

ON THE LEVEL



SCHOOL NEWS

Talks have begun between the FCPS School Board and Supervisors about the FY 2016 Fairfax County Public School Budget. The discussions, which will include community and stakeholder input, will continue until the final budget is released in May, 2015. The School System has seen a large increase in enrollment in the last year, and money is still very tight.

Recently, FCFT asked our members to complete a survey on the County/FCPS Budget, as well as homework, the FCPS calendar, the new planning/staff meeting guidelines and implementation,

the Portrait of a Graduate and much more. FCFT is now examining the results, so that we can determine your perspective on upcoming issues. Your concerns will help us to make decisions moving forward that best advocate for YOU.

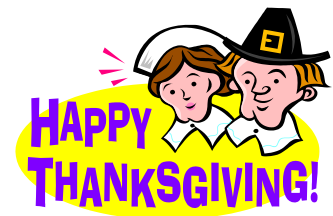
Be certain to implement all of the suggestions for improvement that your evaluator gives you.

THEFTS FROM CARS INCREASE

Local police are reporting an upsurge in automobile crimes. Every day in Fairfax a few are stolen. Often the crime is breaking into cars and stealing valuable items. Thieves look into the

parked cars to see if they can find a GPS, a tablet or MP3 player. The police suggest that you have the serial number available for a responding officer in the event of a larceny. Most stolen items are taken from *unlocked* cars.

Volume 13: Issue 8
November, 2014



Inside this issue:

| | |
|--|---|
| School News | 1 |
| Check the interior of your car daily. | 1 |
| Be careful while celebrating the holidays. | 2 |
| Attend a Listening Tour . | 2 |
| Watch out for wildlife while driving. | 2 |
| FCFT office number—703-451-6840 | |
| Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday break! | |

A CHEER'FUL LITTLE EARFUL

The holidays are upon us with the end of November and Thanksgiving Day. This is a time for celebrating our bounty and our blessings with good food, wonderful friends and family, and a little holiday cheer. A little cheer can go a long way. As models in our community, we are held to a higher standard. What we do after work can reflect upon us in our work. So if the holiday spirit moves you a little too far or the Friday 'Happy Hours' last a little too long, do the sensible thing. **YOUR JOB MAY DEPEND ON IT.**

Take a cab home, get a ride with a friend, or call

a family member to pick you up if you are intoxicated. Don't put your job on the line. You can be terminated for inappropriate or criminal behavior outside of work.



ATTEND A LISTENING TOUR!

Dr. Karen Garza is continuing to conduct listening tours this school year. The tours have already begun and will continue until late winter. You are invited to attend and ask questions. The tours that remain are as follows.

Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.—Hunters Woods Elementary School, 2401 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191 - Region 1

Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.—Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA 22042 - Region 2

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 p.m. — Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151 - Region 5

BE CAUTIOUS WHILE DRIVING!

Be extra alert and careful when you are out driving from now through December because deer are 'fattening' up for winter. It is also mating season. Deer will graze at dawn and dusk, particularly, but they seem close to Fairfax County roads at all times of day. There are 'Deer Crossing' signs posted throughout Fairfax County, in areas which

are known for high deer-traffic. These are also the same areas which have high incidents of deer/automobile collisions. Remember, too, that all animals are preparing for the winter ahead and are crossing the roads with increasing frequency.

