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Providence Players Announce June Production in Their New Venue!

Providence Players of Fairfax will be presenting its next production at the newly renovated James Lee Community Center! The Players will perform *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, a classic Kaufman and Hart comedy, starting June 4 in the new venue. The whole center has been completely renovated, and the new theater is state-of-the-art, with raked seating and sophisticated light and sound technology. *The Man Who Came to Dinner* runs Fridays and Saturdays for three weekends at 7:30 p.m., starting June 4. There will be a matinee on June 13 at 2:00. The James Lee Community Center is located at 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA, 22042. Tickets are \$12, or \$7 for seniors and students 18 and under. Please call 703-425-6782 and leave messages to order tickets, or email us at ProvidencePlayers@cox.net. Visa and MasterCard orders can be accepted!

Library Help Needed!

Our librarian could sure use a couple volunteers to help get her through the next couple of months. Thursdays and Fridays for 2 - 3 hours would help a lot. Mrs. Cronin also needs six to ten people to help for two or three days during the last two weeks of school to check all the books on all the shelves. Please contact Mrs. Cronin directly if you can help.

Woodson Basketball Camps

Girls: This camp will be held in two sessions in the Woodson gym for girls ages 8 - 15. The first session will be held June 21 to 25 and the second from June 28 to July 2, each from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$145. Coach Renee DeVarney will head up the camp, teamed with other coaches and players. For more information and application forms, contact the activities office at 703-503-4681.

Boys: Woodson will hold a basketball camp this summer for boys ages 8 to 15. Session one is July 6 to 9, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and session two is July 12 to 16, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Each session is \$160 and will encompass individual instruction, team play, and fundamentals. The cost also includes a basketball, T-shirt, personal evaluation, guest speakers and more. For brochures and registration forms, contact Coach Michael Pflugrath at 703-503-5792 or Michael.Pflugrath@fcps.edu.

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Planning for 6th Grade After-Grad Party

The next planning meeting for the 6th Grade After-Graduation Party will be Monday evening, May 10, at 7:00 in the library. All are welcome. For information, call Joyce Montgomery at 703-323-5053.

SLEEP Web Site and Petition are Online

Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal recently launched its web site, www.SLEEPinFairfax.org, to provide information about its efforts to get later start times at Fairfax County high schools and middle schools. The site contains information about the group and its mission, a fact sheet on adolescents and sleep, and a petition to sign for those supporting later start times at secondary schools.

SLEEP is a grassroots organization started in January by two Fairfax County parents concerned about the early start times of the county's secondary schools. Five years ago, a Fairfax County Public Schools Task Force studying school start times concluded that later start times would benefit adolescents. There is a large body of research which supports the Task Force's finding, saying that teenagers' natural sleep patterns make it difficult for them to go to sleep and wake up early. Currently, however, most county high schools begin at 7:20 a.m., and adolescents are often going to school sleep-deprived.

For further information, to comment about the effort, to sign up to get email about SLEEP news, **or even to become SLEEP's coordinator for the families of the Woodson pyramid**, please contact Phyllis Payne at dpayne6@cox.net, or Sandy Evans at evanssandy@aol.com.

Next FCAG Meeting

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted will hold its spring meeting on May 26 at Haycock ES, 6616 Haycock Rd., Falls Church, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Razel Solow, Ph.D., will speak and answer questions about the social and emotional needs of gifted students. Dr. Solow is a co-founder of the journal *Parenting for High Potential*, and is one of the co-founders of SENG (Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted). She will also be speaking on this topic at the national SENG conference in Arlington, VA, this July. Like all FCAG meetings, this meeting is free and open to the general public. Visit www.FCAG.org for more information, or call Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960.

KCC's Animal Shelter Project

Help support the Fairfax Animal Shelter by donating **blankets, towels, animal toys, canned kitten food, kitten formula, pet food and treats, leashes and collars**. Put your items into the box across from the office, now until May 17. On that day, the Kids Care Club will deliver them to the shelter. Kids Care Club members interested in delivering the donations, contact Jennifer Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490 so that carpools can be arranged.

The New PTA Parenting Library!

Stop by the school library to check out books on various parenting topics. The PTA allocated funds to purchase these books for our parents. The books cover a wide range of parenting topics from age-related issues to learning disabilities and study habits. Feel free to check out a few books by signing the form provided. The PTA Parenting Library can be found just inside the school library in a bookshelf on the left. Questions? Contact Pam Promisel at ppromisel@cox.net.