

Louise Archer Elementary School
 "Where the Sun Always Shines"

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Dear Louise Archer Families,

It is with great pride that we celebrate Louise Archer ES's 70th Anniversary this February. We are recognizing our past as well as promoting our future with two special events planned in the coming weeks. We have our annual Louise Archer Day assembly and our special Anniversary Gala.

The Louise Archer Day assembly is an opportunity for our students and staff to remember our rich history with pride and participate in the celebration as a school. The Anniversary Gala is a joint effort between the school and our PTA to celebrate this momentous anniversary as well as acquire funding for technology through the silent auction. It will be an opportunity for the adults to enjoy a wonderful evening with many fantastic donations from our staff, families and community businesses. Our staff believes in this so much that they have donated their time and talents to the auction items in support of the gala. Some schools choose to have an auction each year to support their general budget needs, however, we wanted to have a purpose and a focus for this unique Anniversary event at Louise Archer.

Why technology, you ask? While we enjoy many privileges at our school, our building is much older, yet not up for renovation until at least 2017. In the renovation phase, monies are utilized to purchase technology equipment our individual schools can't otherwise afford at a fast pace. The majority of our technology items come from parent donations, PTA support and some school funds. While we do a great job of funding, we would love to have more technology sooner, rather than wait for renovation.

Some of the items that our teachers would like to purchase to benefit your children include: SMART boards and presentation systems in every classroom, flip cameras for multimedia opportunities, and additional laptops for our mobile labs and classrooms. These are high cost items which support our desire to ensure our students learn 21st century skills. So, we thought, what better way to celebrate our past and help pave our way into the future than to have an Anniversary Gala with a silent auction to support technology?

I wanted to share this information to help provide clarity on the great deal of thought that has gone behind these special events. So, please consider joining us on February 28th for the Anniversary Gala, or bid on your favorite items using an absentee bid sheet found online at www.louisearcherpta.org. In addition, please join us for our school-wide celebration of Louise Archer Day with our students and staff on Friday, February 27th at 10AM in the gym. Thanks for your continued support as we work together to celebrate our past 70 years of sunshine as well as provide the best educational opportunities at Louise Archer for many more years to come.

Sincerely,

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 **February 2009** 

PTA Meeting, 2:30 PM	11
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 **March 2009** 

Read Across America Day	2
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Applications and Information for Hunter's Woods and Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

 are available in the Louise Archer office and at the following websites:
www.fcps.edu/DIS/OEIAS/magnet.htm,
<http://www.fcps.edu/HuntersWoodsES>,
 and <http://www.fcps.edu/BaileysES>
 Deadline is March 2nd

GT Referrals Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the GT center screening process by completing and submitting a **Gifted and Talented GT Center Referral form to the local school principal no later than February 6, 2009.** No late referrals will be accepted. Second graders **not** in the pool and **all** third through seventh graders are screened only by referral. Forms are available on the GT website at www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt and in the *Parent Information Packet* in the main office at Louise Archer.



Computers

If you have any computer equipment Pentium 3 or higher that you are no longer using please consider making a donation to Louise Archer.

For more information, call Patrick Stanton at 703-937-6200. Thank You!

Parent Waiting Area

We love our parents, but please wait in the front of the building until the bell rings at dismissal each day. We need our hallways in front of classrooms and in the front lobby clear. It is our goal to protect our instructional time as well as maintain the safety and security for all our students during the school day.

As a reminder, we have our "Parent Waiting Area" in the cafeteria so you can be inside during the cold weather if you arrive early and need to wait for your child(ren). Have your child meet you in the cafeteria or you can come out to the lobby after the bell rings. Thanks for your cooperation and support during dismissal each day. We hope this helps you to stay warm, too!

70th Anniversary Gala and Louise Archer Day

Louise Archer Day
Friday, February 27th
10:00 AM, Gym

Louise Archer 70th Anniversary Gala
February 28th
Vienna Volunteer Firehouse
Adults Only
Silent Auction at 7:00 PM
Live Auction at 9:00 PM
For more information, visit
www.louisearcherpta.org



Virginia Immunization Requirements for Fifth Grade Students

Effective July 1, 2006, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine **prior to entering sixth grade**, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid—containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td).

Please check your child's immunization records carefully. If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, we ask that your child receive it and that you **provide documentation to the school prior to June 18, 2009**. This documentation can be a copy of your child's immunization record, or a note from your physician listing the date of their most recent Tdap booster shot.



Future Rising 7th Grade Parents



Luther Jackson Middle School February 4th, 7:00 PM
Kilmer Middle School March 5th at 6:30 PM
Thoreau Middle School March 24th



Updates will follow



American Heart Association Jump Rope for the Heart

Learn and Live.

February 23rd 1:30—3 PM

Students raise money to fund research to fight heart disease and stroke. Participants earn prizes, and jump ropes and equipment for their school. Donations can be made online and in person, and are tax deductible.

For more information, contact Coach Ruggerio or Ms. Cockrell 703-937-6200



Inclement Weather Schedule

Please make arrangements now for emergency childcare in the event of an early or late opening/closing schedule. Be sure to discuss them with your child so that they know what to do.

DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL—announcements will be made on the radio, television, Cable Channel 21 and on our website: <http://www.fcps.edu>.

Announcements will be made by 6:00 AM for all-day closings and delayed openings and by 10:30 AM for early closings.

When Schools Open Two Hours Late (including Mondays):

AM Kindergarten:	Will begin at 11:15 AM	Will end at 1:35 PM
PM Kindergarten:	Will begin at 1:35 PM	Will end at 3:55 PM
Grades 1 through 6:	Will begin at 11:15 AM	Will end at 3:55 PM

When Schools Close Two Hours Early (including Mondays):

AM Kindergarten:	Will begin at 9:15 AM and will end at 1:55 PM (lunch will be provided at no extra cost)	
PM Kindergarten:	Will be cancelled (you will be notified about makeup days)	
Grades 1 through 6:	Will begin at 9:15 AM	Will end at 1:55 PM