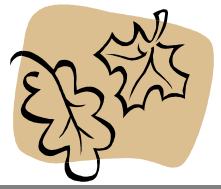


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FSIS Parenting Classes Offered

FCPS Family Services and Involvement Section (FSIS) offers a variety of Parenting Classes. Those listed below are held at *The Brown Building, 9735 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22031.*

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) 5-11 years

Six 2-hour sessions: November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 12, 19

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Class fees: \$85 per person/\$125 per couple (includes cost of one parent handbook).

Family Holiday Stress Busters

One 3-hour session: November 17

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Class fees: \$25 per person/\$40 per couple

For details and to register, **contact Bernadette Malamud at 703-277-2622.**

Wednesdays: November 30 and December 7, 14, 21

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Strengthening Your Parenting Skills

\$60 per person/\$90 for two people

For details and to register, **contact Susie Johnson at 703-277-2666.**

KIDS CARE CLUB

Next meeting is Thursday, November 3rd – please let us know if you are coming at dsm721@cox.net or mptaheeri@cox.net or bring a permission slip with you. Meet us in the Cafeteria at 3:30 and we'll work on our next activities – a book collection and canned good collection for Thanksgiving. The meeting will be over at 4:30.

Don't forget – we rake leaves on Saturday, November 12th. If you want to participate but cannot make it that day, just let us know when you are able to rake.

I give permission for _____ to attend the Kids Care Club meeting. I will pick my child up at 4:30 or they will return to SACC.

Signature

Contact number

2005 CAMERON'S CAUSE 5K Run/Walk

The Power of Community

Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 8:00 AM

Like a superhero, Cameron McClain is battling an evil force. His enemy is Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) with Ph+ (Philadelphia Chromosome positive). After a bone marrow transplant and almost two years of fighting the illness, Cameron received a clean bill of health and was ready to return to Mantua Elementary School this fall.

Cameron's father, Jay McClain, is the beloved principal at Haycock Elementary School. Unfortunately a dramatic resurgence of the cancer occurred in early August. Cameron now faces a second transplant very soon at Johns Hopkins Medical Center with cells donated by his younger brother Connor.

The school communities at Haycock Elementary School and Mantua Elementary School have joined forces with Fairlington United Methodist Church to support 8 year-old Cameron McClain in his battle.

A committee, consisting of parents, school staff, friends and church members, has planned an official 5K race to be held Saturday, November 5, 2005. The timed race will begin at 8:00am and will run on neighborhood streets around Haycock Elementary School in Falls Church, VA.

Overall and age group prizes will be awarded.

Walkers are welcome and will have a start time five minutes after the runners.

Fairfax County Police and the McLean Volunteer Fire Department have volunteered to be at the event to ensure a safe race.

All proceeds from the 5K race will be donated to the Cameron's Cause Foundation to help defray the tremendous costs of the medical care Cameron needs.

For more information on Cameron's situation visit:

<http://www.supportcameron.com/>

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