



# FAIRFAX ACADEMY

## January Newsletter - 2024



### **Plan Ahead:**

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

- January 1<sup>st</sup> – Happy New Year, **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
January 5<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports for Preschoolers will be sent home  
January 15<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
January 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Please see calendar for dates)

### **Holiday Wishes and Special Thank You:**

All of us at “Fairfax Academy” thank you for the delicious treats and goodies that were sent to us over the holidays. Hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season and that the New Year brings you health, happiness and prosperity.



### **Parent Teacher Conferences:**

**JANUARY IS CONFERENCE MONTH.** If you would like to meet with your teacher, Please see someone in the office to schedule a specific time to have a conference in person or over the phone.

### **EXTRA CHANGE OF CLOTHING:**

Please remember that when your child has an accident at school, they need to have an extra change of clothes to wear. Please send in a clean set of clothes with your child the next day to replace the set they used.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSING:**

**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 Leaves means, Federal Government is still open but Federal employees can decide whether or not to report to work and (C) Check Federal Government website, [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov). We follow United States Federal Government; please listen to your local television, radio WTOP 103.5 FM stations.

Please do not allow your child/children to wear **SNOW BOOTS** or **SNOW SUITS** to school. The children do not go outside in bad weather. However, the children do still go outside for recess should the weather permit it.

## **REMINDER LOST & FOUND:**

All families should have their child's name on his/her coats, hats, toys, etc. when entering the school. This helps alleviate any problems with any missing articles of clothing that a child has left behind. If we find an article of clothing **without** a name on it, it will be placed in the waiting room in the **lost and found box**. All unclaimed items left at the end of the month will be given to Goodwill.

## **OPEN DOOR POLICIES:**

**Attention Parents:** While Fairfax Academy enjoys an "open door policy," **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.

## **SCHOOL REFERRALS:**

Remember, whenever a new family that you refer to the school registers, you receive a \$50.00 school credit. Please see someone in the office for details.

## **CONTACTING THE SCHOOL:**

Our business number is (703) 671-5555. We can also be reached on our FAX number (703) 671-5558 or at our website [www.thefairfaxacademy.com](http://www.thefairfaxacademy.com).

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We would like to wish everyone who has a **JANUARY** birthday  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY.**

*Happy Birthday to January Staff:*

Almaz McKonnen	1 – 1
Mariam Godafa	1 – 10
Brandon Dukstein	1 – 23