

Benjamin D. Foulois Traditional Academy

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~Newsletter - June 2003~

From the Principal's Desk:

Plans have already begun for the 2003-2004 school year. The first order of business is to welcome Dr. Andre Hornsby as CEO of Prince George's County Schools. His focus is to increase literacy. We will continue to embrace this vision. At Foulois, there will be some changes in personnel as well due to retirement or transfers. A new crop of educators beginning their teaching careers will find their way to BFTA. We look forward to another successful year of achievements for your children and our own growth in working with them. Times of curriculum instruction are to be extended for Reading and Math. They will be different, however, for primary and intermediate students. As we've done previously, no interruptions will be allowed during the morning Reading block. It is also my expectation that there will be more parental involvement with the PTA and the academic success of your children next year.

The last day of school for students is Monday, June 23rd. All are expected to be in attendance, dressed in a complete uniform, and display appropriate behavior at all times. If an early vacation is planned for your family, please contact your child's classroom teacher. Also, a written note must be submitted for a pick-up by anyone other than a parent.

Remaining articles in the Lost & Found will be donated to charity at the close of school. Please
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

June

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| 6 | Kindergarten Classes to National Zoo |
| 17 | Sixth Grade Recognition-6:00 p.m. |
| 23 | Last Day of School for Students |
| 25 | Last Day of School for Teachers |

August 25, 2003

First Day of 2003-2004 School Year for Students

BFTA~A GOOD PLACE TO BE

MAGNET MATTERS:

END-of-YEAR NOTES: You will receive a notice for replacement costs of lost or damaged Lightspan CD's, library and textbooks, etc. shortly. Please make your payment in a timely manner. Checks are no longer being accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Final report cards will be held if financial obligations are not satisfied.

MAGNET INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Thank you to those students who met this requirement of the Magnet Agreement. We hope more will do so next year in order to participate in the reward program. The final incentive will be an overstuffed bag of goodies.

UNIFORMS: The uniform policy must be adhered to daily thru the last day of school, June 23, 2003. **Shorts are not allowed to be worn.** Is your uniform looking a little drab? Use navy blue clothing dye to darken faded pants and soak white shirts in powdered bleach to brighten them. You'll be set for next year!

**A Message for 6th Grade Promotees
from BFTA's Staff & Faculty**

Congratulations

GOOD LUCK

**YEARBOOKS-\$16.00
(Cash or Money Order ONLY)**

In the Spotlight...

Mrs. Brenda Durrington

Brenda Payne Durrington is leaving teaching after working 34 years in education. Mrs. Durrington is a native Washingtonian. She attended D.C. Public Schools and graduated from the District of Columbia Teachers' College. She earned credits toward her Masters at Trinity College and the University of Maryland.

Many years ago she developed a preschool play program for the D.C. Department of Recreation. She also taught many years in Catholic Schools in the Washington Archdiocese. Now, after 18 years with the Prince George's County Public School System, she is retiring. She will be leaving a profession that she loved since her childhood. Next to getting married and having children, becoming a teacher was always a heartfelt desire.

Her former students, parents, administrators, and other co-workers will attest to the fact that Mrs. Durrington was excellent at her job. After observing her work with a class of students, a minister one commented that "teaching was her Ministry." She really captivated the hearts and minds of young children. She inspired them to want to learn more, to accept challenges, and to always do their best.

Mrs. Durrington has been married to Jerome Kenneth for 43 years. They have 2 sons, Darryl Jerome and Bryan Kenneth. Darryl and wife Erika are expecting a son, Drew Kenneth in July. Bryan and wife Roberta have a son, Brandon Terrell and a daughter, Kendra Anne. Mrs. Durrington is looking forward to relaxing, traveling, and spoiling the grandchildren.

The BFTA family wishes her a fond farewell. Please find some time to stop by to say good luck and good bye before the first of July.

PTA Meeting

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Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Media Center - 700 P.M.

SIXTH GRADE PROMOTION DINNER & CEREMONY

**will be held
on the evening of
Tuesday, June 17, 2003
at 6 o'clock**

BY RESERVATION ONLY

ACADEMY of READING

JUNE 2003

Ms. Sharon McElfish

There are four levels of skills to master in the Academy of Reading.

I. Visual Discrimination of Words: We welcome new members to the Academy-Jeff Brooks, Derrick Marbury, and Lawrence Smith.

II. Phonemic Awareness: Sixth graders currently mastering skills in this program are Ernesha Gaitwood, Kenneth Huff, and Johnnetta Knight.

III. Auditory Visual Discrimination of Words: Near completion is Wayne Tate.

IV. Comprehension: In various levels of the 100 comprehension levels are: Kiara Logan, Jasmine Wright, Wendell Morris, Ashley McClain, Kevin Johnson, Raquel Thompson, and April Talbert.

Completing the entire program-Autumn Byrd(Mr. Carroll), Gelia Young(Mr. Carroll), Charmine Bouknight(Ms. Kirkland), Maria Sanchez(Mr. Carroll), and Alexis Foo(Mrs. Tyler).

Congratulations to our hard working 6th graders!

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child

**ARE YOU RAISING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN
OR THE CHILDREN OF OTHER RELATIVES?
WE CAN HELP!!!**

- With school questions
- Assistance with benefit eligibility
- With legal issues
- Emotional support
- Parenting skills

**AND MUCH MORE,,,
Call Catholic Charities
Family Circles Program
at 301 568-9529 Ext. 16**

**Funded by Prince George's
Department of Family Services
Commission for Children, Youth, and Families**

**Student of the Month
for May**

**Simms-Andrea Hairston
Vagnier-Juwan Whitaker**

**BFTA SCHOOL STORE
DAILY 8:45-9:10
Room 108**

**END-of-YEAR CLEARANCE
2 Pencils, 2 Cap Erasers
& 2 Pencil Grips
for \$1.00**

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remind your child to check on the stage in the multi-purpose room for misplaced items.

Traditionally, this time of year begins the wedding season. Teachers, Trisha Rogers and Anthony Carroll, are embarking on this stage of their lives. We welcome Tommy Vagnier and Shannon Whitmire to our BFTA family. Best wishes to these young couples for many years of happiness.

While this has undeniably been an eventful year, the staff and faculty here at Foulois always pulled together whenever necessary to get the job done. I thank them for their dedication. Now they are to take the time they deserve to relax, enjoy family and friends, and prepare to return in August for a new and exciting school year!



**Tech Center
Mr. S. Spindler-CATS**

Here we are at the end of the school year. It seems like the time just flew by. It's been a great year for technology use here at Foulois, and it's only going to get better. I hope over the course of the school year, you were able to gain useful information from my monthly segment. If you have any technology questions over the summer and would like to contact me, please feel free to do so at scott.spindler@pgcps.org. Be sure to keep an eye on our web site for information such as class supply lists, summer office hours, and registration information. Have a great summer!!

ATTENTION: Kindergarten STUDENTS

The first 25 students
to return this coupon to the
BFTA School Store will receive

An
**AMERICAN FLAG
KEY CHAIN**

NAME:



**Enjoy your
summer!!**

ATTENTION: 6th Grade STUDENTS

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**A MECHANICAL PENCIL
&
BOX of REFILLS**

NAME:

WATCH FOR INFO ON...

**Grade Level Field Days
to be held the week of
June 16-20, 2003**

**ACTIVITIES for SUMMER
MAKE & TAKE**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:30 until 5:00
June 10, 12, 17, & 19, 2003**

- Limited Space Available
- No Transportation Provided

**FLASHCARDS, GAMES
& MUCH MORE**

BUSINESS PARTNERS WANTED

We are seeking Business Partnerships for the coming school year. Although this is a suggested list, it is not all-inclusive. It is our hope that business partners would assist the school in the following area(s):

- Accompanying classes on field trips
- Providing a speakers bureau on motivation or current topics of interest to students
- Tutoring students
- Volunteering in our After School Enrichment Program
- Volunteering in classrooms or Media Center
- Reading to students
- Providing incentives/rewards to students
- Being hall monitors
- Photocopying
- Underwriting cost of activities
- Participating in Parent Activities
- Other assistance as deemed necessary

JUST A THOUGHT...

Success in School = Success in Life