library books (or pay for missing books) before the last library class will be given a library recess, please help your children return their books each week.

On June 1st Cascades Public Library will come present information to the students on the Summer Reading program sign your children up at the library June 10th and get ready to Build A Better World!
Tdap Vaccine to Enter the Sixth Grade

will be offered

Saturday, July 29 2017
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Park View High School
400 W. Laurel Avenue
Sterling, Virginia

- The Tdap vaccine is free
- It is required to enter the sixth grade
- Parents must accompany their child throughout the clinic
- Bring child's insurance card if the child has insurance
- Only the Tdap vaccine will be administered

Sponsored by:
Loudoun County Health Department and
Loudoun County Public Schools
Dear Parent/Guardian of Rising Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Grade Student(s):

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that all students entering middle school and high 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. The Health Department is located in the Shenandoah Building at 162 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.

In addition, Loudoun County Public Schools is collaborating with the Loudoun County Health Department to sponsor a free Tdap vaccine clinic at Park View High School in Sterling on Saturday, July 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Tdap vaccine is free, but parents must accompany their child to the clinic and bring the child’s insurance card if the child has medical insurance. Only the Tdap vaccine will be administered and appointments are not required.

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 or high school this summer. Your child will not be allowed to start school without this immunization 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. There will be no grace period for your child to begin middle school on August 24, 2017, without this vaccine.

All new seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students will be required to have documentation of a Tdap vaccine booster prior to the start of school year 2017-2018. Students must have documentation of this immunization in order to begin school on August 24, 2017. There will be no grace period for your child to begin school on August 24 without this vaccine.

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

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Principal
Monroe Technology Center
Design Contest
Create the Car of the Future!

Elementary Designers
and Engineers!!
Demonstrate your STEM skills—submit a
drawing, painting, or 3D model of your car of the future

Winners for all grade levels
KG – 5th grade!
Designs will be displayed
at the Annual Leesburg Car Show on June 3, 2017 from
5 PM—10 PM at the
Cooley Gallery in
Downtown Leesburg

Design Sizing Guidelines
All designs submitted on
paper should be 8 1/2 x
11 and 3D models no
larger than one cubic foot

Submit your final product to the main office of your school or to Monroe Technology Center 715 Childrens Center Road Leesburg, VA 20175 by Monday, May 22, 2017.
For more information, contact Michelle Trudel, School Counselor, michelle.trudel@lcps.org or 571-252-2080
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.