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Enjoy the longer hours of daylight!

ON THE LEVEL

TRANSFAIR STRATEGIES

Transfair will be held on April 13 for Project Momentum Schools at West Potomac High School; on April 18 for middle and high school teachers at Fairfax High School; on April 19 for elementary teachers at Oakton High School. The times are 4:30pm–9:00pm at the three sites. Opportunities are listed at the FCPS Intranet site. In order to make Transfair as productive as possible, consider the following:

- Let your building administrator know that you are attending Transfair in advance; chances are good that the principal with whom you interview may call your current administrator for a recommendation. It is a matter of professionalism and may assist your current administrator better in helping you relocate.
- Make sure to have your resume completely updated, including contact information for yourself and references.
- Set up Transfair interviews in advance, and as soon as possible. (The interview slots fill up quickly for desired schools.)
- Be well-prepared for your interview.

Interview Tips



- Dress professionally and smile.
- Be ready to discuss your philosophies of education.
- Prepare questions of your own for the interviewing school-administrator.
- Review the mission statement or profile of the school for which you interview.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS COMING!

One of the enjoyable things about living in this area is the arrival of the cherry blossoms around the Tidal Basin. The National Cherry Blossom Festival 2016 dates are March 20-April 17. The blossoms tend to bloom around the end of March into early April, but it varies from year to year. In early March the National Park Service predicted the peak bloom dates to be March 18-23. Visit earlier or later though. Many free events are planned for the three-week festival. Some noteworthy events that occur on Saturdays are the following:



The Opening Ceremony - March 26, 2016—Celebrates the anniversary of the gift of trees from Japan to the United States.

Blossom Kite Festival - April 2, 2016 - It's the 50th anniversary of amazing kite flying on the National Mall.

The Festival Parade - April 16, 2016 - See lavish floats, balloons, marching bands, and family entertainment.

KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF!

Touching another person, either an adult or a student, is a rather delicate issue. We need to point out that you should not touch anyone. We all have our personal space and do not want anyone else to invade it. We need to respect that. Most parents would say that they want you to keep your hands off their children. In this day and age any touching can be misconstrued or misunderstood.



Teachers need to use sound judgment. If you need to get a student's attention, call his name, use eye contact, or give one-on-one attention. The idea of not reaching out to give someone a pat on the shoulder is perhaps a hard idea, but please keep your hands to yourself. Then you won't have any regrets later.

SOCIAL MEDIA REMINDER

FCFT wants to remind you to be careful about what you post on social media. Online behavior is not secret, so you have to be smart with remarks that you make or photos that you post. Kids and parents will Google/Facebook/Bing you to find out what they can. It is a poor idea to become friends with any student or parent on Facebook. Take precautions with your "friends" and whom you allow to see your posts. Things posted on social media can get you into trouble with your job. As models in the community, teachers are held to a higher standard and that's just the way it is.

