**Bull Run Principal's Press #16**

**December 18, 2015**

Dear Bull Run Families,

To all of you, from all of us, we hope your winter break brings special moments shared with family and friends.  We look forward to seeing you again on January 4, 2016.

Warm regards,

Patti Brown

**NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**Bring Your Own Device**

FCPS encourages students to bring their own technology device to school as part of the **Bring Your** **Own Device**(BYOD) program,[http://www.fcps.edu/it/](http://www.fcps.edu/it/byod/index.shtml" \t "_blank)[byod/index.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/it/byod/index.shtml). Although FCPS does not require students to purchase their own devices, if you are considering the purchase of a device that your child could use during the school day or at home, please review the information in the attached letter.  This letter, and the associated links, can also be found on our website.

**Winter Break Office Hours**

December 21-25:  Offices closed

December 28-30:  Offices open

December 31-January 1: Offices closed

**Advanced Academic Program (AAP) Parent Referral Deadline**

The spring parent referral deadline is January 15, 2016.  A referral may be submitted any date from September 8 through January 15 to the AART (Ms. Shahidi).   Detailed information about referrals may be found [here](http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/identification/currentfcps.shtml).  No late submissions will be accepted.

**MyOn**

If you are traveling for the holidays, or just staying in town, your kids can use MyOn to practice their reading. MyOn is a digital literacy program that creates individual dashboards for students based on their specific interests and reading abilities; and, they’re offering $500.00 to the school that logs the most hours reading!  So, let’s get reading!

<https://www.myon.com/school/bullrun>

Requirements for using MyOn:  <http://prodev.myon.com/sites/default/files/2015System%20Requirements.pdf>

**Mind in the Making –Parent Workshop**

Mark your calendars for the third session of our Mind in the Making course for parents, which will focus on the executive functioning skill of Communicating.  In this session, you’ll learn family-friendly, fun strategies for helping your child become an effective communicator – one of the most important 21stcentury skills.  All are welcome to attend this informative and interactive learning opportunity – we hope to see you there!

Module 3 – Communicating

Thursday, January 7,*6:30-7:30 PM*(BRES Library)

**NEWS FROM THE PTA**

**Fundraising Updates**

Thank you to all of the families that came to the Chipotle night fundraiser.  We raised $511.18 for the BRES PTA.

Also, thank you to all of the families that donated to the PTA's No Fuss Fundraiser.  To date, we have raised $3,598.58! The PTA will use the monies raised for enrichment opportunities, special presentations, teacher support, and more.  If you would still like to make a donation, please go to the PTA website at:[http://bullrunespta.weebly.com/donate.html](http://bullrunespta.weebly.com/donate.html" \t "_blank).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**December 21 – January 1**

Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)

School resumes January 4, 2016

**January 7**

Mind in the Making – Parent Workshop

Session #3-Communicating, 6:30-7:30 PM, BRES Library

**January 11**

Centreville Pyramid Choral Concert, 7:30 PM, Centreville HS

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](tel:703-227-1400).  Please follow us on Twitter [@BullRunES](https://twitter.com/BullRunES)!

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