

Rasnake, Riccards Join 2010-11 FCCPS School Board

As the Falls Church City School Board sits down today to organize for the 2010-11 school year, it welcomes two new leaders and two current members returning for new terms.

Gregory Rasnake and Pat Riccards took the oath of office last month in preparation for their first terms. They fill spots on the board vacated by former board chairman Ron Peppe, who ran a successful campaign for city council, and Kathryn Chandler who did not seek a third term.



Gregory Rasnake Pat Riccards

Rosaura Aguerrebere and Susan Kearney return for second four-year terms following their re-election in the spring.

Rasnake is a senior congressional liaison and deputy budget director at the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA). Prior to joining the FAA in 2006, Rasnake was a managing partner of the law firm Davis Rasnake, PLLC. Rasnake has two daughters in Falls Church schools.

Pat Riccards is executive director of the American Institutes of Research and founder of Exemplar Strategic Communications. He holds a bachelors degree in Government and Rhetoric and Communication Studies from the University of Virginia.

During its annual organizational meeting, the School Board elects its chairman and vice-chairman, makes committee assignments and sets its yearly calendar. Other school board business is conducted as well.

FCC-TV Spotlight: Today's Air Force

Tune in to Falls Church City Television (FCC-TV) to watch *Today's Air Force*. This weekly news show features in-depth stories about the Air Force and its people, programs, technology, exercises, operations and more. You can watch *Today's Air Force* on FCC-TV at the following times:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.
- Saturdays at 6:30 a.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.



BIE Partner of the Week

Kathy Hamor
Curves

School involvement: Donated bottled water to Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Field Day. Curves is an annual donor to the new Teacher Welcome Bags, supports Staff Appreciation Week and provides staff discounts throughout the year.

Why Kathy is a BIE partner: "At Curves, we provide a place where women find support and success in the lifelong journey to be healthy. We are happy to support a fun day of outdoor activities at field day and to provide a place where staff can get fit."

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

Wilden After-School Program Receives Laptops, Digital Cameras from FCEF



At the completion of the school year, 11 students from Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School received laptop computers or digital cameras as an incentive for completing a special after-school program. The Imogene and Robert Wilden After-School Program was launched in 2006 to provide after-school enrichment for students who are English as a second language learners. The program includes technology-based learning activities, tutoring, homework and testing support. Thanks to generous gifts from major donors, the Falls Church Education Foundation provides the laptop computers and digital cameras for each student who successfully completes the program year.

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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GMHS Wins 2009-10 Wachovia Cup for Athletics

The accolades for an already record breaking 2009-10 academic and athletic school year continue to pour in to George Mason High School. For the second year in a row, the Mustangs are being awarded the coveted Wachovia Cup, the state's top sports award for overall achievement in athletics in VHSL Group A.

George Mason ironically is sharing the title with Radford High School, the same school from which the Mustangs wrestled three of their record six state athletic and academic titles this year.

The Wachovia Cup winner is determined by a point system based on performance in state championship events. Both Mason and Radford ended the season with 397.5.

Mason completed the spring season winning VHSL championships in boys and girls soccer and boys tennis, as well as a third place finish in girls outdoor track and reached the semifinals in girls tennis.

The Mustangs also won VHSL championships in girls cross country and girls basketball, while earning points in boys cross country and sportsmanship.

In addition to Mason, Blacksburg and Frank W. Cox high schools won the Wachovia Cup for Groups AA and AAA respectively.

The winners will be recognized during VHSL day at a University of Virginia football game in the fall.

School Board Approves Committee Appointments

During its regular meeting on June 22nd, the Falls Church City School Board approved the following committee appointments for terms beginning July 1, 2010:

Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee

- Rodica Benya
- Teresa Michals

Extended Day Care Advisory Board

- Sharon Lusk

School Health Advisory Board

- Surekha Cohen*
- Bill Holtz

Family Life Education Advisory Committee

- Julie Griffin*

Special Education Advisory Committee

- Sylvia Malm*

* - reappointment

For more information concerning the various FCCPS school board advisory committees and how you may become more involved, visit: www.fccps.org/board/committees.

Review of Recommended Social Studies Textbook

The Falls Church City Public Schools Studies Department is currently reviewing textbooks. The following textbook has been recommended and the public is invited to review it and provide comments for the department's consideration:

Psychology 6th ed., Worth Publishers, 2011.

The textbook will be on display until July 16th at the Falls Church City Public Schools Central Office, 800 W. Broad Street, in Suite 203. Office hours are from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Dr. Gloria J. Guba, Assistant Superintendent at 703-248-5600.

Summer School Dates

Mount Daniel Elementary

July 6-9 (T-F) and July 12-29 (M-Th) 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*Summer School Plus: August 2-5

Thomas Jefferson Elementary

July 6-30 (M-F) 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*Summer School Plus: August 23-27

Mary Ellen Henderson Middle

July 6-30 (M-F) 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

*Summer School Plus: August 23-27

George Mason High

July 6-23 (M-F) 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Summer School Plus: July 26-August 6

*Summer School Plus attendance is by special invitation only.



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