

FCCPS History Buffs Head to National Competition

Six Falls Church City Public Schools students are advancing to the National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland in June. They are among eleven students from Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School (MEHMS) and George Mason High School (GMHS) who successfully competed in the second round of the National History Day state competition last week.



Six FCCPS students are advancing to the National History Day national competition in June. Pictured with their sponsors Rory Dippold (l) and Jeremy Shumpert (far right) are (l to r) Sarah Miller, Honora Overby, Fae Montgomery, Jessica Kemp, Alissa Forbes and Crystal Luo.

First place honors went to Sarah Miller (MEHMS) and Crystal Luo (GMHS) in the Historical Paper category.

Other winners from George Mason High School include Fae Montgomery and Honora Overby who won first place for their performance. Jessica Kemp and Alissa Forbes earned second place honors for their historical exhibit. Third place honors went to Calder Hannan in the Historical Paper category, and to Scott Connuck, Sarah Devlin, Liam O'Connell, and Meredith Brindley for their documentary.

All first and second place winners will advance to the national competition.

FCCPS Foreign Language Students Take Top Honors

Students in George Mason's Chinese II language class are tops in the region for the second year in a row; bringing home first place awards in last week's Northern Virginia Modern Foreign Language Tournament. The competition involves more than 175 language learners from high schools across Virginia.

First place honors went to Elsie Poon and Benjamin Tran for their Chinese original skit; and to Brian Highman, Joe Reich and Reilly Culhooone for their Chinese dramatic interpretation.

In the French 5 competition, Katie Buenneke finished in third place in the Oral Interpretation of Poetry non-native category, and in the Spanish 2 competition, Lilly Constance earned third place honors for Spanish Oral Interpretation of Poetry.

The students competed under the direction of faculty sponsors Tina Kao, Chin Mah and Suzanne Planas.



Extended Day Care
After-School Activities Program
ASAP

Professional Day May 3rd

Register online:
fccps.org/daycare

FCC-TV Spotlight: Falls Church News Press Candidate Forum

Still unsure about the upcoming election? Tune in to Falls Church Community Television (FCC-TV) to see the *Falls Church News-Press Candidate Forum*. This roundtable gives residents of Falls Church City a chance to hear more from the candidates running for positions on the city council. You can catch *FCNP Candidate Forum* on FCC-TV at the following times:

- Friday at 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

You can now see FCC-TV programming live at www.fcctv.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.



Save The Date
Tuesday, May 18th
5:30 p.m.

Celebrate with Us
Agnes Meyer Teacher
of the Year
Support Staff
Employee of the Year
MEHMS
Cafetorium



Sunday, May 16th
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

For ticket information visit
www.fallschurchpta.org/hgtour



BIE Partner of the Week

Carol Klein
Falls Church Foot & Ankle

School involvement: Worked with Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School to arrange a shoe collection. The bags and boxes of shoes donated by students will be sent to people in Haiti and Falls Church's Sister City, Kokoloopori.

Why Carol is a BIE partner: "This project is a great way to connect middle school students to the world. Donating shoes is both simple and important. At Falls Church Foot & Ankle, we are glad to be able to facilitate this kind of student kindness to others."



For more information about sharing your expertise through the BIE Partnership, visit www.fccps.org or contact Marybeth Connelly at connellym@fccps.org.

Foundation Footnotes

Annual Fundraising Dinner Draws 240 Donors

The Falls Church Education Foundation's 6th Annual Dinner Celebration was held on April 23rd at the Westin Arlington Gateway. This year 240 school families, faculty, sponsors and supporters enjoyed the event featuring entertainment by the George Mason Jazz Ensemble and professional jazz vocalist, Ericka Ovette. Approximately \$70,000 was raised in support of foundation operations and school initiatives such as new technology for the elementary schools and Challenge Day at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School.

The Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. For information about the Falls Church Education Foundation, visit www.fcedf.org or contact Donna Englander at denglander@fcedf.org.



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Calendar for April 29 - May 5, 2010

Testing	
Now - 5/7	SRI Post Test (MEH/GM)
Now - 5/7	STAMP (Foreign Language) (MEH/GM)
4/ 30	IB/SBS Exam (GM)
5/4 - 28	PALS Post Test (MD/TJ)
5/4 - 24	IB Exams (GM)
April	
29	4:00 p.m. Potomac School @ Mason (B Tennis)
	7:15 p.m. Potomac Falls @ Mason (G Lacrosse)
	7:30 p.m. Mason @ Potomac Falls (B Lacrosse)
30	6:00 p.m. Haiti Relief Pasta Dinner (MEH)
	6:00 p.m. Wakefield @ Mason (G Lacrosse)
	7:30 p.m. Wakefield @ Mason (B Lacrosse)
May	
1	10:00 a.m. Boys Varsity Soccer Car Wash (GM)
	2:00 p.m. Colonial Beach @ Mason (Baseball/Softball)
3	Professional Day (Schools Closed/Day Care Open)
	6:30 p.m. Mason @ Lee High (Softball)
	7:00 p.m. Joint Gifted & Talented/Special Education Adv. Committees (TJ)
	7:30 p.m. Mason @ Dominion (B Lacrosse)
	7:30 p.m. Dominion @ Mason (G Lacrosse)
4	4:00 p.m. Mason @ Episcopal High (B Tennis)
	5:00 p.m. Clarke Co. @ Mason (Baseball/Softball)
	7:00 p.m. Mason @ Clarke Co. (B Soccer)
	7:00 p.m. Clarke Co. @ Mason (G Soccer)
5	2:45 p.m. FCCPS Benefits Fair (MEH)
	4:00 p.m. Yorktown @ Mason (B Tennis)
	4:00 p.m. Mason @ Yorktown (G Tennis)
	5:00 p.m. Manassas @ Mason (Track)
	7:30 p.m. PTSA Meeting (GM)

For more calendar information, visit 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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