



Fairfax County Special Education PTA

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## November 2018

### **November 7th - Fairfax County SEPTA Inclusion Night**

**7pm, Robinson Secondary School Recital Hall**

Come and learn about several inclusive programs happening in Fairfax County Public Schools. Featured programs include: Best Buddies, Unified Special Olympics, Camelot Acceptance Team and Buddy program, Frost Unified Special Olympics, Robinson Partnership, Walk in My Shoes, Welcoming Inclusion Network, plus Inclusive Schools Week ideas! \*\*Refreshments will be served\*\*

### **November 19th - School Board Proclamation for Inclusive Schools Week**

**7pm, Luther Jackson Middle School Auditorium**

Please join us for the Inclusive Schools Week Proclamation at the School Board meeting! Meet in the Lobby at 6:45 pm to get your Inclusive Schools Sticker! If you have a SEPTA shirt, please wear it! There will be a group photo after the proclamation is read.

***NOTE: This week's school board meeting is on a Monday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.***

### **November 20th - Board of Supervisors Proclamation for Inclusive Schools Week**

**9:30am, Fairfax County Government Center**

During the proclamation ceremony, all guests are invited to gather at the base of the auditorium for the reading of the proclamation and a group picture with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the numerous benefits of inclusive schools.

***NOTE: Meet in the Lobby at 9 am to receive you sticker!***

*(See reverse for December events)*



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### December 1st - Holiday Book Fair to Benefit Fairfax County SEPTA

All day at the Barnes and Noble locations in Fair Lakes and Springfield.

We'll have guest readers and performers as well as face painting. Hope to see you there! Stay tuned to our social media pages for our unique code which can be used at ANY Barnes & Noble that day as well as online for one week after the Fair.

### December 3- Fairfax County Council PTA Advocacy Day

Time and Location TBA

The Fairfax County Council of PTAs (FCCPTA) is providing a great opportunity for PTA members to meet, engage, and build relationships with their local elected officials on the Fairfax County School Board and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. PTA members will be able to tell their stories about their schools and students and discuss the importance of education for families and for Fairfax County.

### December 3 - 7th - National Inclusive Schools Week

This year, the Inclusive Schools Week's theme is "Kaleidoscope of Friends." If you look into a kaleidoscope, you see an infinite array of patterns of brilliant light created by repeated reflection. Kaleidoscope comes from two Greek words: kalos, meaning "beautiful," and eidos, "shape." And indeed, education takes on a beautiful shape when all children belong and are valued as contributing members of the school community. That is the vision of inclusive education; it drives decisions, actions, and core beliefs. Repeated reflection helps shape effective practices to meet the needs of all students. When we add the word "friends" to that image, the result is a myriad of relationships that provide opportunities for the support and growth of all children.

Contact Joanne Walton at [spedliaisons@fairfaxcountysepta.org](mailto:spedliaisons@fairfaxcountysepta.org) for ways you can celebrate National Inclusive Schools week at your school!