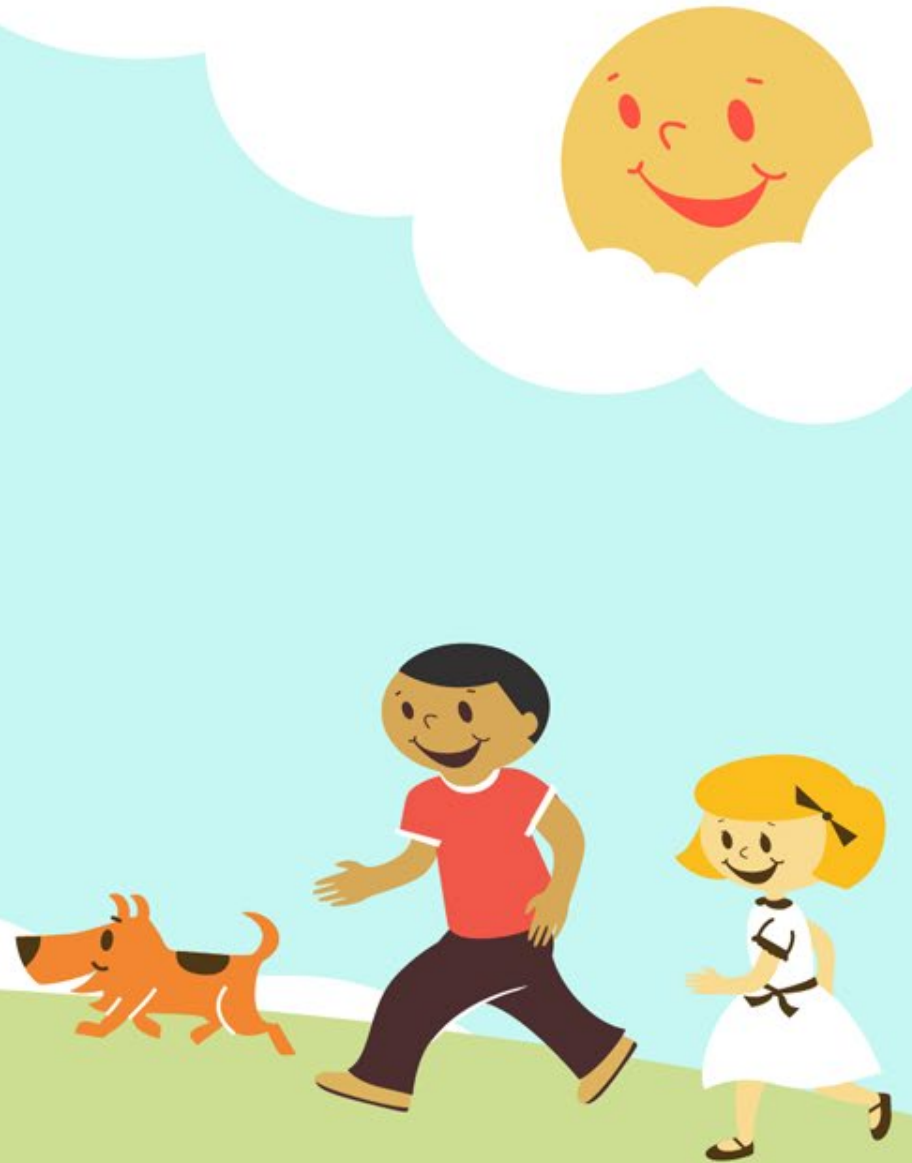


VRES Kindergarten Presentation

Monday, May 18, 2022
5 pm



Welcome

- Ms. Liz Bumbrey, Principal
- Mr. Nick Rousos, Assistant Principal



VRES Highlights

- We are the home of the Vikings!
- Our school colors are blue and yellow.
- Approximately, 680 students attend our school.
- Our day begins at 9:15 am and ends at 4 pm.
- Currently, we serve a diverse student population in Kindergarten through Grade 6.
 - ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages)
 - FCPS PreK Program-Head Start
 - Special Education Services
 - Advanced Academics – Levels 1-3, Local Level 4- Grade 3
 - Advanced Math



We STRIVE for academic EXCELLENCE...

- We have a Parent Liaison who supports our families by serving as a bridge between home and school.
- Teachers work together in grade level teams.
- Teams meet in weekly Collaborative Learning Teams (CLTs) to plan instruction, analyze student data, and participate in on-going professional learning.
- We have a variety of Specialists who support teams and help to enrich instruction.
 - Music
 - Art
 - Physical Education
 - Librarian
 - School Counselors
 - School-based Technology Specialist
 - Advanced Academic Resource Teacher
 - Reading Teacher
 - Math Resource Teacher



Special Programs

PTA After School Programs

- Jackie Harkey, PTA President

SCA

Westfield HS Mentoring Program

Responsive Classroom

Safety Patrols

News Team

Viking Voyage Intervention and Enrichment



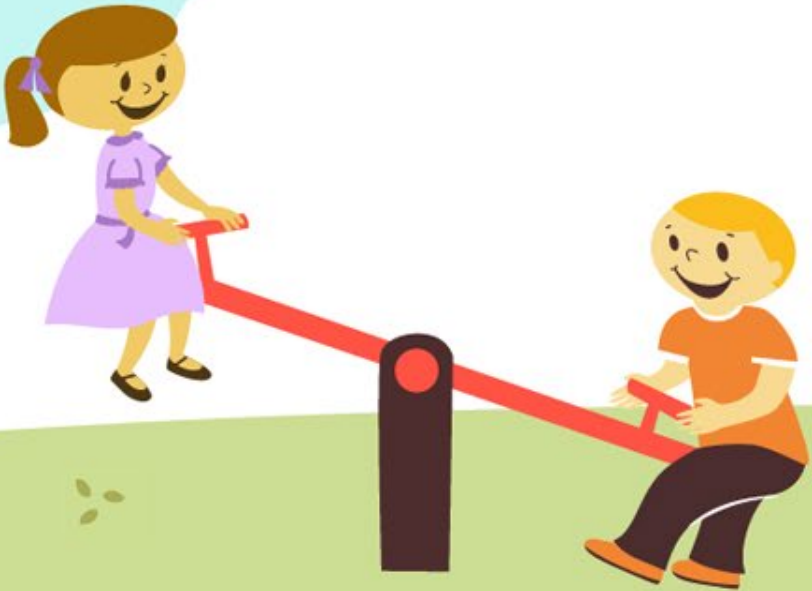
Special Events (outside of COVID)

- Kindergarten Playdate
- Welcome Walk
- Annual Viking Family Night
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- Annual Volleyball Game (vs. Cub Run ES)
- Kindergarten Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 6th Grade Celebration



Health Services Kindergarten Orientation

A partnership between Fairfax County Health
Department and FCPS



Goal of the Health Room

The goal of this partnership is to promote a safe and healthy environment in which to maximize your child's educational experience



Role- Public Health Nurse

- Act as a liaison between Health Department and FCPS
- Identify and address medical and health concerns of students
- Provide training for school staff about health issues and procedures
- Resource to school staff for communicable diseases and appropriate actions to address
- Promote healthy lifestyles and teach health related topics
- Keep school community informed of Health Department resources
- Supervise School Health Aide
- Work at multiple FCPS schools



Role- School Health Aide

- Paraprofessional trained by the Health Department
- Narrow scope of practice to include:
 - Care for sick and injured students
 - Facilitate medication administration
 - Coordinate Vision and Hearing screening
 - Tracks illness trends
 - School Health Aide is not a nurse and can not diagnose or give advice regarding care



What Parents Need to Know...

- Complete the Health Information Form. Update this form during the year as necessary
- Complete the Emergency Care Card
- Keep emergency contact information current and updated
- Parents must provide any medication that their child might need during the school year
- All medication must be accompanied by FCPS medication form available on the FCPS website or in the health room
- Students are not allowed to carry medications to school





Accidents
happen...please
pack a change of
clothing!



Children are sent home...

Symptoms of COVID-19 that are not caused by an alternate diagnosis:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or above
- Headache
- Difficult breathing/Shortness of Breath
- New Cough
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Congestion/runny nose
- Fatigue
- New muscle pain
- Abdominal pain
- New loss of taste, smell, or appetite

Symptoms of Other Communicable Diseases:

- Skin conditions and rashes
- Eye discharge



General Information

- If your child is sick, **please keep your child at home until symptoms have been resolved for 24 hours without medication**
- Please state symptoms your child is experiencing when you call the **Attendance line**
- Students generally can only stay 15 minutes in the Health Room, and then a decision is made to go back to class or home



Contact Information

Public Health Nurse: **Yina Lee, RN**

✉ ylee3@fcps.edu ☎ 703-988-8910

School Health Aide: **Estefania Perugachi**

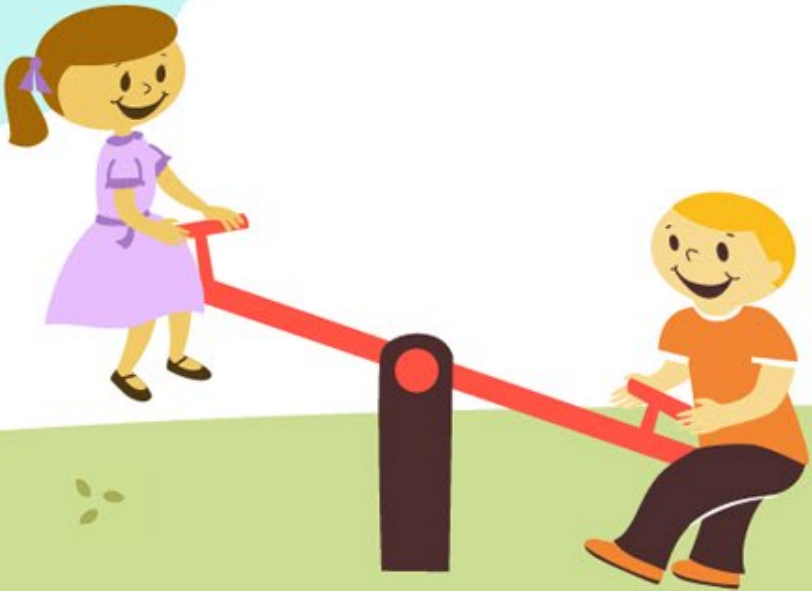
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Call/email the PHN or School Health Aide with any questions or concerns.



Bus Transportation Information



Who are the School Bus Drivers?

Trained Career Professionals

- **Licensed by Federal Regulations and holding a Commercial Drivers License**
 - Driving records monitored
- **Successfully complete Fairfax County Public School bus driver training course**
 - Recertified every 5 years
- **CPR and First Aid Trained**
 - Recertified every 2 years



How do we assist with your child's transition?

- Your bus driver is the first school personnel to greet your child
- Provide safe transportation for all students
- Teach children how to ride the bus with their peers safely
- All Kindergartners ride the big bus, at a neighborhood bus stop



How does a bus driver know,
“Who is a Kindergartener?”

Yellow

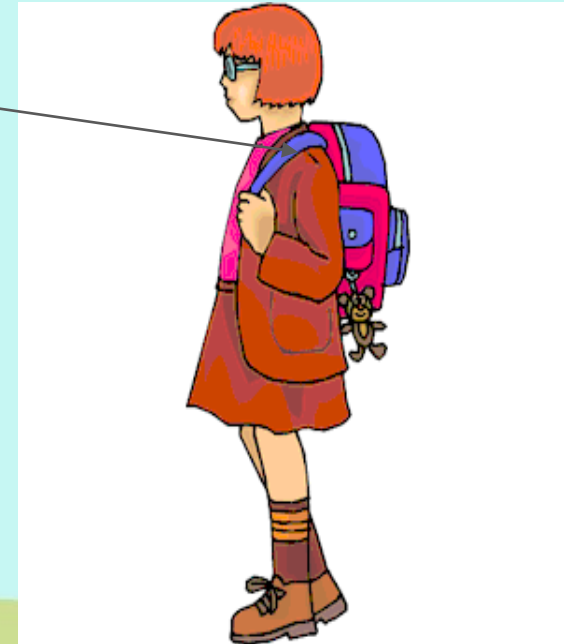
Duck Tape



This Tape is placed on your child's backpack strap.

**Please do not
remove!**

This is **important**
information to a substitute
bus driver.



Kindergarten Procedures for the Big Bus

All Kindergartners must be met by an adult at the Bus Door and asked for by name by the parent, parent designee, guardian, or a responsible middle school or higher sibling every day.

No Exceptions to this rule!



Kindergarten Procedures for the Big Bus

- “K” students are first on and first off the bus
- “K” students and Special Needs students sit in the front of the bus.
- Driver and patrols monitor interactions between “K” students and other students
- “K” students are escorted to and from the bus by teachers or patrols
- All students are expected to remain in their seats, with classroom behaviors and voices



General Transportation Information

- Parents do not receive phone calls from drivers but receive bus information from the school in August
- Daycare must be within the school boundary
- IEP issues, concerning transportation, are addressed on a case-by-case basis at IEP meetings
- Walking boundaries are up to **1** mile from school
 - Except when there are unusual hazards



Questions?

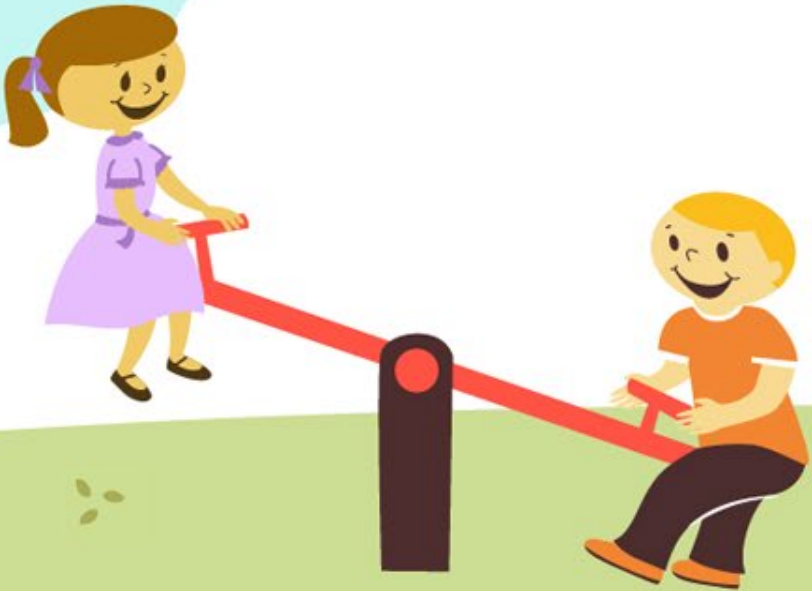


Thank you for your time
Enjoy the Ride

with Fairfax County Public School's
Department of Transportation



Preparing for Kindergarten...



Arrival

Students should start their arrival routine on the first day of school

- Kiss & Ride
- Walkers
- School Bus
- Daycare Vans
- Student-Age Child Care (SACC)

The first 2 weeks of school, staff will walk all kindergarten students to their classrooms

- Please be sure the colored classroom tag is attached to their backpack on the first day
- Do not put any personal info on the tag or on the outside of their backpack



Dismissal

Make sure that your child knows how they will be going home every day.

- Bus #, Kiss & Ride, walker, daycare, or SACC should be written on the back of their colored classroom tag
- Keep dismissal procedures consistent, all changes must be in writing or called into the office
- Teachers will walk students to buses and daycare vans and will ensure that they are on the correct bus.
- Kindergarten IAs will walk SACC students to their classroom at the end of the day, and will wait at the front of the school with Kiss & Ride and walking students for parents

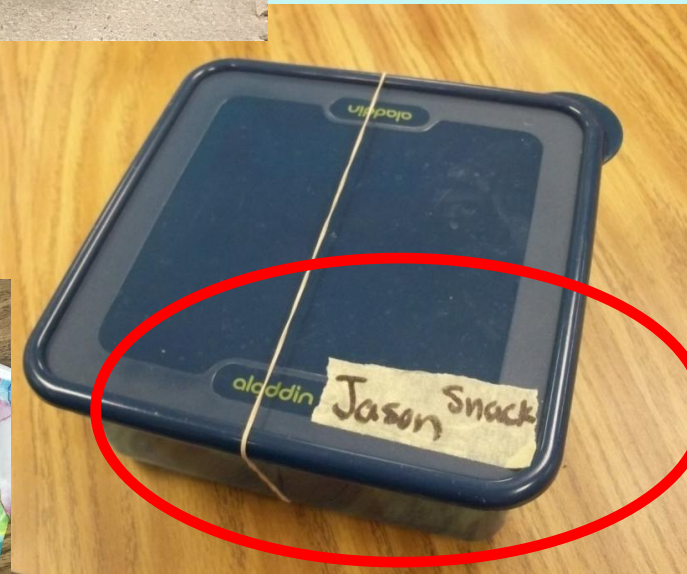
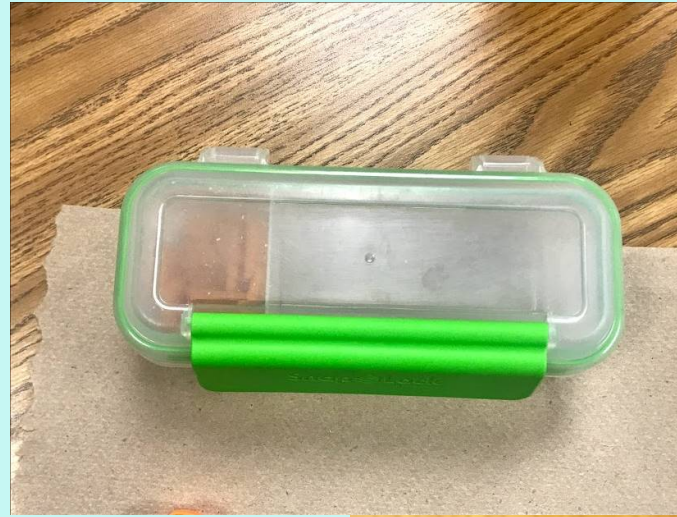


Lunch

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Snack



Lunch



Snack



Gentle Reminders for Kindergarten

- Work on building independence
- Summer Activities Calendar
- Supply lists
- All students must have a backpack
- Extra clothes
- Sign up for Kindergarten Screening
- Requests? Please communicate details about your child to Ms. Bumbrey in writing at erbumbrey@fcps.edu by June 24, 2022.



Updates

- Kindergarten Registration

- If you haven't already, contact Betty Bancroft at 703-988-8904 or ekbancroft@fcps.edu

- Kindergarten Play Dates

- Sunday, July 10 at 4 pm
 - Saturday, August 6 at 9 am



Scavenger Hunt

- Enjoy walking around the school with your child to visit some of the places your child will see.
- Please check your folder for the scavenger hunt directions.



Questions?

Thank you for joining us this evening!

We are excited to welcome your
“kinder” to VRES in the fall 😊

