

## B&N Fundraiser Ends Tonight

The Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School annual Barnes and Noble fundraiser ends tonight. By using the code **501270** at any Barnes and Noble store in the country, the school receives a portion of the purchase to fund teacher grant competition, the Shakespeare in Residence program and the end-of-year field day and moving up ceremony.



Students clamor for raffle tickets from Daniel Donovan (center) at the Barnes and Noble fundraiser kickoff and concert at the Seven Corners location.

## Help Falls Church Families in Need

Each year, the Falls Church City Public Schools Family Assistance Fund collects donations to assist families with limited resources within our community. The donations are primarily used for holiday and back to school assistance for approved families with at least one school age student. Funds are also used for a crisis or medical emergency that may occur year round.

If you know of a family that could benefit such assistance this holiday season, or if you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the family assistance fund, contact school social worker Susan Sinclair at (703) 248-5634 or at [sinclairs@fccps.org](mailto:sinclairs@fccps.org).

## FCC-TV Spotlight: NASA Sci Files

Tune in to Falls Church City Television (FCC-TV) to watch NASA Sci Files. This Emmy award-winning series introduces students in grades 3-5 to NASA and integrates mathematics, science, and technology through the use of problem-based learning, as the tree house detectives solve real-world problems.



You can watch *NASA Sci Files* on FCC-TV at the following times:

- Mondays and Fridays at 7:30 a.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

You can now see FCC-TV programming live at [www.fccv.net](http://www.fccv.net) anywhere in the world! FCC-TV also airs in the greater Falls Church area on Cox Channel 12, Verizon Channel 35 and RCN Channel 2.



## BIE Partner of the Week Laura Nunley Weichert Realtors

**School involvement:** Serves on the board of Falls Church Education Foundation; Organized in-store reception and auction at Quinn's Auction House; Volunteers in the schools.

**Why Laura is a BIE partner:** "No matter where you live, it's important to give back to the schools. As a GMHS graduate, and parent of two FCCPS students, I feel a special connection to Falls Church and am glad to be able to support the schools as an FCEF Board member."



For more information about sharing your expertise through the BIE Partnership, visit [www.fccps.org](http://www.fccps.org) or contact Marybeth Connelly at [connellym@fccps.org](mailto:connellym@fccps.org).

## Foundation Footnotes

### Year end gift ideas

Looking for a tax deduction? The Falls Church Education Foundation is now accepting year-end gifts. Past year-end contributions have included cash, long-term appreciated stock and donations from an IRA. For more information about short or long-term donations and tax implications, contact the foundation office at (703) 538-3381 or email Donna Englander at [denglander@fcedf.org](mailto:denglander@fcedf.org).

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## GMHS Band Concert Tonight!

Here's a holiday treat you won't want to miss! The George Mason High School band performs tonight, Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Featured performances include classic compositions by Duke Ellington, Chick Corea and George Gershwin as well as holiday favorites such as Frosty the Snowman.

The symphonic band will perform "Video Games Live," complete with video of "Halo" and "Civilizations." The evening will be full of lively entertainment, and admission is free!

## Mustang Athletic Wear on Sale



Men's (left) and women's half-zip pullovers are among the items available for purchase at the GMHS online store.

If you are thinking of purchasing work-out wear for you or as a gift, think of buying brands that give back to George Mason High School. But you better hurry!

Visit [www.fccps.org/gmhstore/](http://www.fccps.org/gmhstore/), the GMHS winter sports store, to place your order by midnight tonight. Black hoodies, beanies, t-shirts, shorts, pullovers and yoga pants are available for men and women in all sizes with proceeds benefiting Mustang athletics. Prices range from \$12-\$30.

## Calendar for December 10-17, 2009

### December

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|----|------------|--|
| 10 | 7:30 p.m.  | Winter Band Concert (GM)                       |
|    | 7:30 p.m.  | Seton School @ Mason (B Basketball)            |
| 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Mason @ Warren Co. (Wrestling)                 |
|    | 6:00 p.m.  | Mason @ Ida Lee Pool v. Briar Woods (Swimming) |
| 14 | 5:00 p.m.  | Bull Run District @ Mason (Scholastic Bowl)    |
|    | 6:00 p.m.  | Falls Church @ Mason (G Basketball)            |
|    | 7:30 p.m.  | Falls Church @ Mason (B Basketball)            |
|    | 7:30 p.m.  | Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee (TJ)    |
| 15 | 7:00 p.m.  | Middle School Chorus Concert (MEH)             |
| 16 | 5:30 p.m.  | Day Care Subcommittee: Standing Committee (TJ) |
|    | 7:00 p.m.  | Extended Day Care Advisory Board (TJ)          |
|    | 7:30 p.m.  | Mason @ Potomac Falls (G Basketball)           |
|    | 7:30 p.m.  | Potomac Falls @ Mason (B Basketball)           |
|    | 7:30 p.m.  | Day Care Subcommittee: Daycare Capacity (TJ)   |
| 17 | 7:30 p.m.  | GMHS Chorus Winter Concert (GM)                |

For more calendar information, visit [www.fccps.org/calendar](http://www.fccps.org/calendar).  
(MD) Mt. Daniel School (TJ) Thomas Jefferson Elementary  
(MEH) Mary Ellen Henderson Middle  
(GM) George Mason High (CO) Central Office

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