Voting for your Cardinal Carnival King and Queen is here!!
Support a good cause at the same time – Mobile Hope.

The Cardinal Carnival is responding to an urgent need from Inova Mobile Hope for baby bottles and formula with a school wide community service project. Inova Loudoun created Mobile Hope as a service to homeless children 18 years and younger. The Mobile Hope Bus travels to every corner of Loudoun County bringing hope to these children in the form of food, blankets, clothes, coats and hygiene items.

Students and their families can participate in this project by voting for the Cardinal King and Queen. Starting Monday March 12th we will place cans with each staff member’s name on them outside the main office. Students will vote for the Cardinal King and Queen by bringing in coins and dropping them in the cans for their favorite staff members...it is that easy! All proceeds go directly to the purchase of baby bottles and formula for Inova Mobile Hope. We will count all donations on March 22nd after school. The Cardinal King and Queen will be crowned during the morning announcements on Friday March 23rd and then paraded through the school on the Cardinal Float during the end of day pep rally. May the best Cardinal win!!
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Governor’s School Members
- Massanutten Governor’s School: Ms. Susan Fream
- Mountain Vista Governor’s School: Dr. Rosanne Williamson
- Commonwealth Governor’s School: Merri Kae Vanderploeg

University Members
- University of Mary Washington: Dr. Laurie Abeel
- University of Virginia: Dr. Patricia Froggett

Cultivating Communities: Nurturing Potential
Seminar for Parents
April 21, 2012  11:00 to 3:15
Eastern View High School
16332 Cyclone Way  Culpeper, VA 22701
NVGTE Educators’ Seminar
Cultivating Communities: Nurturing Potential

Registration Deadline: April 2, 2012
space is limited so please register early

Registration Fee: $10.00 for one parent/$15.00 for both parents
make checks payable to NVCG/TE
Registration fee is non-refundable unless the event is canceled by the NVCG/TE

Confirmation of registration will be made only by email notification.

Seminar will be held at
Eastern View High School 16332 Cyclone Way
Culpeper, VA 22701

Schedule
11:00 Parent Registration
11:45 Welcome and Governor School Student Panel Discussion
1:00 to 3:15 Session 1and 2 for parents
  • 1:00 to 2:00 Session 1
  • 2:15 to 3:15 Session 2

Registration Form

Name
School
Home address
Email address
Home phone
Work phone

_____ $10.00/$15.00 registration fee is included (Circle one)
Personal check number ________________

Completed Registration forms and fee should be sent to

Julie Kelly
Supervisor, Gifted Education
21000 Education Court
Ashburn, VA 20148

Or e-mail to Julie.Kelly@lcps.org
GIANT BASKETBALL ACADEMY LEAGUE

Former Washington Wizard superstar Gheorghe Muresan’s program of instruction for beginner-intermediate players with game play. The league emphasizes fundamental skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive participation to take your son or daughter to the next level. Children will have 1 practice per week for the first week of the league, and 1 practice per week and 1 game on the weekend for the last 7 weeks of the league, under the coaching of Giant Basketball Academy and volunteer parents. The league will start the week of: March 12, 2012. First game will be on: March 24, 2012. All leagues cost $133.00/player. Please register for the program by your preferred practice location. Please contact (703) 777-0343 for more information.

Registration Starts February 16th, 2012 & Closes on March 11th, 2012

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| Time: 6:00PM – 7:00PM | Time: 7:00PM – 8:00PM |
| Registration Code: 321733-05 | Registration Boys: 321733-07 |

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**Registration Form**

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Mail or turn in payment to Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services, 215 Depot Ct, Sterling, VA 20175 or visit the nearest community center. PRCS Desk: (703)777-0343 Sports Cancellation Line (703)777-0456

Website: [www.loudoun.gov/prcs](http://www.loudoun.gov/prcs)

I wish to register my children in the camps listed above. By signing below, I am stating that I give permission for my children(s) to participate in all camp activities and that I understand the possible risks involved with this type of activity. I absolve the County of Loudoun, organizations jointly sponsoring the camps, and owners of any camp site locations of any responsibility for any accident or injury to my children(s) or caused by my children(s) to others where neglect is not involved. Furthermore, I understand that Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) will not be responsible for my children(s) when he/she is traveling to and from a PRCS activity via transportation not provided by Loudoun County. I understand that registration minimums will be assessed two weeks prior to the date a specific camp is offered to determine whether the camp will be held or not. Non-county residents will be assessed an additional 50% of the fee.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________ Date ______________

Games for Legacy ES & Dominion Trail ES teams will be played Saturday @

Legacy ES

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COACH JOE HARRINGTON
BASKETBALL CAMP

3 DAYS! Spring Break Camp

DIRECTOR
Joe Harrington - Former Head Coach at Hofstra University;
George Mason; Long Beach St., Colorado; NBA Assistant Coach
Toronto Raptors; 13 yrs. Assist. Coach University of Maryland

WHEN / WHERE
Belmont Ridge Middle School, Leesburg, Virginia
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday April 2, 3, 4 9a - 3p
PRCS Camp Code 321-714-01
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday April 2, 3, 4 9a - 12p
PRCS Camp Code 321-714-02

TUITION
Full Day: $90.00 plus PRCS Fee for total of $100.00
Half Day: $45.00 plus PRCS Fee for total of $50.50

WHO
Girls and Boys - 3rd grade thru 8th grade

SKILLS TAUGHT
Offensive Drills of shooting, passing, dribbling, offensive moves, and ball
handling; shooting contests, and 5 on 5 games.

LUNCH
All participants must bring own lunch, water, and snacks.

STAFF
Note: A certified CPR-FIRST AID staff member will be on duty at all
times for any and all emergencies.

QUESTIONS
Email: Joe@CoachJoeHarrington.com
Make sure child has proper sized basketball shoes with laces.

www.CoachJoeHarrington.com

COACH JOE HARRINGTON - Over 35 years in college & NBA - Coached college All Americans
NBA draft picks - Coached NBA All Stars, a Rookie of the Year, and a World Champion MVP

If you have previously registered for a Loudoun County Parks and Recreation program, you may sign up on-line with the link below.
Sign up online: https://webtrac.loudoun.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html

Participant name / School
Parent name / Social Security Number or Driver's License Number
Address / State / Zip
Home phone / Main phone / Email address
Emergency contact (another authorized adult to pick up your child) / Home phone / Work phone
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Please let us know if your child has allergies or any additional pertinent health information. We welcome your phone calls and emails.

Signature of Parent or Guardian / Date

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Sports Cancellation Line 703.777.0456

Make checks payable to County of Loudoun

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Selden’s Landing

Talent Show

Friday, April 27th at 7pm

- Open to 4th or 5th graders only
- Limiting to 20 acts per grade – first come first serve
- 4th grade practice 2:45 – 3:45 on April 10th, 17th, 24th
- 5th grade practice 2:45 – 3:45 on April 12th, 19th, 26th
- Participants must be at Seldens on April 27th at 6:15pm
- Students must have an act at the first practice or will not be able to participate
- Registration starts March 16th at 8am via email

To register for the Talent Show, e-mail Karlene Gardner at karleneg@glassmile.net with the following info:

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If you would like to volunteer at practice or during the Talent Show, please email Jennifer DiCenzo at jenniferodicenzo@yahoo.com
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the Seldens Landing newspaper that's just for kids!
Winter issue #2, March 2012

Reporter Spotlight: Riley Fisher

My name is Riley Fisher. I am nine years old and I am in Mrs. Schichl's 4th grade class. My birthday is May 17 and my favorite football team is the San Francisco 49ers. I have one dog, one sister, and one brother. I play travel soccer. My favorite movie is Transformers 3, and my favorite commercial is the e-Trade baby! I like NHL hockey - go Caps! My favorite soccer team is FC Barcelona.

Ever Wonder...?

This month, our Tweetz newspaper staff has been working on a special project called "Ever Wonder?" Throughout this issue you will find things that we sometimes wonder about but never knew the answer to...until now!

Ever wonder why four leaf clovers are considered lucky? The four-leaf clover is an uncommon variation of the three-leaf clover, or shamrock, which occurs in about 1 in 10,000 clovers. Because of this rarity, Irish tradition associates finding one with good luck. - by Jessica Kachadorian

Odyssey of the Mind 2012!
by Anisha Kumar

This year's first big Odyssey of the Mind competition will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2012! This year Seldens Landing is represented by ten Odyssey of the Mind teams! They are: C.I.A. (Creativity in Action), The Thinking C.a.P.S. (Creative and Problem Solving), The Lightbulbs, Galaxy Dynamites, Odyssey Anthem, Flinker Thinkers, Seldens Ice, Healthy Helpers, A (W)hole in One, and Bubblegum Wizards. In Odyssey of the Mind, there are different problems that each team approaches in their own unique way, called the "long-term problem" because it takes many months to come up with a solution, plan it, and rehearse it.

If you are interested in coming out to root for our Seldens Landing students, the Regional Competition takes place this Saturday, March 10, at Tuscarora High School in Leesburg. A complete schedule appears on the SLES webpage under "PTA Home/Odyssey of the Mind". We hope to see you there!
Animals!
by Jessica Kachadorian

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UNBELIEVABLE FACTS!
by Samir Nader

1. Cosimo Cavallaro sprayed a whole house with cheese! He used 9,920 pounds of cheddar to cover the house inside and out.

2. Way back when, bubble gum only came in pink...because it was the only color of food coloring available.

3. Coca-Cola was originally green!

4. There are no turkeys eaten in Turkey.

5. Chickpeas were used as a coffee substitute during World War I.

6. The Romans used to eat lettuce as dessert.

7. Fortune cookies were invented in California.

8. A Spider Monkey’s tail is so strong, it could pick up fruit with it!

9. Wealthy ancient Egyptians were embalmed with honey when they died.

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100 Years Ago, in 1912

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of all these things! All of the following happened in 1912.

The first exhibition baseball game was played at Fenway Park in Boston. (Red Sox vs. Harvard)

The cutting-edge luxury cruise ship the Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg.

Mrs. William Howard Taft planted the first cherry tree in Washington, DC. This year's Cherry Blossom Festival will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the beautiful cherry trees that line the Tidal Basin!

Dixie Cups and Oreo Cookies were invented and introduced to the public.

The first Stanley Cup hockey game was played.

Ever hear of a man named Albert Berry? He made the first parachute jump from an airplane.

Julia Child, famous chef, and Chuck Jones, animator of Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck, were both born.
Interview with 3rd Grade Teacher Mrs. James
by Anisha Kumar and Jessica Kachadorian

Mrs. James, what were you like as a kid? I was a tomboy! I liked to play outside, I worked hard, got good grades and talked a lot!

What did you do when you were a kid? I played softball and did Brownies.

What's a favorite quote of yours? "Reach for the moon or if you miss you will be among the stars."

Tell me a secret about teachers. We don't live at school!

You get to have dinner with one famous person. Who would it be, and why? Either Martin Luther King, Jr. or President Barack Obama. I'd like to see what it's like to be in their shoes!

What are you famous for in your family? I'm the emotional one!

Finish this sentence: I really enjoy... teaching at Seldens Landing.

What's the best decision you ever made? Working hard to become a teacher!

What's something that makes you smile? My students, my husband, and my baby, Brayden!

Thank you Mrs. James!

St. Patty's Day
Word Scramble
by Maya Bokhari

Unscramble the letters to make words that remind us of St. Patrick's Day! (It's coming up on March 17!)

caeeplrhnu ____________
Idog ________________
hsiiir _______________
nerge ________________
olvcre ______________

Answers are on back page!

Fun Presidential Facts!
by Sabrina Wright

William Howard Taft was the fattest President at 332 pounds!

Herbert Hoover's son Allan had two pet alligators! X 2!

Andrew Jackson was the first President to ride a train!

John F. Kennedy was the first President to have been a Boy Scout!

What other interesting facts do you know about our Presidents?
Types of Cats!
by the #1 Cat Fan on the newspaper staff, Emily Olsen

Have you ever owned or seen a cat and wondered what kind it is?
There are many cats like American Burmese, American Shorthair, and Cornish Rex. Here are some facts about kinds of cats for you to know.

Abyssinian - the Abyssinian is known as the child of the gods because legend holds that it is descended from the sacred cats worshipped in ancient Egypt. The Abyssinian is the oldest breed of cat and looks like a living sculpture.

American Shorthair - the American Shorthair acquires an unusually thick coat in winter. They were considered poor although sturdy and hardworking relatives of their more exotic and pedigreed fellow felines.

Bengal - the Bengal looks like a small leopard for good reason. The Bengal is nowhere near as wild in behavior as its appearance might lead one to think.

Egyptian Mau - an Egyptian Mau has striking gooseberry-green eyes and distinctive spotted coat.

According to a webpage called catster.com, the Top Ten most popular breeds, or types, of cats in the U.S. are Persian, Maine Coon, Exotic, Siamese, Abyssinian, Ragdoll, Birman, American Shorthair, Oriental, and the Sphynx (also known as "The Naked Climber")!

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Girl Scout Cookies Crossword
by Sabrina Wright

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Some fun facts about Girl Scout cookies:

Thin Mints are the most popular-selling variety, followed by Samoas and Tagalongs.

According to Wikipedia, as of 2008, the all-time record for most number of boxes of Girl Scout cookies sold in one year is held by then-15-year-old Jennifer Sharpe of Dearborn, Michigan, who sold 17,328 boxes of cookies for her troop! That's a lot of cookies!

Girl Scout cookies were first sold in December 1917 by a group of Girl Scouts in Oklahoma.

ABC Bakers, one of several licensed producers of Girl Scout cookies, has been baking Girl Scout cookies since 1936.

During World War II, the Girl Scouts also offered calendars to sell as part of their fundraiser, because of shortages of flour, sugar, and butter. They also helped with the war effort by selling War Bonds without a profit.

Talk about Girl Power!
You may have noticed kids wearing special vests and hats at the morning Kiss & Ride. This is part of the Safety Patrol at Seldens Landing. Who gets to be a part of Safety Patrol?

According to Mr. Sager, who is in charge of the program, 4th and 5th graders can participate. Kids who want to be a part of the Safety Patrol have to apply for it. They need to get referrals (recommendations) from their teachers as well as explain how their behavior and work habits fit into the 3R's of the school’s PBIS system.

What happens once a student is accepted? First, there's a pledge that they have to recite for Mr. Sager. If they can recite it, they receive a badge. They also receive a hat and a poncho to wear for when it rains. Duties include the Kiss and Ride patrol and positive role modeling during the day for peers and classmates.

Sound good to you, K-3rd graders? The Safety Patrol is an excellent way to develop leadership skills and responsibility. We thank Mr. Sager and all the members of the Seldens Landing Safety Patrol, who keep things running safely and smoothly for all of us!

Ever Wonder...?

Why we eat popcorn at the movies? Why popcorn? Why not something else? Popcorn was introduced to the general public as a snack food around 1840 - long before movies or movie theaters were around. By 1885, portable popcorn machines became available and popcorn’s popularity increased tremendously. Then someone discovered that adding butter and salt would make it even better. It smelled so good - everyone wanted it! It was a cheap and tasty hit back then, and it continues to be today.

How was the planet earth formed? The planet earth was made approximately 4.6 billion years ago out of a Nebula made with dust and gas. The earth is actually still forming along with the other seven planets in our solar system. One theory that scientists are still trying to prove is that when a black hole collapsed it created a “big bang”. After the bang, pieces of debris floating around in outer space supposedly began to orbit the sun, creating solar systems.

by Maya Bakshi

How to Draw Angry Birds
by Riley Fisher

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

Now, launch it!
Hieroglyphics
A Hieroglyphic is a symbol that represents a name, word or letter.
Most of the Egyptians didn’t learn it because it is very hard. Only wealthy farmers, priests and pharaohs knew it.
Did you know that the hieroglyphics alphabet has more than 750 symbols!!!! Ours has only 26 letters and it is much easier. Imagine a spelling bee on Ancient Egypt????
Over the years a lot of people tried to translate the hieroglyphics symbols but only with the discovery of the “Rosetta Stone” could they easily decipher the papyrus scrolls. After that they could discover the real history of Ancient Egypt.

Crack the code
Figure out what the message is saying. Then write your name with the hieroglyphics symbols and challenge your friends.

The Rosetta stone
You are by now thinking “What is she taking about?”
The Rosetta Stone isn’t the computer software.
It is the stone that was engraved with the same thing in 3 different types of languages Demotic, Hieratic (ancient Egyptian) and Greek.
A group of Frenchmen accidentally discovered it in 1799. They went to Egypt with a group of Napoleon Bonaparte’s soldiers.

Look out for the next issue of “The Tweetz” I will be writing about The Great Pyramids in Egypt and it secrets. Shhhhh!!!!!!
Ever wonder...?

Why do people say "God Bless You" when you sneeze?

The practice of blessing someone when they sneeze goes as far back as 77 AD and there are many reasons given. Here are four of them:

1. One thought is that Gregory I, who was the Pope of Rome in 590 AD, created it as an actual blessing because sneezing was thought to be an early symptom of the bubonic plague. People would then say "God Bless You" to each other thinking it would stop the disease.

2. Another reason is that people believe when you sneeze your heart stops beating. Saying "God Bless You" is meant to comfort you so that your heart will continue to beat.

3. A different idea says that people used to believe your soul is thrown from your body when you sneeze and that evil spirits would then come into your body. Sneezing would force out evil.

4. One more belief is that people used to see sneezing as a sign that God would answer your prayers or a sign of good luck.

Which one do you believe? - by Hailey Kunce

Interview with our School Nurse,
Mrs. Dunn

by Gabe Miller, Teddy Reed and Julian Rocha

Mrs. Dunn, who is your favorite singer? Stevie Nicks

Do you have any pets? What are their names?
I have two dogs. One is named Lily and the other is named Maggie.

Fill in the blank: on weekends, I like to... spend time with my family.

You get to have dinner with one famous person. Who would it be, and why? I would choose Taylor Swift because she is my daughter’s favorite performer. I would want my daughter to come to dinner with us, too!

Where did you go to college? I went to Catholic University of America for my nursing degree, but I started at the University of San Diego in California.

What was your favorite subject in school? Literature (language arts)

What’s your favorite hobby? Hiking!

How about your favorite sports team? The Redskins

How many brothers and sisters do you have? I have two younger brothers. When we were little they were a pain but now they are my best friends.

What’s your favorite food? Cupcakes!

Thank you, Mrs. Dunn!

Books Never Written

from Boys’ Life Magazine, the official magazine of Boy Scouts USA

"100 Jokes" by Ima Laffin
"The Hopeless Goalkeeper" by Miss Dee Ball
"Man’s Best Friend" by Kay Nine
"Visiting the Alamo" by Justin Texas
"Who Wants to Be a Billionaire?" by Sherwood B. Nice
"Rainy Day Activities" by Reed A. Book
"Up at Dawn" by Earl E. Riser
"Saved by the Bell" by Nick O. Time
The 3rd Graders of Seldens Landing present

NUTS!
March 15 at 6:30pm
Open to all - Free admission

Break a Leg, 3rd Graders!

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Answer Key

From page 3, Maya's St. Patrick's Day Word Scramble: leprechaun, gold, irish (Irish), green, clover. From page 4,
de leche. From page 6, Nicole's Crack the Code: Amazing Egypt.

COMING SOON IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF TWEETZ!

Interviews with Ms. Montelegre and Mrs. Kirk

Everything you wanted to know about our Seldens Landing Cardinal Carnival on March 24 from 4-8pm

The secrets of The Great Pyramids of Egypt

The scoop on "Seussical", the Musical at Belmont Ridge Middle School!

** We're "Going Green" so you won't find Tweetz in your yellow Thursday folder. Get your Tweetz from the Thursday e-folder!