

ON THE LEVEL

DATES TO REMEMBER

This is the time of year to review pending deadlines for transfers or resignations.

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

August 1st - Teachers who wish to transfer to another school need to do so by August 1st to avoid needing a release from the current principals.

Is this your Evaluation Year? Be certain to submit to your evaluator all relevant documentation well in advance of your evaluator's decision. For most continuing contract teachers, the Final Evaluation will come in May or June.

STEP INTO SPRING!

The 2015 National Cherry Blossom Festival will be held in the District from March 20 through April 12, with the parade on April 11th. After such a cold winter everyone has high hopes that the cherry trees will blossom during that time, and we can all step into spring. The festival will focus on parks, gardens, trees, and green space.

Fairfax will also celebrate the cherry blossoms at its Visitor Center, located at the Tysons Corner Center. The Visitor Center invites everyone to stop by for free gifts, craft demonstrations, and other fun activities. The Center will be open Monday–Fridays 10 a.m.—6 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m.—6 p.m. Tysons Corner Center considers itself to be one of the premier shopping malls on the East Coast.

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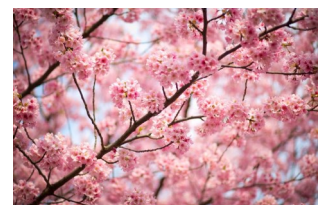
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Enjoy spring
break!



GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER NOW!

As you read this, you might be feeling cold, but spring will soon be here! With spring come thoughts of being outside and playing golf. With golf in mind, put Thursday, June 25, 2015 on your calendar right now. Make plans to come and play golf with FCFT. The 7th annual golf tournament will be held at Bull Run Golf Course, 3520 James Madison Hwy, (Route 15), Haymarket, VA 20169. It is an 18-hole championship golf course in the foot hills of Virginia's Bull Run Mountain.

The FCFT golf tournament is held yearly to support the FCFT Grant and Scholarship Fund. The fund supports teachers who may apply for grants, in order to do special class projects to enhance student learning, or to help a teacher pay for a college course. All proceeds benefit them. Your participation in the tournament will assist FCPS teachers greatly.



TRANSFAIR STRATEGIES

TransFair will be held on April 15 for elementary teachers at West Springfield High School and on April 16 at Fairfax High School for middle and high school teachers. The times are 3:30 to 9 p.m. at both sites. Vacancies will be posted on UConnect from April 10th through April 16th.

In order to make Transfair as productive as possible, consider the following:

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

Vidal Sassoon

- 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.
- Remain calm and assured throughout the interview. Thank your interviewer personally, and follow-up with a letter.

