



# FAIRFAX ACADEMY

## October Newsletter - 2021

### Plan Ahead:

Please see the monthly calendar for activities. All activities are subject to change.

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Pictures (See Calendar)
October 11 <sup>th</sup> -	Columbus Day, <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
October 28 <sup>th</sup> -	Fall Festival & Halloween Parties (All Rooms)
November 11 <sup>th</sup> -	Veterans Day Observed, <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
November 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> -	Thanksgiving, <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
December 14 <sup>th</sup> -	Holiday Open House (Details to follow)
December 15 <sup>th</sup> -	Holiday Open House (Details to follow)
December 16 <sup>th</sup> -	Holiday Open House (Details to follow)
December 24 <sup>th</sup> -	Happy Holidays, <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES at 2:00pm</b> (\$25.00 late pickup fee for every 15 minutes or part of)
December 25 <sup>th</sup> -	Happy Holidays, <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
December 31 <sup>st</sup> -	Happy Holidays, <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES at 2:00pm</b> (\$25.00 late pickup fee for every 15 minutes or part of)
January 1 <sup>st</sup> -	Happy New Year, <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

### SCHOOL PICTURES:



On Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Forever Studio will be here to take school pictures. Please have your children at the school by 9:00 a.m. Individual and class pictures will be taken for all children. It is very important that all children be at school on time as there are **no makeup pictures**. All families will be given a school password to access all photos for ordering. Information will be sent out as the date approaches.

### FALL FESTIVAL



### HALLOWEEN PARTIES:



Fall Festival and Halloween parties for all classrooms will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021.

For Halloween parties, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the waiting room in advance for any parents who wish to bring in “goodies” or “treats” for their child’s class. Costumes are to be sent in with your child in a bag with their name on the bag, as well as every item in the bag. All children should be at school by 8:30 a.m. in order to participate in the costume parade. Please put goodies and treats in a container that can be disposed of, and label the container with your child’s name and room number. **Please DO NOT send in PEANUT BUTTER or small items like NUTS, HARD CANDY, GUM, BALLOONS, etc.**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Please remember that the academic day for all children begins at 9:00 a.m. It is very important to have your child here by 9:00 a.m. Not only does your child miss important information as well as directions, it is also very disruptive to both the teacher and the class when a child walks into the classroom after classes have started. We realize many of our parents travel great distances and we do take this into consideration. If you know that your child will be late, or if your child has an appointment, please let the office know and we will inform the teachers.

## **UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION:**

It is very important that your child's records be kept up-to-date at all times such as; current home address, phone numbers (work and cell), emergency numbers as well as people that are authorized to pick your child up from school.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSING PROCEDURES:**

**Just a reminder if the Federal Government should happen to have a (1) or (2) hour late opening than the school which normally opens at 6:30am will open late. The same policy goes for if the Federal Government should close early, we as a school will close early.**

We DO NOT close for snow days UNLESS the Federal Government closes (this does not mean Liberal or Unscheduled leave). To alleviate some unnecessary phone calls to the school, please remember: (A) We do not follow any county school closings, (B) Liberal, Unscheduled and Unscheduled Telework Leave means, Federal Government is still open but Federal employees can decide whether or not to report to work and (C) Check Federal Government web-site, [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov). We follow United States Federal Government Closings only; please listen to your local television or radio stations.

## **CLOTHING and PERSONAL ITEMS:**

We cannot stress enough the importance of having your **CHILD'S NAME** on **ALL** personal items that come into the school. Any loose articles of clothing that we find without a name on it, we put these items in the Lost and Found box located in the "waiting room".

Also, cooler weather is approaching; therefore; we would like to remind all parents to send in a fall change of clothing for your child's cubby. Please remember to put their name on all clothing, sweaters and jackets.

The children are **not** to wear **snowsuits, snow boots or rain boots**. They do not go outside when it is snowing or when the temperature is below 32 degrees (we do take into account the wind chill). Please remember that for safety reasons children are **not** permitted to wear sandals to school.

## **ILLNESS NOTIFICATION:**

If your child or an immediate family member has a communicable disease you are required to alert the main office. When your child is out of school with a contagious/ communicable (i.e. COVID, FLU, chicken pox, strep throat, pink eye, etc.) illness or injury we require a doctors note saying that your child is not contagious and can return back to school. **Please consult your handbook for more information.**



### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to Dominic Atapaucar's family. They welcomed a baby sister into their family.  
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### **OPEN DOOR POLICIES:**

**Attention Parents:** While Fairfax Academy enjoys an "open door policy" we must insist that parents DO NOT engage in impromptu conferences with the classroom teachers. Your acknowledgement of the student/parent handbook is your agreement to abide with this policy (Rules and Regulation #32). When a teacher engages in a conference it results in a direct violation of Part V Section 22 VAC 15-30-430 Supervision of Children. It states, "when staff are supervising children, they shall always ensure their care, protection and guidance". If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please see someone in the office so that they may relieve the teacher of classroom duties.

### **CONTACTING THE SCHOOL:**

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We would like to wish everyone who has an **October** birthday

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY.**

*Happy Birthday to October Staff:*

Kathy Webster      10 – 15  
Anastasia Caney      10 – 21

