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Smiles Abound at the Redskins Santa Shoppe

Nineteen honor-roll students from The Foundation Elementary and Middle School and eleven from The Foundation High School could hardly contain their excitement as they participated in the Redskins Santa Shoppe at FedExField on December 16th. The students and their staff chaperones got to visit with Santa, one of the famed Hogettes, Miss Teen DC and several of the Redskins players. Many of the students had never had an opportunity to personally see FedExField let alone actually go into the team's locker room where the event was held. Each student was able to select a toy provided by the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program, and several of the students also took advantage of the opportunity to get Offensive Lineman Chad Rinehart's autograph. This is the 6th year the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation has hosted the event to ensure that children in need, like the very special youth we serve, can enjoy an exceptional holiday. We deeply appreciated their invitation to be a part of the program.



FSMC Spirit Week Showcases The Foundation Schools' Core Values

The staff and students of The Foundation School of Montgomery County got into the spirit from November 17th through the 21st with a Spirit Week sponsored by the school's Student Government Association. The Spirit Week featured theme dress days, a basketball tournament and bulletin board contest. The theme dress days included Sports Apparel Day, Mismatch Day, Fictional Character Day, Twin Day, and Color Day. The bulletin boards featured The Foundation Schools' five core values - Teamwork, Work Ethic, Respect, Integrity and Leadership - as themes. The basketball tournament was also a roaring success with the finals held at nearby Gaithersburg Recreation Center.



Staff Spotlight

The Foundation Schools management, Board and key staff spent time last year reflecting on our mission and purpose and articulating core values most representative of the organization. These values will be used as a defining guide as we work toward achieving our vision that EVERY STUDENT TRIUMPHS OVER ADVERSITY. The five Core Values of Teamwork, Work Ethic, Respect, Integrity and Leadership were identified and each staff member had an opportunity to work in small groups to define and share what those values mean to them and how they impact their daily work and relationships.

A formal employee recognition program was established last year by a team from the Foundation Leadership Program's Class of 2008. The Program was very well-received and was modified this year to align with the core values initiative. The renamed Quarterly Core Value Award provides staff with an opportunity to recognize a fellow team member for exemplifying one or more of the core values. At the end of each quarter a selection committee reviews the nominations and an employee from each of the three Foundation School programs is selected to receive the recognition certificate, a gift card, and be treated to a luncheon with CEO, Andy Adler.

We are very pleased to announce the first three recipients of the award: Paul Brooks from FSMC, Veronica White from FSEM, and Keisa Williams from FSHS.

Our terrific staff is at the core of our success!

FSMC Students Out and About

Art and Culture Class has its' Designs on Frank Lloyd Wright

FSMC's Art and Culture Class recently worked on a unit in perspective drawing and studied the work of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Mr. Wright designed the Usonian house as a solution to the architectural challenge of producing a modestly scaled family dwelling that was also affordable. The class of six students took a trip to Alexandria, Virginia to tour the Pope-Leighey



House, a Usonian home commissioned by Journalist Loren Pope and designed by Frank Lloyd Wright himself in 1941. The home's second owner, Mrs. Marjorie Leighey, donated the house and its furnishings to the National Trust for

Historic Preservation. The home was relocated to the grounds of Woodlawn and is open to the public for tours, like the one our students took just before the Winter Break. The tour guide provided an exceptional presentation that completely captivated our group. The students plan to complete their study by rendering a perspective drawing of the house from the photos taken during the tour.

Middle School Students Scale New Heights

All thirteen of FSMC's Middle School students scaled new heights this fall on a trip to Earth Treks Climbing Center in Rockville. Earth Treks boasts 16,000 square feet of state-of-the-art climbing walls and a large boulder cave. The trip provided an opportunity for the students to have a unique, trust-building experience far above the daily grind of the typical academic day. Upon arrival, the students were very nervous, but a few jumped right in and inspired the rest. All were amazed that they were able to climb the 30 foot wall, and a few thrill seekers also climbed the 40 foot wall and the cliff overhangs. The staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hope they will have an opportunity to go back soon.



The Votes are In! The Foundation High School's Election Poster Contest is a Winner

The Foundation High School held a poster contest the week before the election. The poster contest was an individual contest in which students had to draw a picture that related to the Election or Presidential Candidates Senator John McCain and Senator Barack Obama. The posters could contain pictures, poems or anything that appropriately represented their personal view of the election. All students were given time during their homeroom period to work on the project. Twelve individual students submitted posters for the contest and three winners were chosen from the submissions. Winners of the contest went to their polling places on Election Day and stood in line until they got to the voting booth in order to see what it would be like to participate in the voting process. Students and staff then had lunch to discuss what they witnessed.



Preparing for the Maryland and DC Assessments is Academic

On November 14, 2008, the Foundation Elementary and Middle School hosted students from the Foundation School of Montgomery County for the first "MSA - It's Academic" challenge.



The competition was held in seven rooms throughout the Largo Campus with elementary and middle school students intermingled by grade and age. Students competed in groups

of five and were challenged to answer questions related to testing vocabulary, strategies, and content. Student teams then won prizes based on their ranking of first through third place and even had the opportunity to win one of five gift cards from a positive participation raffle. Students and staff enjoyed the fun and new way to prepare for the Maryland and DC Assessment Tests which will be held in the Spring of 2009. Two more "MSA - It's Academic" events are scheduled over the next few months.

Recent Grant Awards

The Foundation Schools would like to acknowledge the generosity of the many Foundations, Corporations and Individuals that provide their support of our programs. We offer special recognition to the American Library Association, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Harris Teeter, The Herb Block Foundation, Corina Higginson Trust, Anthony Francis Lucas-Spindletop Foundation, The George Preston Marshall Foundation, Montgomery County Council, Prince George's County, The Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation, United Way of the National Capital Area, Venble Foundation, and the Zickler Family Foundation for providing grant funding during the first half of the 2008-2009 School Year. We could not achieve the same level of success without this vital support from our community.

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Number of tickets _____ x \$100 each = \$ _____

Attendee name(s) _____

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Businesses of all sizes encouraged. Personal ads welcome, too (congratulate a student, thank a staff member, offer tribute). Ads must be **camera ready and received by Thursday, March 5th.**

- Inside Front Cover** (7-1/2 wide X 10") . . . \$1,000
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- Full Page** (7-1/2 wide X 10") \$500
- Half Page** (7-1/2 wide X 4-3/4") \$250
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