
ON THE LEVEL

DATES TO REMEMBER

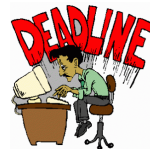
This is the time of year to review pending deadlines for licensure, leaves of absence or extended leaves.

March 1 - For leave requests for the 2016-2017 school year or to extend leave, be sure to submit your formal request on the proper document prior to this date.

March 31 - This is the Flexible Spending Account claims-deadline. No more than \$500 may be carried over into the next year.

April 1 - For licensure or re-licensure be sure to get all of your required documents to the FCPS Licensure Office before this date, in order to ensure that your teaching license remains current for the 2016-2017 school year. Do not put your position at risk.

June 15 - If you anticipate taking a teaching position in another Virginia school district, be certain that you submit your resignation from FCPS to FCPS by June 15. This should prevent unnecessary complications.



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PLEASE NOTE:

Please keep the FCFT office informed about your new address if you move. Also be sure to notify the office if you change your personal e-mail address. If you call the office after hours, please give your telephone number twice and speak slowly. Thanks!

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Enjoy the winter days!

THINKING ABOUT A TRANSFER?

Perhaps for one reason or another you are thinking about transferring to another school. Now is the time to get serious about finding information about other schools. You will need to update your resume and be ready to interview in the spring. You will be able to find all the information about other schools on-line. Begin now to gather the information so you will be ready for TransFair. Transfair for Project Momentum Schools is April 13, 2016. Transfair for Secondary Schools is April 18, 2016. Transfair for Elementary Schools is April 19, 2016. More information will be available in the March *On the Level*.

VISIT THE RENWICK GALLERY

The Renwick Gallery recently reopened after an extensive two-year renovation. The building itself opened in 1858, and has had many renovations over the years. This last renovation was needed to bring the gallery up to present-day standards for all buildings and museums. The renovation cost \$30 million and was completed by the Cleveland-based firm of Westlake Reed Leskosky.



The debut exhibition is *Wonder* which features works by a few selected famous artists. *Wonder* will be open through May 8, 2016. After that time the Renwick Gallery will begin installation of its permanent collection.

A visitor to *Wonder* made the comment that “The life-sized exhibits make you feel as if you’re part of the piece.”

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SOON!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 13, 2016. That’s when Daylight Saving Time begins. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour. Daylight Saving Time allows all of us to enjoy sunny summer evenings by moving our clocks ahead in the spring. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 extended Daylight Saving Time to earlier in March. We will enjoy many months more of daylight until November 6, 2016, when we fall back one hour. You need to take some extra care in March when you will encounter darkness in the early morning hours. Some critics say that more automobile accidents and heart attacks occur in the first couple of weeks of Daylight Saving Time. Be cautious.

SPRING FORWARD-FALL BACK.



WHERE WILL YOU GO THIS SUMMER?

It won’t long before some of you will be making plans for the summer break. Many teachers have to hold other jobs to make ends meet, so no vacation is in view. Others often have to take a class to update their teaching credentials for licensure. Some fortunate folks might be able to leave the Country for a vacation. The State Department has reminded us that many passports will need to be renewed soon, because nine years ago passports were suddenly required for travel from the United States to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean. Passports must be renewed every ten years. Go to the website for much useful information about safe places to travel.



Renew your Passport now if you plan to travel to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean this summer.