



Heads Up

October 18, 2013

Another warm welcome... to Anika Samayoa and Dany Alfaro our two exchange students from Guatemala. Anika and Dany joined our community this week and we couldn't be more excited about getting to know them and learning more about their country and culture. Over the course of the next few months, both Dany and Anika will be spending time in Early Childhood adding to the Spanish language program for our youngest students. They will also be sharing information with all of our community about life in Guatemala through various presentations in their roles as Cultural Ambassadors.

Community Oyster Roast: You don't want to miss Chesapeake Academy's 12th Annual Community Oyster Roast this Saturday! Purchase your tickets if you have not yet done so to enjoy all-you-can-eat succulent roasted oysters, clam chowder, oyster stew, hamburgers, hotdogs, sweet potato french-fries and dessert. Beer, wine and soft drinks are included. You'll enjoy warming fire pits with music by the Phun Doctors band, a premier classic rock and oldies band from Chesapeake, VA. The Oyster Roast will be held rain or shine, from 5-9 pm, on Rowe Campus in Irvington. You must be 21 to attend. Volunteers are still needed, so if you are attending and want to help, call Catherine Emry now at 804.438.5575 to help and be part of this fun, fantastic event!

Biking with Helmets completed its first "ride" Thursday during activity period. We spent last week's rainy day going over bike safety, talking about the "rules of the road", and getting our bikes in good riding order. We are anxious to hit the road with twelve student bikers and two teacher bikers (to act as the Engine and the Caboose) in our adventures around Irvington!

In the arts: Chas Faulkner is our new "featured artist" on display in the front office. Please drop by to see Chas' artwork! If your child is interested in being a featured artist next month, contact Mrs. Smith - we need more students for the rest of the school year! We also have new Art Around Town going up this week. Paintings by fourth grade students will be on display throughout the community. Rebecca Meberg's work will be on display at the Dandelion, Caroline Stinson's at Dr. Stout's office, Elizabeth Gardner's at Dr. Westbrook's, and Adair Stanley's at Chesapeake Bank in Irvington.

Early Childhood: Our youngest Ospreys rocked the Pumpkin Patch this week! Parker loved the tractor. Corty loved the playground. Lydia and Scarlett loved the pumpkins and Alex loved the hay house! Thanks to Mr. Griffin for driving the bus and to all the parents who came along.

Fourth grade connections: In social studies, fourth graders are learning about the geography, government, religion and culture of Ancient Egypt, as well as the many pharaohs and queens from that time period. They have also been able to apply their knowledge of Ancient Egypt to their current novel, *The Egypt Game*. During class, we look forward to mummifying a doll and creating a sarcophagus for it with art teacher Mrs. Smith. Stop by the Lower School hallway and check out our posters of pharaohs and queens, such as Menes and Nefertiti!

What's happening in Pre-Algebra 7? (by Mears Pollard)
We are working on simplifying expressions and factoring, even with exponents. We have been working on figuring out if a number is abundant, deficient, or perfect. When a number is deficient, the sum of the factors is less than itself. When it is abundant, the sum of its factors is greater than itself, and when it is a perfect number, the sum of its factors equals itself. What do you think? Is 90 a deficient number? We used this knowledge to play a factor game last Friday. We have also started working on our problem solving journals. Problem solving journals are sets of different kinds of problems where students pick and choose--do you want to do more of the "easy" problems or fewer problems that are harder? The problems aren't always about just figuring out the answer, a lot of times it takes some thinking and applying different math knowledge to new situations.

Facebook: Make sure to follow CA on Facebook! You can invite friends and relatives to "Like" us too. Photos and information are updated daily.

Save those BoxTops! The next Final Friday is October 25. Bring in your BoxTops and old ink cartridges--they're worth \$\$! The class with the best collection percentage wins doughnuts or pizza.

BOOK FAIR ONLINE: From the CA Homepage, look for the button on the bottom of the page. From here, you can see Podcasts, Book Trailers and even shop the book fair! Its AMAZING, Its FUN, Its EASY! Try it. Send an email to friends or family to visit the Book Fair, Online, from the CA Homepage! Watch Facebook, there may be a link there also! Encourage Reading---READ!

Spirit Week starts Monday! Support Varsity Soccer and wear your pajamas to show your school spirit. Tuesday is Blue and White Day, Wednesday is "Wacky Tacky" Day, and Thursday is 50's Day.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, October 19: Oyster Roast 5:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, October 22: Varsity soccer tournament begins

Friday, October 25: 6th grade field trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains; 8th grade Science Day at Christchurch School

Tuesday, October 29: Volleyball game vs. Ware (Home)

Wednesday, October 30: Tag day; PALS performance Jack and the Beanstalk

Thursday, October 31: 3rd, 4th and 5th grade field trip to Urbanna Oyster Festival

Friday, November 1: End of marking period

Wednesday, November 6: Dress uniform

Friday, November 8: Reports cards sent home