



# Kindergarten Orientation 2024

**Welcome to Virginia Run!**  
Learning Today... Leading Tomorrow

Every school is a family that should be able to collaborate together, reflect together and work to positively impact each and every student emotionally, socially and academically.



### **FCPS Region 5 Goals:**



- 1) Continue to provide high quality tier 1 instruction in all classrooms.
- 2) Continue to develop high-functioning collaborative teams.
- 3) Continue to create a caring community culture.



# Welcome and Introductions

- Mr. Gerstner, **Principal**
- Ms. Arreaza , **Assistant Principal**
- Mrs. DelGrosso, **Kindergarten Teacher**
- Mrs. Nix, **Kindergarten Teacher**
- Mrs. Reeser, **Kindergarten Teacher**
- Mrs. Roberts, **Kindergarten Teacher**
- Mrs. Hall, **Special Education Teacher**
- Mrs. Carlson, **Instructional Assistant**
- Mrs. Chavarria, **Instructional Assistant**
- Mrs. Prakash, **Instructional Assistant**
- Mrs. Roundtree, **Instructional Assistant**





# Welcome and Introductions

- Mrs. Tuben, **Art Teacher**
- Mr. Siwert, **ESOL Teacher**
- Ms. Strowger, **ESOL Teacher**
- Ms. McCrea, **ESOL Teacher**
- Mrs. Dekeuster, **School Counselor**
- Mrs. Bokus **Reading Specialist**
- Mrs. Campbell **Math Resource**
- Mrs. Bancroft, **Registrar**
- Mrs. Lee, **Public Health Nurse**
- Ms. Minogue, **PTA President**





# Our Future Kindergarteners get to visit a Kindergarten Classroom!





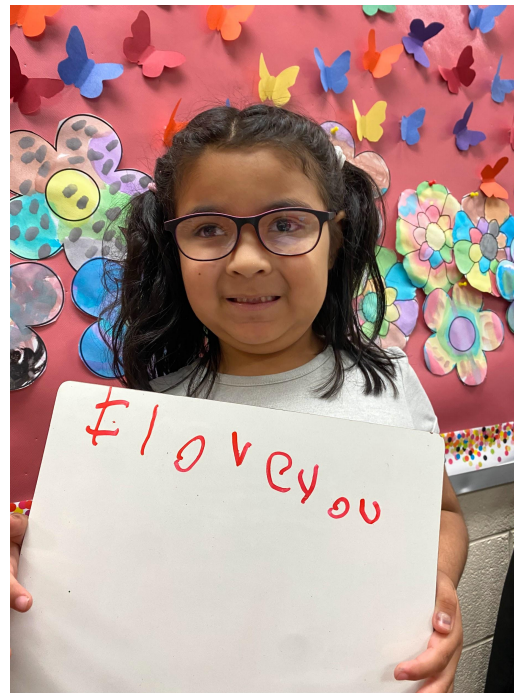
## Parents as Partners

- *PTA*
- *Room Parents*
- *Birthday Readers*
- *Mystery Readers*
- *Field Trip Chaperones*
- *Weekly iPad Helpers*
- *Lunch Dates*
- *Donating items*



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# ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

- Home Language Survey
- Language Acquisition in Kindergarten
- Annual Assessment: January – March school-wide WIDA testing through which ESOL students are assessed to determine progress in English language proficiency.



# Virginia Run Vision

**We are ONE VRES**

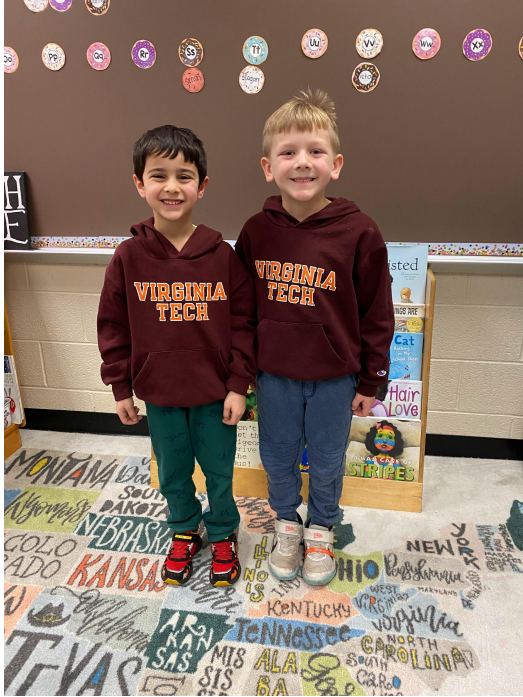
**V**iking Strong. We are One!

**R**espond to the needs of our community.

**E**mbrace our unique differences.

**S**et the path for students and adults to become lifelong learners.





# Virginia Run Mission

We are ONE VRES

At VRES, we value belonging and integrity while cultivating lifelong learners. We recognize and appreciate the rich tapestries and backgrounds students bring with them, while they are engaging in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating academic environment.

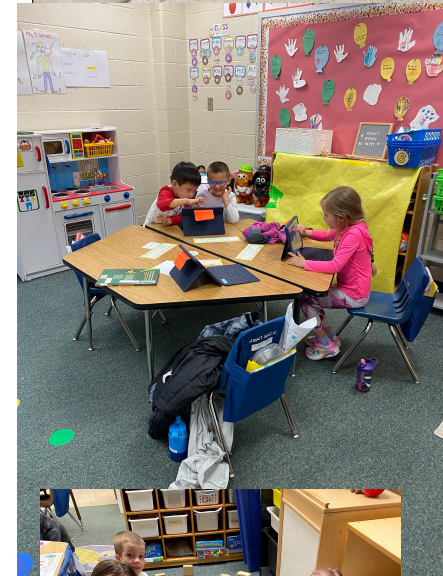
# Starting off the Year on August 19th, 2024

- School Begins at 9:15 AM  
to 4:00 PM  
Mondays-Fridays
- Doors open at 9:00 AM
- Kiss and Ride opens at  
9:00 AM



# Typical Kindergarten Schedule

- Arrival
- Specials
- Morning Meeting
- Math
- Snack
- Recess
- Phonics
- Reading
- Writing
- Centers
- Lunch
- Calendar
- Viking Voyage
- Social Studies/  
Science
- Dismissal



# Language Arts

## Oral Language

- Listening
- Speaking
- Phonological Awareness
- Phonemic Awareness



## Reading

- Print Awareness
- Read Alouds
- Alphabet Identification
- Early Phonics/Lexia program



## Writing

- Early introduction to the writing process
- Letter Formation
- Beginning Words
- Sentences
- Spelling

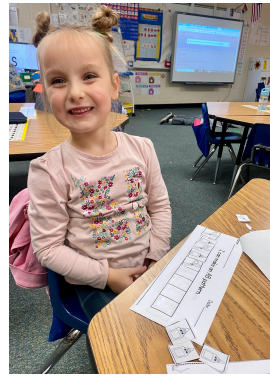


# Mathematics

## Hands-on learning experiences

**Math Stations (Whole and small groups and independent learning practice)**

- Sorting
- Patterning
- Counting and Numbers
- Composing
- Decomposing
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Graphing and Data
- Fractions
- Calendar
- ST Math on iPads



# Science

- Observations
- Shadows
- Five Senses
- Squirrels
- Pumpkins
- Living/Nonliving
- Weather
- Water
- Push/Pull
- Recycling
- Plant Life Cycle
- Ants
- Measuring Change
- Plant/Animal Needs



# Social Studies

- **History:** famous Americans and holidays
- **Economics:** economic choices, wants, money, work people do and jobs
- **Geography:** basic concepts about maps and globes, positional words, relative location
- **Civics:** examples of being a good citizen, recognizing the American flag, The Pledge of Allegiance, and knowing the president is the leader of our country







# Specials at Virginia Run



## Library

Nurtures reading development in

areas of:

Listening

Story Retelling

Questioning

## Art

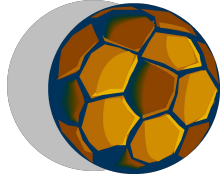
Promotes self-expression,  
creativity, and exploration through

the use of:

Various Art Materials and Techniques

Works of Art





# Specials at Virginia Run



## PE

Fosters physical development in areas of:

Large Muscle Control  
Small Muscle Control  
Physical Activities

## General Music

Promotes musical engagement and expression through:

Songs and Chants  
Instrument Playing  
Movement and Dance



## Virginia Run School Wide Expectations Matrix 2023-2024

	All Classroom Environments	Hallway	Cafeteria	Restroom	Playground and Field	Bus, Walkers, Kiss & Ride	Technology
Voice Level	Teacher directed voice level (0-3)	Use a level 0	Use voice a level 2	Use a voice level 0	Use a voice level 4	Use a voice level 2	Teacher directed voice level (0-2)
Respectful	<p>Follow directions</p> <p>Be an active learner</p> <p>Show your best effort</p> <p>Use kind words and actions</p>	<p>Keep hallways clean</p> <p>Walk directly to your location</p> <p>Take the shortest path</p>	<p>Raise your hand for help</p> <p>Say "please" and "thank you"</p> <p>Wait for the trash can to come to you</p> <p>Clear table and floor of trash</p>	<p>Give others privacy</p> <p>Flush, wash, and go!</p>	<p>Use kind words and actions</p> <p>Return equipment</p> <p>Check for personal items (jacket, lunchbox)</p> <p>Line up when called</p>	<p>Listen and follow the safety patrols, bus driver, and crossing guard directions</p> <p>All electronics must be off and in your backpack when on the bus</p> <p>Keep seat area neat and clean (no food and drink on the bus)</p>	<p>Keep food and drinks away from your school device</p> <p>Try your best to keep your device charged and restart daily</p> <p>Carry your device with care</p>

	All Classroom Environments	Hallway	Cafeteria	Restroom	Playground and Field	Bus, Walkers, Kiss & Ride	Technology
<b>Safe</b>	<p>Be aware of your personal space</p> <p>Keep hands, feet, and body to yourself</p> <p>Use materials safely</p>	<p>Face forward</p> <p>Walk single in a line on the second tile</p> <p>Stay with your class or your buddy</p> <p>Carry personal belongings properly</p> <p>Follow stop signs</p>	<p>Stay in your seat with knees under table</p> <p>Eat over your plate/area</p> <p>Respond to quiet signal</p>	<p>Use bathroom equipment appropriately</p>	<p>Use equipment appropriately</p> <p>Play organized games safely</p> <p>Stay in teacher's viewpoint</p> <p>Ramps, stairs, sheds, and handrails are a no play zone</p> <p>Use restroom as teacher directed</p>	<p>Remain seated on the bus at all times</p> <p>Cross at the crosswalks</p> <p>Walk on sidewalks</p> <p>Stay close to the wall at K&amp;R</p>	<p>Communicate in a positive way with only people you know and trust</p> <p>Use school approved websites</p> <p>Keep your personal information private</p>

# Voice Levels

4

Outside  
Voice



3

Strong  
Speaker



2

Table Talk



1

Whisper



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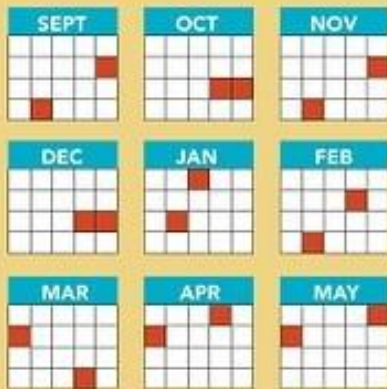
Silent



# ATTEND TODAY

# ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

## Absences **ADD UP**



**2** ABSENCES  
PER MONTH  
**x 9** MONTHS  
OF SCHOOL

**EQUALS:**  
 LESS LIKELY TO GRADUATE  
FROM HIGH SCHOOL

## WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME AN ISSUE?



**SATISFACTORY**  
9 or fewer days

**WARNING SIGNS**  
10 to 17 days

**CHRONIC ABSENCE**  
18 or more days



# Fairfax County Public Schools 2024-2025 Standard School Year Calendar

Approved

### July 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

4 Independence Day

### August 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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28 Labor Day Break

### September 2024

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29	30					

2 Labor Day Break

### October 2024

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3 Rosh Hashanah (begins sundown 10/2 - sundown 10/4)  
12 Yom Kippur (begins sundown 10/11 - sundown 10/12)  
14 Indigenous Peoples' Day

### November 2024

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1 Dine!l  
1-2 All Saints Day / Día de los Muertos & Election Day  
11 Veterans Day  
27-28 Thanksgiving Break

### December 2024

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8 Buddha Day  
22 - January 8 Winter Break  
25 Christmas  
29 - January 1 Chanukah (begins sundown 12/28 - sundown January 2)

### January 2025

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1 New Year's Day  
6 Three Kings Day/Epiphany  
7 Orthodox Christmas  
19 Orthodox Epiphany  
28 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday  
29 Inauguration Day  
29 Lunar New Year

### February 2025

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17 Washington's Birthday and Presidents' Day  
28 Ramadan (begins sundown 2/28 and continues with daily fast and nightly prayer until 3/28)

### March 2025

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1 First Full Day of Ramadan (begins sundown 3/28 and continues with daily fast and nightly prayer until 3/28)  
8 Ash Wednesday  
8 Orthodox Ash Wednesday  
21 Eid al-Fitr (begins sundown 3/28 - sundown 3/31)

### April 2025

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12 Pasover (begins sundown 4/12 - sundown 4/20)  
13 Thiravala New Year  
14-18 Spring Break  
18 Good Friday  
18 Orthodox Good Friday  
20 Easter  
20 Orthodox Easter

### May 2025

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26 Memorial Day

### June 2025

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7 Eid al-Adha (begins sundown 6/6 - sundown 6/7)  
18 Juneteenth



Some holidays and observances, such as Eid al Fitr, may shift due to anticipated lunar sightings.

### Legend

F	First Day of School
ER	2 Hour Student Early Release
QE	End of the Quarter
YE	Last Day for Regular Classes / Early Release
O	Religious and Cultural Observance(s)
O	Religious and Cultural Observance(s) - Evening Only
TW	Teacher Workday / Student Holiday
SD	Staff Development Day / Student Holiday
SP	School Planning Day / Student Holiday
H	Student Holiday
NT	New Teacher Training

### Quarter Duration

Quarter	End Date	Duration
1	October 31	49
2	January 28	45
3	March 28	41
4	June 11	45

180 Instructional Days

Number of 5-Day Instructional Weeks  
1st Quarter - 6  
2nd Quarter - 6  
3rd Quarter - 7  
4th Quarter - 7

Updated 12/18/23

# Mark Your Calendars!!!

Kindergarten  
& Grades 1-6  
New Student  
Tours &  
Playdates

- July 31, 2024
- 9am-10am for Kindergarten students
- 10am-11am for all other grade levels students new to VRES
- The events will include bus ride in the neighborhood, tour of the school by our staff, followed by popsicles on the playground.





# STUDENT Rights & Responsibilities

Grades K-12 | 2022-23  
A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Navigating a **SAFE** and **REWARDING** school experience with your child!



# Classroom Student Expectations

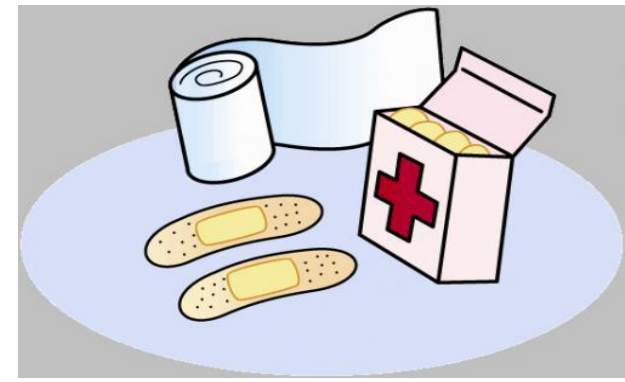
- Try your best every day
- Celebrate our differences
- Make mistakes. It means you are trying
- Be kind to others
- Speak kindly to others
- Be a good sport
- Help others
- Follow directions
- Be a good listener
- Keep our hands, feet, and mouth to ourselves
- Raise your hand when you want to talk
- Be prepared
- We learn through our consequences



**From the Health Room**  
***Kim Lee, Public Health Nurse***



# School Health Room



- **Public Health Nurse (PHN)** is a registered nurse and assigned to multiple schools. The PHN develops health care plans, trains school staff, communicates with parent about health conditions
- **School Health Aide (SHA)** - paraprofessional trained to provide first aid and administer medications; in the health room every day during the school hours

# When are Students Sent Home?



- **Fever of 100.4 degrees or above**
- **Vomiting/Diarrhea**
- **Pink eye with discharge**
- **Undocumented skin conditions and rashes**

Please keep your child at home when they are not feeling well. They can't learn to their fullest potential when they aren't feeling well.

# Contact Information

Public Health Nurse: **Jihyun “Kim” Lee, BSN, RN**

✉ [jlee7@fcps.edu](mailto:jlee7@fcps.edu)

☎ 571-567-1942

school Health Aide: **Estefania Perugachi**

✉ [eperugachi@fcps.edu](mailto:eperugachi@fcps.edu)

☎ 703-988-8910

Call/email the PHN or School Health Aide with any questions or concerns.



# Registration For Kindergarten

*Betty Bancroft, Registrar*



- **Completed registration packet.**
- **Proof of Birth—**Birth Certificate
- **Proof of Residency-**Deed or lease and Residency Attestation form
- **Health Documentation** —Physical Examination Report and Vaccine Records

**All required documents are due before the first day of school.**

This tape is placed on your child's  
backpack strap.

Please do not remove!

This is **important** information to a  
substitute bus driver.





# Arrival

Students should start their arrival routine on the first day of school.

- Kiss & Ride
- Walkers
- School Bus
- Daycare Vans
- Student-Age Child Care (SACC)

**The first 2 weeks of school, staff will walk all kindergarten students to their classrooms.**

- Please be sure the colored classroom tag is attached to their backpack on the first day.
- Do not put any personal info on the tag or on the outside of their backpack.



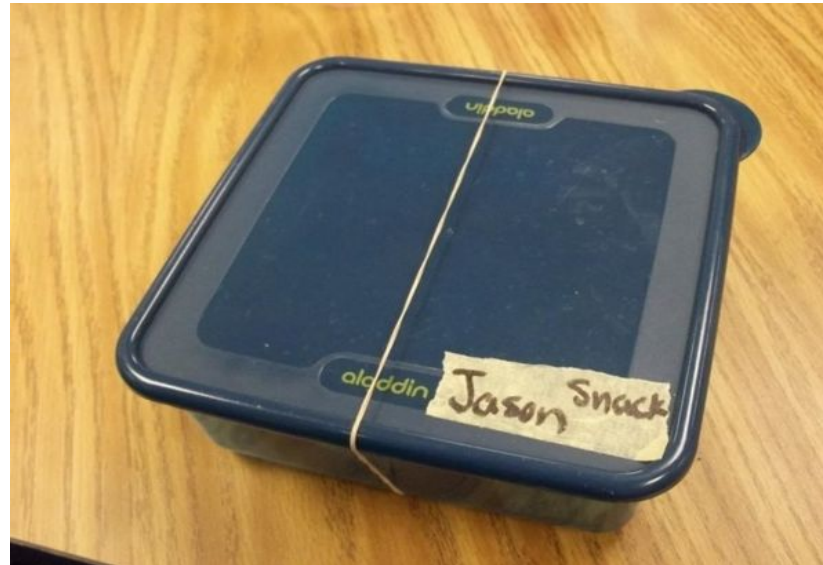
# Dismissal

**Make sure that your child knows how they will be going home every day.**

- Bus #, Kiss & Ride, walker, daycare, or SACC should be written on the back of their colored classroom tag.
- Keep dismissal procedures consistent, all changes must be in writing or called into the office.
- Teachers will walk students to buses and daycare vans and will ensure that they are on the correct bus.
- Kindergarten IAs will walk SACC students to their classroom at the end of the day and will wait at the front of the school with Kiss & Ride and walking students for parents.



# Snack





# Lunch

[myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com)



# SACC - School Age Child Care

- SACC centers are located in FCPS elementary schools and some Fairfax County Community Centers.
- SACC's school-year program offers before-school and after-school sessions.
- Program Hours: Monday – Friday *f* Before School Session from 7 a. m. until school begins. After School Session from school dismissal until 6:15 p.m
- SACC/Camp Fairfax offers full-day winter, spring, and summer programs during FCPS school breaks at consolidated sites throughout the county.
- SACC's knowledgeable and talented staff work in partnership with families to provide a supportive environment that promotes children's social and emotional development.
- SACC's curriculum provides opportunities for children to expand their interests, develop their talents, and enhance their learning





Enjoy the  
Little Things

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SACC FUN AND FOOD

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# QUESTIONS





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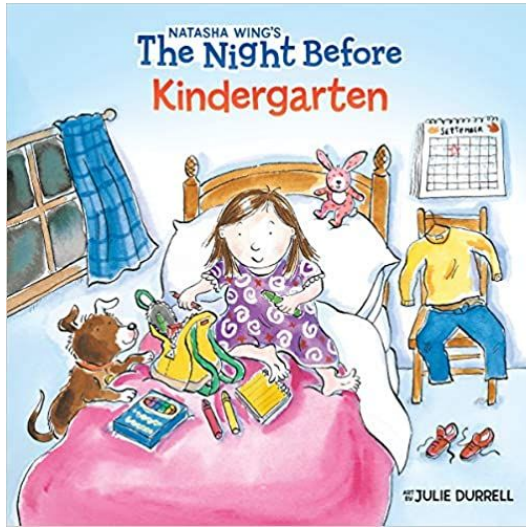
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