

Dear Parents:

Here's the latest news from Lanier:

*First PTA Meeting: Parents are invited to attend the first PTA meeting of the 2009-2010 School Year on Wed. September 16th at 7pm in the library.

*After School Sign-Ups Postponed Until the Week of September 14th: Due to the fact that our After School Specialist, Julio Dejo, has been out sick all week and was unable to conduct sign-ups as planned, the start of our After-School Program has been delayed for one week. This means that sign-ups will take place next week and late buses will now start on 9/21/09. Sorry for the inconvenience.

*Lanier Spirit Wear is on Sale Now Through 9/23: Show your school pride by wearing one of our great new designs! We have girls t's, classic t's, girls thermal hoodies and baseball style long sleeve t's. Order forms are available in the office. If you have questions please call or email Lisa Mountjoy at (703) 378-8289 or mlmountjoy@aol.com. Also, due to popular demand, we will have oval LMS car stickers on sale at both Back to School Nights. Come and visit the PTA table!

Reminder:

*Student Orientation Newsletter Available: If you are new to Lanier or just interested in learning more about our many programs and services, please see our newly created student orientation newsletter, *The Early Eagle*, at <http://www.fcps.edu/LanierMS/> (our website).

In the Community:

The City of Fairfax School Board will hold its monthly work session and business meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009. The work session will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the City of Fairfax City Hall, Room 111. The following topics will be discussed during the work session:

- Communications and Community Outreach: Ann Monday, Superintendent and Hope Gibbs, Communications Specialist

- Review Six-Year Plan: Ann Monday, Superintendent

- Review Work Session Schedule: Ann Monday, Superintendent

The following topics will be discussed during the business meeting:

- Student Representative Report: Jonathan Earley

- Tuition Bill and FCPS Fiscal Forecast: Susan Quinn and Kristen Michael, Fairfax County Public Schools

- School Opening Update: Ann Monday, Superintendent

- Five Year Capital Improvement Program: Ann Monday, Superintendent

PLEASE NOTE: AGENDAS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. For the most accurate, up-to-date information about what will be discussed at a public meeting, feel free to call the School Board office for details, Thank you.

*New Principal at Fairfax High School: As may already know, David Goldfarb was selected as principal at Fairfax High School back in August. Prior to his tenure in Fairfax County Public Schools, Mr. Goldfarb worked on the Senate Committee for Labor and Human Resources in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act where his main responsibilities included working on the Title I appropriations formula. He began his career in Fairfax County Public Schools in 1994, serving as a social studies teacher at Falls Church High School, West Potomac High School, and Chantilly High School. His administrative internship took place at an inner city school in Boston, where he introduced classroom walk-throughs as a part of the school leadership team's focus on instruction. Most recently, he served as an assistant principal at South Lakes High School. Mr. Goldfarb earned his B.A. in Government and History/Education at Dartmouth College graduating cum laude, and his Ed.M., School Leadership Program, at Harvard University.

*Learn How to Pay for College: Fairfax County Adult and Community Education will be offering a workshop entitled, "Little Know Secrets of Paying for College" from 7-9pm on Wednesday, November 4th and 11th at Woodson HS (9525 Main Street in Fairfax) and from 7-9pm on Wednesday, December 2nd and 9th at Fairfax HS (3501 Run in Fairfax). Register today by calling 703-658-1201. Tuition is \$39.

Have a good weekend,

Scott Poole, Ph.D.
Principal, Lanier Middle School