A message from BULL RUN ES

**Bull Run Principal's Press #9
October 29, 2015**

Dear Bull Run Parents/Guardians,

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow evening for our annual Fall Ball!

Warm regards,

Patti Brown

Please follow us on Twitter [@BullRunES](https://twitter.com/BullRunES)!

**NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**Federal Impact Aid Forms**

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is eligible for federal Impact Aid grants due to the ever increasing federal presence in the county. Thispresence creates tax exemptions for federally-connected agencies and personnel. We need your help in counting FCPS students with federalconnections.  You can help by completing the Student-Parent Survey form (<http://www.fcps.edu/it/forms/fs57.pdf>) for each school-aged student in your household. You should complete:

**Section 2** if you are on active duty in the uniformed services of the United States.

**Sections 3 and 4** if you are a civilian who works on federal property.

**Section 5** if you are both an accredited foreign government official and a foreign military officer.

Please complete and return the survey form to Bull Run ES by **November 6, 2015**. (If sections 2 through 5 do not apply to you, just sign, date, andreturn the form.) FCPS staff will process the information with the utmost confidentiality.

FCPS anticipates receiving about $3,000,000 annually in unrestricted funds from these grants. Your participation is critical to ensuring that all children in FCPS receive an excellent education.

Forms will also be sent home in your child’s communication folder on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

**Annual Veterans Day Ceremony**

As mentioned in the October 16 Principal Press #7, we will be hosting our annual Veterans Day assembly for our student body on Wednesday, November 11.  This very special event honors our school community’s American military veterans.  We have received a wonderful response from many veterans with ties to our Bull Run family.  We would like to extend one last invitation to any American veteran with ties to our community to take part in this tribute.  Distinguished guests will have an opportunity to share their name and branch of service, and will enjoy a memorable program put on by all of our Bull Run students.  If you or someone you know is an American veteran and would like to join us for this ceremony, please RSVP to our main office at 703-227-1400 or MMObarowski@fcps.edu by Friday, November 6, 2015.

**Technology Tools to Support Executive Functioning**

Many students struggle with planning, organizing and managing tasks, which impacts their academic achievement. This workshop will focus on strategies and technology tools that can help support students with executive function deficits.

**November 12, 2015
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services
2334 Gallows Road
Entrance 1 - Room 100
Dunn Loring, VA 22027

[**Register online now!**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-gZJ7YKYzc4RSta24yn-gwr1JMn_ojPgR8IkPe4YP_U/viewform)  [**Download the flyer**](http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/resources/events/documents/TechThursdayEFFlyer.pdf)

**A Dash of Play Goes A Long Way!**

***Play is the universal language of children that can help unlock your child's potential!***
Experience how mindful play lowers anxiety, invites calm, builds attention span, sharpens focus,
strengthens parent-child relationships and much more! Add to your parenting tool box to help your child in the classroom and beyond at this workshop.

**December 11, 2015
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***From the PTA:***

**FALL BALL is TOMORROW!**

We are hoping to see lots of our Bull Run friends at this fun event on Friday, October 30, 6:00-8:00 PM!  Click [here](http://bullrunespta.weebly.com/) to view the Fall Ball flyer.  There will be a DJ and dancing, a costume contest, food, and lots of family FUN!  Volunteers and donations are needed to make this a fun event for all.  We are in great need of raffle and costume contest donations (toys, electronics, gift cards, sports equipment, etc.).  Log on to contribute at:  [Fall Ball Volunteer Sign-Up](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4cabab29a7fc1-bull).  Donations of bottled water, soda, baked goods and individual chip bags can be dropped off in the office.  ***Students attending must be accompanied and supervised by their parent/guardian during this PTA event.***

**Reflections Contest:  *Let Your Imagination Fly!***

Deadline for Submissions – **Monday, November 2, 2015**

The National PTA Reflections program encourages Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 students to create and submit original works of art in one or more of the following categories:

 *• Dance Choreography • Film Production• Literature • Musical Composition• Photography •Visual Arts*

Interested students can download an entry form and review the rules at [**http://www.vapta.org/arts-in-education/reflections.html**](http://www.vapta.org/arts-in-education/reflections.html).  Please contact Jayeeta Purkayastha at joey\_purk@yahoo.com for further queries.  Download flier and registration information at: <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/sei/ABA>

**Yearbook Cover Contest**

The deadline for submitting artwork for the 2015-2016 Bull Run ES yearbook cover is **Friday, November 13, 2015**.  For full contest rules, please click [here](http://www.fcps.edu/BullRunES/docs/Yearbook_Cover_Contest_Flyer.pdf).  Questions should be directed to Dani LeKuch at dmlekuch@me.com.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October 30**

2-Hour Early Release for Students (Dismissal at 2:00 PM)

PTA Fall Ball, 6:00-8:00 PM

End of First Quarter

**November 2**

Deadline for Reflections Contest entries.

Teacher Workday (NO SCHOOL for students)

**November 3**

Teacher Workday (NO SCHOOL for students)

**November 6**

Federal Impact Aid Student-Parent Surveys due

If you have a question about these or any other events at Bull Run Elementary School, please check our [BRES website](http://www.fcps.edu/BullRunES/) or call the main office at 703-227-1400.

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FCPS employees may update (KIT Basic) contact information through UConnect <http://www.fcps.edu/hr/technology/uconnect.shtml>.

If you are not a parent or guardian of a child who attends an FCPS school please reply to this message with the words “ERROR –NOT MY CHILD” in the subject line.