



# ON THE LEVEL

## SCHOOL ISSUES IN JANUARY

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Happy New Year!	

Superintendent Dale has released next year's FY 2014 Proposed Budget to the FCPS School Board. The Budget of \$2.5 billion is a net increase of \$62.7 million from the FY 2013 Approved Budget. The increase in the budget is mainly due to a rise in student enrollment. More than 2,000 new students are expected to enroll next fall. In the next five years it is projected that 14,000 more students will enroll. Dr. Dale said he is proposing a 1% market-scale adjustment for employees, This will be the fourth year without a (true) step-increase. The coming months will bring many public hearings with the community to inform everyone about the budget and needs of the school system and provide community input.

January is also the time for the Mid-Year Performance Assessment. If you receive a 'Needs Improvement' or 'Ineffective', call the FCFT office immediately for assistance.



The ERFC will have three more pre-retirement workshops to prepare those who are two years away from retirement. You must register on line at the ERFC website. The completed registration must be received about two weeks before the scheduled workshop.

### Workshops Coming Up

- February 7, 2013
- March 12, 2013
- April 1, 2013

## FCFT ELECTIONS COMING



FCFT will be mailing election nominating petitions to all members. If you are interested in running for a position on the FCFT Executive Board, please watch for your petition which should reach you through your home mailing address by February 4, 2013.

## CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAMS



The Arts Council of Fairfax County invites you to subscribe to the Creative Arts Programs (CAPs). CAPs connects high-quality, juried artists and art groups to students in Fairfax County. CAPs manages an updated on-line directory of artists. Twice-annual showcases that students can attend for free are also held. PTA and school representatives can see live performances at showcases and meet many of the artists in the program. Schools then contact artists directly to book assemblies and workshops for their students. CAPs programs inspire imagination, creativity and innovation while laying the foundation for life-long learning, and self-expression. An annual registration fee of \$75 provides many benefits including a monthly newsletter with updates on all CAPs programs and information on how to bring CAPs artists to your school. For further information, contact Erin Daga at 703-642-0862 ext.7 or [edaga@artsfairfax.org](mailto:edaga@artsfairfax.org).

## BE PRUDENT



**Don't tempt a thief by leaving items in view.**

According to the local police, the most important thing to do when leaving your vehicle is to lock it. Before locking it though, be sure to remove items from your car that a thief might want or view as valuable. Remember to remove your CD player, CD's, laptop, GPS, purse and anything else, such as a briefcase or bags or boxes. Thieves may see the writing on a box and think it contains something worth stealing. Thieves are very willing to break car windows to get in if they want to. Don't make it easy for anyone to steal your valuables. Being cautious with your items may make a thief leave your vehicle alone.

## CAUGHT CARING



Here's your chance to win a prize and be featured on our Facebook page! FCFT wants to see you with the "Teachers Care" bumper sticker on your car. Simply take a digital photo with you and your car that has the "Teachers Care" bumper sticker on it. Then e-mail it to [mpanik@fcft.org](mailto:mpanik@fcft.org). Include your name and school. (We will 'whiteout' any license-plate information.) Photos will go on our Facebook page. All entries will be put into a drawing for some prizes!

See FCFT Executive Board Member, Barry Weinstein, with his bumper sticker!