



# Heads Up

March 7, 2014

**Mystery Month!** Lower School and Early Childhood received the following note from a mysterious person. The students will be working on solving clues to find out who sent the gift, why it was sent, when the person dropped it off, and what the gift might be. They are looking forward to finding and analyzing the clues!

*"I decided to give a wonderful mystery gift,  
Which I hope will give your mood a lift,  
On a day that fills me with sorrow.  
I hope to see you another tomorrow.*

*What is inside, I hope you are totally thrilled  
When you see it, with wonder you will be filled.  
I hope you like the gift I have sent,  
Because, for you - not middle school - is the intent.*

*But you do not know who has been so kind,  
No name, will I leave behind.  
If you would like to say "thank you"  
You will have a mystery to do.*

*I hope you have fun and the clues you will find  
And use this gift to sharpen your mind!  
Then on April 1st you will find my words to be true.  
In all honesty, I do this because I care about you!"*

**Art room news:** This week the 6th grade visited the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts with Ms. Dynia and Ms. Smith. They had a lovely visit and saw lots of great art. The art room continues to hum as we work on our projects for the all-school art show in late April. Also, students will be submitting entries to *Doodle 4 Google*, which is a student art contest. Winners could have their artwork animated on the Google homepage!

**Dr. Seuss Book Drive** (by Sadie Hassman and Jordan Abbott)  
Books are part of our everyday life. We read from them, learn from them, are entertained by them and so much more! Today Sadie, Jordan, and the CA Student Council kicked off a book drive to collect 300 new or gently used books for all ages. The donated books will be given to the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic. These books will allow the NNFHC to send each child home with a gift. This is a great opportunity for kids to help kids! So come on students, parents, grandparents, and friends! Send in books! Books will be collected each morning and Sadie and Jordan have created a Dr. Seuss hat thermometer that will be displayed in the library to keep track of the number of books collected. There is a little surprise...if we achieve our goal by Friday, March 21, Mrs. Cook will dye her hair blue! Please help us to reward a child with a book. Thank you!

**FAMILY READING NIGHT** "Reading-Pass It Down"  
Read together for at least 30 minutes, either Tuesday, March 11 or Wednesday, March 12, return the blue "Family Reading Log", and your student will receive a book mark and be entered into a drawing for a \$10 Amazon gift card. One prize will be drawn on Thursday, March 13 from the returned forms of participants. The Family Reading Log form will be available on Monday at school.

**Some reading advice from our resident Librarian!** Ms. Macaulay recommends spending quality time together, reading. She suggests reading to each other, or reading solo, and sharing a

funny line or a favorite part. Most important, she says, make it FUN! Plan for it, put it on the calendar and enjoy a great 30 minutes reading with your child.

**Families of Rising 6th, 7th, or 8th Grade Students:**  
This fall Chesapeake Academy hosted two students from Faces & Our Culture, an 8-week cultural exchange program based in Guatemala. Currently there are 18 independent schools in Virginia participating in the Faces & Our Culture Program. This year our two participants, Anika and Danny, enjoyed the rich offerings at CA - from teaching Spanish to Pre-K 3&4 students, to sharing cultural lessons in middle school, to participating on athletic teams...their time with us was truly an exchange of cultures and we hope to continue to offer this opportunity to the CA school community. Chesapeake Academy has an opportunity to host 2-3 middle school students from Guatemala during the fall of 2014-15. If you have a child enrolled for rising 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and are interested in learning more about hosting a student from October – December 2014, please contact Hilary Scott at [hscott@chesapeakeacademy.org](mailto:hscott@chesapeakeacademy.org).

**Auction Update** - The Midnight in Paris Auction is approaching fast and, for the first time ever, we will be placing our silent auction items online for bidding from April 1st through May 2nd. It is important to make your donations and procure items early so that auction items can receive the most exposure possible. This fundraiser supports curriculum, a variety of programs, faculty professional development and financial assistance, as well as other key initiatives. Raffle Tickets were sent home this week for you to sell or purchase for a chance to win up to \$500, \$1,000 or \$5000! Please sell or purchase your tickets as soon as possible. You can sell them fast by volunteering to sell raffle tickets at various locations and times. For every ten you sell, you get one free! Contact Raffle Chair Suzanne Souders at 804.577.0186 or [suzannesouders@yahoo.com](mailto:suzannesouders@yahoo.com) to let her know when you can help.

**Carpool:** Thank you for following afternoon car pool procedures. The residents and business owners along Steamboat Road and Route 200 appreciate your cooperation.

**An Important Reminder:** Please do not leave your car with the motor running. It is important that running cars NOT be left unattended. We work very hard to assure the safety of our children and staff. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
**Tuesday, March 11:** Family Reading Night  
**Wednesday, March 12:** PALS performance; Family Reading Night  
**Friday, March 13:** K-3 field trip to Richmond Symphony  
**Wednesday, March 19:** CAPP meeting (8:30 am); PALS performance  
**Friday, March 21:** End of marking period; Early dismissal (12:00 pm)