

The Electric News

ARLINGTON SCIENCE FOCUS SCHOOL
Illumination Through Participation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 13	First PTA meeting @ 7pm
Sept. 14	Science City begins
Sept. 15	Grade 5 trip to Hemlock
Sept. 20	DRP Assessment for Grade 4
Sept. 21	Back to School Night (7-8:30)
Sept. 22	WEB training for kindergarten parents in the library @ 9:20am
Sept. 26	Ms. Comick, Ms. Miller, & Ms. Kurtis to Planetarium
Sept. 27	Principal's Chat @ 9 am in library Ms. Kuhn & Ms. Cherubim to Planetarium at 9:30
Sept. 28	SCA Elections @10:15 Elections will be done "virtually" through news broadcast
Oct. 4	PTA Meeting @7:00 GT Presentation by Dawn Ramsay
Oct. 6 & 7	Parent Teacher Conferences/ Students do not attend school
Oct. 10	No School for Students in observance of Columbus Day
Oct. 11	Enrichment Sign-Up Online
Oct. 12	Humanities Program 9:00-10:15 for students
Oct. 13	SCA Family Bingo Night from 6:30-8:00 pm in the MP room
Oct. 14	School Spirit Day
Oct. 17 & 18	Outdoor Lab for ½ of 5 th Grade
Oct. 20 & 21	Outdoor Lab for ½ of 5 th Grade
Oct. 24	School Picture Day
Oct. 31	Halloween parade @2:00-2:30; party 2:30-3:15pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Message From Ms. Begley and Ms. Nesselrode

Thank You for All of Your Help

Thank you to Suzanne Greismer and all of the parents who contributed to our Welcome Back Staff Luncheon. The subs were fantastic. It was wonderful to have such tasty treats to begin our pre-service week.

Communicating with Your Child's Teachers

We encourage parents to talk with their child's teacher when they have questions or need clarification. All teachers have email and voicemail. Please check our school website at www.arlington.k12.va.us to find the staff email addresses. Pictures of all staff are available on the school website. Many aspects of our instructional programs are available on this site.

Voicemail can be accessed by dialing 703-228-3600 and entering the staff member's voicemail number.

Your child's teachers will let you know what their preferred method of communication will be and talk with you about grade level expectations at the Back To School Night event.

Kindergarten and first grade teachers will send home Friday Folders with classroom newsletters describing the skill strands completed during the past week, explain the upcoming week's plan, and pertinent classroom news. Second grade teachers will provide Friday Folders and offer a bi-weekly newsletters from the grade level.

In grades three, four, and five a monthly grade level newsletter will be sent home the first Friday of each month.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

RESERVE these dates

- November 7-19 *Stanford 10 (Gr. 4) testing*
- October 17 & 18 or 20 & 21 *Grade 5 Outdoor Lab Overnight Trip*
- December 23 – January 2 *Winter Holiday break*
- March 31-April 8 *Spring Break*
- May 14 – June 1 *SOL test for grades 3, 4, & 5*
- June 20 *Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony @ 10 am*
- June 22 *Last day of school for ALL students (Early Release @ 1:26 pm)*

Back To School Night

Please plan on attending this event at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 21 by greeting staff and parents at Back to School Night in the multi-purpose room. Parents will have an opportunity to visit classrooms from 7:15 - 8:30 during three sessions. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn about the events and expectations of the school year from your child's teachers. You will be able to tour the Investigation Station, the courtyard, and the Computer Lab. All of our staff from the Library/Media Center, Math & Language Arts Resource rooms, Gym, Art and Music rooms, ESOL/HILT, Special Education, and Special Services will be in the multi-purpose room during sessions two and three to talk with parents.

So that parents may have an opportunity to hear about curriculum and classrooms goals, we ask that you **NOT** bring children to this event. No child care will be provided for this event. Thank you for making private childcare arrangements so that you can attend this important parent and teacher event.

Back To School Night Schedule:

- 7:00-7:15** Everyone meets in the MP room
Ms. Begley and Ms. Nesselrode introduce staff and greet parents in mp room
Opening greetings from our PTA President, Noah Simon
- 7:15-7:40** Session #1 held in classrooms
- 7:45-8:05** Session #2 held in classrooms
(Specialists in the mp room)
- 8:10-8:25** Session #3 held in classrooms
(Specialists in the mp room)
- 8:30** Back To School Night concluded

School T-shirt and School Color Day

On the first Friday of each month we will celebrate our school spirit by asking students and staff to wear their ASFS t-shirt and/or wear our school colors of black, gold, and royal blue.

We are the **Arlington Science Focus Lightning Bolts** and we are proud of school and our community. If you have not purchased an ASFS t-shirt, please contact Jay Brodsky, as he is the chair person of our ASFS wear this year. Thank you, Jay.

Special Care To ASFS Over the Summer

We would like to thank all of those people who fed the fish, maintained the grounds, watered our plants, and worked on landscaping throughout the summer. We would especially like to thank Claudia Harvey and Dee Doyle for their organization and hard labor on these projects. Our pond person, John Stevens, has been working on our new filtration system throughout the summer and continues to fine tune our pond.

Our custodial staff has spent many hours cleaning, shining, and waxing our building to make it is "spit spot" clean for the opening of school. The rain this first week posed interesting challenges for our custodial crew and as always, they kept the building dry and in "tip top" shape. As you see our staff around the building, please make sure to thank them for their fabulous cleaning. Rosa Torres, Ricardo Trejo, Elva and Adriano Burruto have really made ASFS shine. Thank you!

Kindergarten Parents

Ms. Nesselrode and I would like to thank the 92 kindergarten parents who came to ASFS this summer and talked with us about their child. We truly enjoyed meeting with you and getting to know you and your child. We look forward to working with you over the next six years!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

APS School Start Times

Thank you for your patience as our transportation department works through the bus schedules to meet the needs of our students. Please remember that ASFS begins instruction at **9:00 a.m.** Students may arrive after 8:35 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:41 p.m. On Early Release Wednesdays, we will dismiss at 1:26 p.m. If your child does not take the bus, he/she needs to be picked up at 1:20 p.m. so staff can attend their grade level meetings.

If you bring your child to school by private car, please make sure that they are in the building between 8:30 and 8:50 so that instruction can begin at 9:00am. It is very important for your child to begin their day on time.

This year we want to really make sure students have on time arrival each and every day. Our Social Worker, Mayellen Buchanan, is at ASFS on Tuesday and Friday and will focus on working with families to make sure that children are in school everyday on time and ready to learn.

Would You Like To Volunteer in Our Classrooms?

If you are interested in volunteering in a classroom this year, we encourage you to speak with your child's teacher. If you would like to come into the classroom during W.E.B. time, (We Enjoy Books), kindergarten students have WEB time from 9:00-9:30 every day but Wednesday. We ask that you come to class with you child and read with your child. Please do not bring younger siblings as this may be disruptive to the other children in the classroom. If your child is in second grade, he/she will have WEB from 10:00-10:20, grades 1 and 3 from 3:20-3:40, grade 4 from 12:50-1:10, and grade 5 from 1:00-1:20. Students do not have WEB on Wednesday because of Science City.

Training for kindergarten parents will be on Thursday, September 22 from 9:20-10:00 with Ms. Schafer, our lead reading specialist. Ms. Schafer will talk about the purpose of WEB and how best to support your child and the other children in the classroom during this literacy time.

Standards of Accreditation & Annual Yearly Progress

Each year, schools are re-evaluated to determine if they meet the Standards of Accreditation. Based upon the average of our Standards of Learning scores in grades 3, 4, & 5, Arlington Science Focus School continues to be fully accredited for the 2010-2011 academic school year! Our scores can be accessed

through our website at arlington.k12.va.us and go to ASFS.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, ASFS met all 29 criterion for annual yearly progress. We will talk more about these assessments at our PTA meeting.

Three Cheers for the Office Staff

Throughout the summer our office staff have worked to organize the building, register students, assist parents, and get all of the materials and orders ready to begin our school year well equipped. Please join me in thanking Ms. Diaz, Ms. Smiroldo, Ms. Morard, and Ms. Warring. They really are terrific!

A special thank you to Noah Simon and Strat Zervos and their friends for tackling the first day packets. Jenn Atkin and her committee members and children distributed the School Supply Packages to all classroom the week before school started. Thank you.

Traffic Pattern Update

I want to emphasize the importance of following the signage for drop off of students in the morning and pickup in the afternoon. Parents can pull up to the "kiss and ride" area on the north side of North Lincoln Street by the playing field and drop children off from the sidewalk side of your car. Staff members will be on this side of North Lincoln to assist students from the car. This area is not a parking zone. If you would like to walk your child into school, please park by the bridge or in the adjacent parking lot. Another concern is cars doing U-turns at both ends of the circular driveway. Not only is this a traffic violation, but it is very dangerous for our children.

Thank you for helping us to make ASFS traffic safe for our children and each other. If you have suggestions about our traffic pattern, please call our PTA representative and consider serving on the Traffic Committee.

Calling All Fourth and Fifth Grade Students

We want to welcome Ms. Laura Grim to our music team. Ms. Grim will teach orchestra, band, and several general music classes. Ms. Grim comes to us after having taught in APS for several years. She is looking for excited and enthusiastic fourth and fifth grade students who are interested in playing band or orchestra instruments this year. Please turn in your interest forms ASAP so you can be a part of instrumental music at ASFS. Welcome to Lightning Bolt country, Ms. Grim.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Helping Our Environment and Traffic Flow

As we look at ways to support our environment and lessen our traffic problem, we want to encourage all parents to utilize the APS bus service for your children. The buses follow their routes everyday and are expending gasoline. We would encourage you to have your child/re to ride the bus and save on gasoline usage and pollution.

If you have questions or concerns about the bus routes, please contact Kathryn Carter at Transportation Services, 703-288-6635.



Fall Conference Days

This year we will have two full conference days for parents and teachers to meet and discuss student progress. Our fall conferences will be on Thursday and Friday, October 6th and 7th. 8:30-4:00. Conferences are meant for parents and teachers and we ask that children not attend conferences unless you have made prior arrangements with the teacher. Spring conferences are March 1st and 2nd.

We ask that parents not bring students with them to conferences so that you and the teachers can maximize your time together. Please read the article in the newsletter entitled, *Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences*, to get further information about this important event. Notices will be coming home with available times to meet your child's teachers. Please reserve these two dates for conferences!

This year are going to an online sign up format to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences. Directions will be available at Back To School Night from your child's teacher. Don't miss this important event.

In-House Assessments

During September, October, and November we will be formally and informally assessing students. Pre-assessments in mathematics will be given at all grade levels and the *Degrees of Reading Power* will

be given in grades 2, 3, and 5. The Stanford-10 assessments will be given in fourth grade, November 7th through the 18th. A fall writing sample will be administered at all grade levels and a pre-mathematics assessment will be taken by all students. These assessments assist us in delivering the instructional program of the Arlington Public Schools and the Virginia Standards of Learning.

Welcome New Staff

We would like to welcome several new people to our ASFS family. On our kindergarten grade team, we welcome Ms. Megan Spiwak who comes to us having taught in New Jersey in primary grades and Ms. Jennie Cochenour from the University of Pittsburgh, where she was in kindergarten classrooms the past year. In first grade Ms. Kelly Kurtis rejoins APS after a brief return to Pennsylvania. Joining our second grade team is Ms. Kate Bertrand who hails from Fairfax County where she has been teaching primary grades and Ms. Lisa Warden joins the Lightning Bolt Team from another APS school.

In our ESOL/HILT department, we welcome Karli Boothe from Washington DC and in our Visual Arts, Ms. Kelli Spool joins ASFS on Monday and Tuesday. We are very excited to have Ms. Rachel Prestwich join our reading/language team. Ms. Prestwich joins ASFS as a veteran teacher from Utah. Ms. Prestwich will work with the Reading Recovery Program in first grade and serve small groups of students in various grades to supplement their language arts instruction.

Welcome to the ASFS family. I invite you to meet and greet our staff at Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

A Special Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their monetary gift to each teacher to be used in their classrooms. This is such a terrific gesture to help. It was a terrific start to our new year. I would also like to thank for organizing the workday staff breakfast. It was a great way to start the staff's first day of the new school year!

Public Record of Offenders

In the office, we have begun to run hard copies of public information about sex offenders within Arlington. Ms. Warring keeps this notebook at her desk if you would like to review the information.

Opportunities Outside the Classroom for Students

As we continue to grow and change, we want to make families aware of current opportunities beyond the classroom. Every year we review our activities and practices and make adjustments. Each year, we utilize the skills of our previous fourth grade students and volunteers in the news room to get our program off and running and then begin incorporating new applicants beginning in October. This year, we are trying to divide duties and teams. Most of these opportunities are for students in fourth and fifth grade. As with all activities, not every student is involved in every activity and we have current participation and then students that are waitlisted until slots become available.

We would like to thank Ms. Teagno and Mr. Gawrys for their work with the Safety Patrols. We have two teams this year and a group of waitlisted students. If you have questions, contact Ms. Begley.

Grades Kdg. through 5

- ◆ **Science Facts** on the morning news (each classroom a different month, selected by teacher)
- ◆ **Student Council Association** – Kdg through fourth grade, one representative from each class elected by individual classroom, school-wide election held in late September. Applications have already been distributed. (monthly meetings and events)

3rd Grade Students

- ◆ **Aquarium Club** with applications given at the end of September, field trip (s) to aquarium, guest speaker (meetings during lunch)
- ◆ **Flag Bearers** – assist with the raising and lowering of the flags in the am and pm. Volunteers are welcome to apply in October after conferences when applications will be made available.

4th Grade Students

- ◆ **Safety Patrols** – selected in August from previous June applications, 2 teams plus a wait list (monthly meetings)
- ◆ **Student Council Association** – applications and election in late September, elected by student body. Applications have already been distributed (monthly meetings and events)
- ◆ **Tech Crew/Space Shuttle** – September crew from previous spring volunteer list, new applications distributed end of September, selection process with waitlist (occasional meetings) Aligns fourth grade technology goals for animal projects
- ◆ **Chorus** – weekly practices with 3-4 concerts per year and some outside of building field trip performances (vary by year)
- ◆ **Band & Orchestra** – weekly whole group lesson & 1-2 small group lessons, students sign up at end of grade 3 and continue in grades 4 & 5, 2-3 concerts, may have additional performances if opportunities arise
- ◆ **Honors Band, Orchestra, & Chorus** – applications in late winter, auditions from all of APS, selection process, 2 concerts, (outside of school day practices, private transportation)


5th Grade Students

- ◆ **Safety Patrols** – selected in August from previous June applications, 2 teams plus a wait list (monthly meetings)
- ◆ **Student Council Association** – applications and election in late September, elected by student body (monthly meetings and events) Applications have already been distributed. At grade 5 there is a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. This year we will have some extra events with the Team Schools and the SCA officers. Details to follow after the election.
- ◆ **News Team** – Applications distributed during second week of school. Opportunities to serve as anchors for morning news. Participation will vary throughout year
- ◆ **Tech Crew/Space Shuttle** – September crew from previous year and volunteer list, new applications distributed end of September, selection process with waitlist (occasional meetings) Existing crew teaches the new crew. Balance of grade 5 & 4
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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Did You Know That:


 The pre-kindergarten **Stellar Stars** have successfully relocated into our new home, and we had a great first week despite the wet weather! We began our routine and we explored the school. We enjoyed our centers, and we had a great time in the school's gym. We drew self-portraits and practiced writing our names. We listened to stories about friends, school, and buses.


During the next several weeks, we will continue to learn about our school environment, our community, and the changing seasons. Stop out and see us in the relocatable.

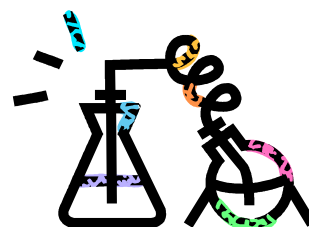
 The kindergarten **Molecules in Motion** are learning the routines of kindergarten! With excitement and energy they have been practicing how to be independent students in their new classrooms. They have had fun learning their new friends' names as well as learning about their new teachers. The **Molecules** are starting to learn handwriting, new words, and reading skills in rotations. They are exploring their five senses in science as they see, hear, smell, taste, and touch their way around their new school. In math, the **Molecules in Motion** are exploring numbers in math. The **Molecules** are ready for a full year of learning and growth!

 First grade welcomes all children and families to the **Natural Wonders** community. This is a time when children will gain confidence, practice cooperation, and become independent problem solvers. The more the **Natural Wonders** know how to work independently, the more the class can accomplish as a whole. Independence can be fostered at home by providing opportunities for your child to practice valuable life skills such as tying one's own shoes, zipping jackets, and opening lunch containers. During the first month of school we will work extensively on problem solving skills so students know when to ask for help and when they should solve problems on their own. Many


of these skills can be learned through the reading of rich literature and practice with role playing both in school and at home. We are looking forward to a **WONDERful** year!

 The Second Grade **Investigators** are ready for a great school year. During September we will investigate erosion; building a community of learners and understanding what a community is, maps/geography, and being a responsible citizen; number sense, addition and subtraction up to 20, odd and even numbers, place value, and word problems; the writing process and sentence construction; reinforcing reading strategies through a variety of genres, and fiction writing. Welcome to all our new ASFS families. It was a pleasure to meet some of you at Open House. We look forward to a very successful and to meeting all of you at Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 21 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. See you then!

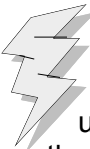
 The Third Grade Team would like to welcome our new and dynamic **Catalysts** to the third grade. The **Catalysts** are sure to start the year with a BANG! They will have many opportunities to create unique chain reactions in learning. In the coming weeks, they will settle into classroom routines and develop positive study habits. The **Catalysts** will study about soils in Investigation Station by learning through hands-on experiments. In social studies, the students will have a great time drawing maps that include compass roses and map keys. We look forward to meeting you at Back to School Night. We are excited about the new school year that will be filled with challenge, wonder, and excitement for our students!



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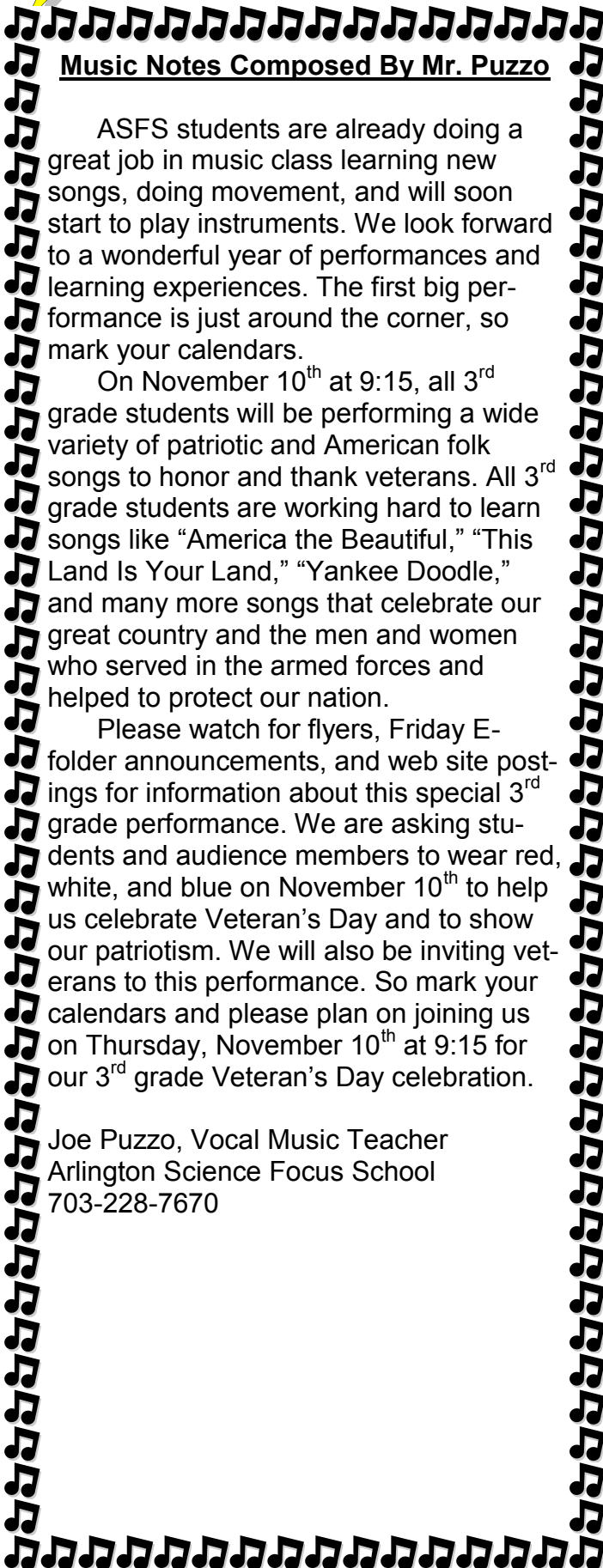


The fourth grade **Energetic Electron staff** are very excited to engage students in many exciting lessons throughout all content areas this year. Each teacher has thoroughly reviewed classroom and school procedures with students. Although expectations grow each year at school, we anticipate a smooth year full of many successes for all. We begin our math studies with a basic facts fluency review. Students will strengthen their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division fluency prior to moving to multi-step word problems. In social studies and science, **Energetic Electrons** will explore Virginia's natural resources, geography, and distinct regions. In language arts, students are engaged in learning about the reading and writing community. Students are exploring author's purpose and how it impacts writing. Students receive homework nightly. We ask that parents sign student agendas daily as we work together to support the **Energetic Electrons** organization and accountability. The fourth grade team looks forward to getting to know all of you throughout the year and building many positive relationships. We hope to see as many of you as possible at Back To School Night on Wednesday, September 21st, 2011! Here's to a great year!



Welcome to Fifth Grade. We are excited to start the year with many engaging lessons and activities! Our **Technos** began the year with the study of the brain as a muscle, and how it can be strengthened by assessing Howard Gardner's eight Multiple Intelligences. Each **Techno** has a unique combination of these strengths and weaknesses, and we will be continuously addressing these through various activities as the school year progresses.

In science, we will examine our world's building blocks of life, including atoms, molecules, and compounds. **Technos** will create hands-on models and investigate the characteristics of solids, liquids, and gases. In math, students will explore different strategies for multiplication and division in problem solving. In language arts, students will study Ralph Fletcher's *Writer's Notebook*, and begin to record their own thoughts and ideas that will be integral to ongoing writing assignments throughout the year. In social studies students will examine different aspects of ancient civilizations in our world. With many exciting activities and topics planned, we are looking forward to a great 2010-2011 school year! Please contact us if you have questions.



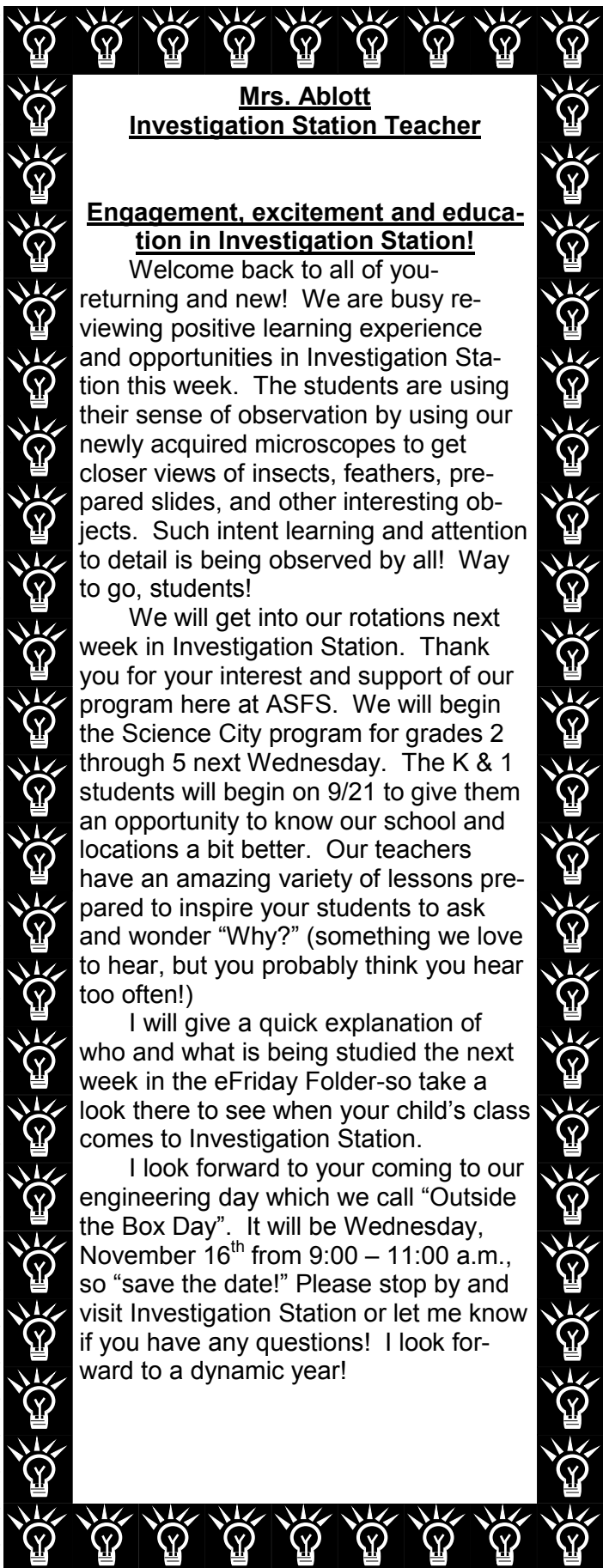
Music Notes Composed By Mr. Puzzo

ASFS students are already doing a great job in music class learning new songs, doing movement, and will soon start to play instruments. We look forward to a wonderful year of performances and learning experiences. The first big performance is just around the corner, so mark your calendars.

On November 10th at 9:15, all 3rd grade students will be performing a wide variety of patriotic and American folk songs to honor and thank veterans. All 3rd grade students are working hard to learn songs like "America the Beautiful," "This Land Is Your Land," "Yankee Doodle," and many more songs that celebrate our great country and the men and women who served in the armed forces and helped to protect our nation.

Please watch for flyers, Friday E-folder announcements, and web site postings for information about this special 3rd grade performance. We are asking students and audience members to wear red, white, and blue on November 10th to help us celebrate Veteran's Day and to show our patriotism. We will also be inviting veterans to this performance. So mark your calendars and please plan on joining us on Thursday, November 10th at 9:15 for our 3rd grade Veteran's Day celebration.

Joe Puzzo, Vocal Music Teacher
Arlington Science Focus School
703-228-7670



Mrs. Ablott
Investigation Station Teacher

Engagement, excitement and education in Investigation Station!

Welcome back to all of you- returning and new! We are busy reviewing positive learning experience and opportunities in Investigation Station this week. The students are using their sense of observation by using our newly acquired microscopes to get closer views of insects, feathers, prepared slides, and other interesting objects. Such intent learning and attention to detail is being observed by all! Way to go, students!

We will get into our rotations next week in Investigation Station. Thank you for your interest and support of our program here at ASFS. We will begin the Science City program for grades 2 through 5 next Wednesday. The K & 1 students will begin on 9/21 to give them an opportunity to know our school and locations a bit better. Our teachers have an amazing variety of lessons prepared to inspire your students to ask and wonder "Why?" (something we love to hear, but you probably think you hear too often!)

I will give a quick explanation of who and what is being studied the next week in the eFriday Folder-so take a look there to see when your child's class comes to Investigation Station.

I look forward to your coming to our engineering day which we call "Outside the Box Day". It will be Wednesday, November 16th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., so "save the date!" Please stop by and visit Investigation Station or let me know if you have any questions! I look forward to a dynamic year!

FROM OUR MATH COACH, NOREEN HAUS

Math Matters !



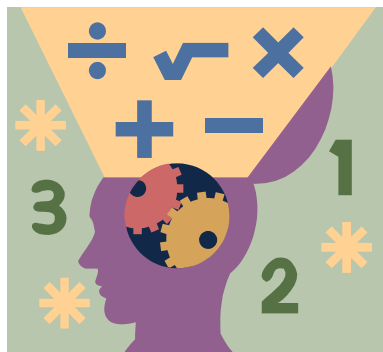
From Our Math Coach, Noreen Haus

“Welcome!” to our new families and “Welcome Back!” to our returning ASFS families! We have an exciting year of math planned for you and your children. I would also like to welcome Rebecca Fleming as our Math Lead Teacher this year. Rebecca and I will be working closely together to ensure a rich and rigorous year filled with math fun!

We are excited to begin the school year with updated Standards of Learning (SOLs) and our newly adopted math series, “Math Expressions.” Information about the updated Standards of Learning, along with other helpful information, can be found at the Virginia Department of Education website: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov>. The “For Students and Parents” link on the left hand side has many helpful resources. To find the SOLs for a particular grade level, you can also go directly to http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/mathematics/index.shtml.

Samples of the newly adopted curriculum materials will be on display in the Multi-Purpose Room on Back to School Night and at the December 6th PTA meeting. Rebecca and I will provide a short presentation on the materials at the December 6th PTA meeting and will be available to answer any questions you might have. In the meantime, should you have any questions about math, please do not hesitate to contact either Rebecca (rebecca.fleming@apsva.us) or me (noreen.haus@apsva.us).

We hope to see you soon!





Is Health Insurance on Your School Supply List?

Without a doubt, back-to-school time is a busy time for families. As parents and families get their students ready for another successful school year, we wanted to share important information about the availability of free or low-cost health coverage for children who are uninsured.

As you know, health coverage is a crucial part of a child's success at school. It has been shown that children who have health insurance do better in school because they miss fewer days.

If your child does not have health insurance there is a program in Virginia that offers free or low-cost health insurance for children. The program, called FAMI S (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security), provides children with health insurance coverage. FAMIS doesn't just give you coverage if your child has a medical emergency it also covers regular annual visits to the doctor and visits to the dentist every 6 months. It covers eyeglasses, medicine and immunizations. FAMIS can help your child to have a healthier school year.

Checking to see if your child can get FAMIS is easy. Any family who has an uninsured child can get information or enroll in coverage by calling **1-866-87FAMIS**. You can also get enrollment information or fill out an enrollment application online at www.famis.org.

You may also contact ASFS parent **Lisa Shapiro** at **571-338-6896** or lisas@firstfocus.net to get additional information. Along with notebooks and pencils, enrolling your child in health care coverage should be at the top of your back-to-school checklist.





*Cash For Your School! Score **A+** Deals!*

SCHOOL PROFITS FROM YOUR PURCHASES AT ARLINGTON BUSINESSES
Sign Up Now to Receive Special Email Offers

A new fundraising program for Arlington area schools gives Arlington Science Focus PTA 30% of the profit on purchases from participating local businesses.

Scoupon Club™ emails daily deal offers providing huge savings to parents, students, faculty and neighbors. Leading Arlington neighborhood merchants are signing on to offer introductory deals that will benefit the school, win new regular customers and enhance their reputation and relationships with current customers. Businesses participating in the program's kickoff in October include: Pink Berry Yogurt, Me Jana Lebanese fine dining, Whole Foods, Spider Kelly's, Larry's Homemade Ice Cream, Mad Rose, lululemon athletica, and many more.

Scoupon Club™ sends 30% of its profit to the school designated by each purchaser. This is a larger profit share than the grocery store rewards programs and can ultimately generate thousands of dollars each month for the PTA. The amount received depends on how many Arlington residents sign up and pick Arlington Science Focus to receive funds.

Please sign up to receive these offers at **ScouponClub.com**. Joining the list takes only 15 seconds, just enter your email address and pick Arlington Science Focus from the school list. Email addresses will not be used for any other purpose, and you can opt-out any time. Then pass on the web address to friends and neighbors so Arlington Science Focus PTA can maximize fundraising from this source.



Donations Needed for Arlington Family Center

The ASFS PTA has an ongoing partnership with the **Arlington Family Education Center** to provide basic baby care items to young mothers in need. This wonderful organization helps teenage mothers complete their educations while caring for their babies. **Currently, more than 50 women are enrolled in the program.** Below is a list of some of the gently used and unused baby items you might consider donating to this worthwhile program. All donated items are tax-deductible.

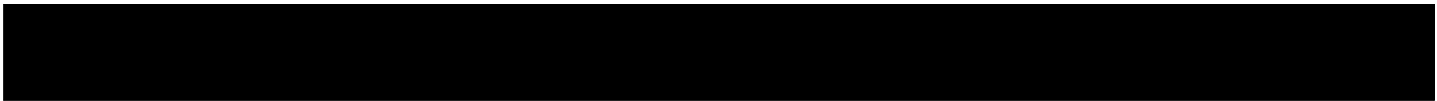
Baby clothes
Wipes & formula
Children's books
Strollers & car seats

One-piece sleepers
Baby shampoo & lotion
Hair bows, barrettes, & clips
High chairs

Disposable diapers
Hooded baby towels
Cribs & crib sheets
Cabinet locks & safety plugs



Please bring these items for donation to school. Small items should be brought to the conference room in the office, and large items can be dropped off in the garage area off the cafeteria entrance. If you would like to donate a large item & do not want to bring it to school, please contact Heidi Daniel at 703-534-6713 to arrange a pick-up. Your thoughtfulness & generosity are greatly appreciated!



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