

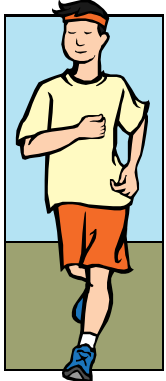


SAUNDERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SAUNDERS MEANS SUCCESS FOR ALL

March, 2010

Saunders Walk-Fit Club



Saunders Walk-Fit Club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10 pm-4:00 pm. The purpose of this club is for fun, fitness, stress relief and socialization. The club will walk through the neighborhood behind Saunders as well as on the track. Permission slips may be picked up from Mrs. Pannocchia in the gym. Please contact Mrs. Pannocchia if you

have any questions or concerns, thank you.

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Environmental Education Board

Congratulations to our representative Ben Lloyd to the Environmental Education Board Meeting in February. The meeting was a day-long planning session for the county to work on ways to promote Earth Day in April.



GUIDANCE INFORMATION SMS Families welcome China into their homes!

Saunders Guidance Department recently coordinated a visit of sixteen foreign exchange students and one teacher from China. The following families hosted a student in their homes for over a week and are to be commended for their generosity and hospitality to these visitors: **Barita Family** (Anthony and Michelle), **Bates Family** (Cassandra), **Hawkins family** (Calinda and Bill), **Kittsteiner family**

(**Maxmilliano**), **Rivera family** (Megan and Tiffany), **Lyle family** (Rhonda and Danielle), **McFall Family** (Andrew), **Nickerson family** (Raya and Cathy), **Perrin family** (Nathan), **Palermo family** (Rachel), **Parker family** (Seth), **Scallan Family** (EmilyS), **Shaver family** (Grant), **Waller family** (Melissa), **Zachmann family** (Elizabeth), **Yi Xu**.

The family sponsors are to be praised for their flexibility during this visit. Our Chinese visitors came during the major snow storms we experienced. However, our visitors still managed to attend school a few days with their host American student. Some activities they participated in while here were: bowling, a play at the Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre, learning American dances (electric slide, Macarena), playing basketball, sharing foods and in general learning about each others cultures. Please visit the Saunders website to see some of the activities our students enjoyed together. Again, thank you to our wonderful host families.



Saunders Guidance to Sponsor its annual Career Day!

The annual Saunders eighth grade Career Day is **Friday, March 26th**. We are still soliciting any volunteers from any field to assist with this wonderful experience. The entire event lasts between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Saunders currently has over 60 participants from the community who are volunteering their time to be available to answer questions about their chosen career fields. Please contact Cathy

SAUNDERS MISSION STATEMENT

Students and Staff will achieve their personal best academically, socially, and emotionally to include personal responsibility to the school community and as citizens of a diverse world. The possibility to develop those skills will be offered in a nurturing and challenging school climate, which fosters respect for self and others. Instruction will embody a variety of educational resources, current available technology, and instructional approaches that address individual needs and learning styles. The curriculum will be integrated and developmentally appropriate.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Nickerson to get more information
(nickerso@pwcs.edu).

All eighth Graders have completed their H.S. Schedules!

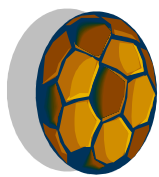
Counselors have been busy meeting with all eighth graders to complete their high school schedules. Parents are encouraged to retain their copy of the schedule and preview the high schools website as summer gets closer for any required summer reading assignments for high school. Any high school schedule changes from this time on will be handled by the high school.

students to take career interest inventories as well as researching particular careers. The address is: www.vaview.vt.edu.



SPRING SOL TESTING

The Spring SOL Testing Dates are **May 17 to June 11th**. All SOL Testing will be completed online this year. The schedule for each class will be available online after spring break. Students will be tested in the computer labs with their individual classes. Please contact guidance if you have any questions or concerns. Practice SOL Tests can be found at the VA Dept of Ed website: [HTTP://WWW.PEN.K12.VA.US/](http://WWW.PEN.K12.VA.US/) Click on released tests and search by subject. These are helpful before taking the actual Standards of Learning Tests in May/June. Another great practice location is SOIPASS.ORG. See the Saunders website (under guidance) for more information.



REGISTER FOR SARAH LOTT 5K/1 MILE WALK/RUN

The 2nd annual Sara Lott Annual 5K/1K walk/ run will be held April 24th at Saunders Middle School. The 1 mile walk will be started at 8:00 am and the 8:30 am 5K run. Registration forms can be found on the Saunders website. All Proceeds Benefit the Sara Lott Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all our sponsors (VA Runner, Giant Food, Mapledale, Papa John's Dale Blvd, Penny Used Auto Parts, Gold's GyM, New China, and Amici's Pizzeria. Contact Mrs. Covell or Mr. Anderson for more information (7030670-9188) or www.sra-lott.com.

RISING SIXTH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents of fifth grade students who are scheduled to attend Saunders in the 2010-2011 school year are invited to attend our Saunders Middle School Parent Information Night. This night is for parents of students who will be sixth graders next year. It will be held at Saunders Middle School on Wednesday, April 28th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the guidance office if you have any questions at 703-670-9188.

March is Youth Art Month!



Saunders artists have been working hard all year, and now is the time to display their Masterpieces! The Annual Spring Art Show will be displayed throughout the building during the month of March. Included in the artwork is ceramic pottery, weavings, paintings, prints, collages and drawings. Ribbons will be given for Best in Show for each art medium by grade level.

CAREER INFORMATION

Parents and students may want to visit a career development Website sponsored by Virginia Tech. The website is free and provides opportunities for

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VISIT THE SAUNDERS MIDDLE SCHOOL WEBSITE:
[Http://www.pwcs.edu/saunders/index.html](http://www.pwcs.edu/saunders/index.html)

