

Art Walk/Ice Cream Social

TOMORROW, Thursday, 5/19 (5p-7p)

Come see your student's wonderful art work and enjoy an ice cream sundae! If you pre-ordered a sundae, your ticket will be waiting for you at the check-in table outside the cafeteria. If you forgot to pre-order you can pay at the door for \$2/per sundae.

PTA Ballot Voting - Officers & Budget

TOMORROW, 5/19 during the Art Walk (outside the Cafeteria)

Please stop by to cast your votes for 2016-2017 PTA Executive Board positions as well as our 2016-2017 budget. [A draft of the budget is posted on the PTA website for review.](#) We will also be approving minutes from our May 2nd meeting. Ballot voting only takes a minute or two -- please stop by to vote!! Any questions about voting or the proposed budget can be directed to Robin Osterhout at robin.osterhout@gmail.com

See you all at the Art Walk tomorrow!

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Lost & Found

It's overflowing!

Please stop by the Lost & Found Area in the cafeteria on Thursday when you come to the Art Walk, we have a lot of items filling up the rolling racks! Take a few minutes to claim your lost items tomorrow evening.



Bingo at Stone MS for 6th Graders

Friday, May 20th (6p-7:30p) at Stone Middle School

Stone MS invites all 6th graders from VRES, Cub Run, Deer Park and London Towne to come out on Friday for Bingo, a building tour and Q&A with Principal Mitchell.

6p - Building open to tour

6:15p - Q & A with Mrs. Mitchell, Stone MS Principal

6:30p - 7:30p Bingo! \$2 per player, [checks payable to Stone MS PTSA.](#) Registration form posted on the VRES PTA website at www.vrespta.org. Pizza, snacks, and drinks available for purchase. Registration forms can be turned into the VRES office.

PTA Advocacy Update - Meals Tax

The FY17 budget battle is behind us and we are very pleased that the Board of Supervisors provided FCPS with adequate funding next year to essentially fully fund FCPS. However, this is not a predictor or guarantee of funding support in the future. In fact, the challenges of a county budget that is so heavily dependent on property taxes will continue to be an issue.

The discussion about a meals tax for Fairfax County has been in the [news](#). A meals tax would help diversify the County's source of income and reduce its dependency on property tax hikes to fund investments in our public schools and other essential county services. The meals tax is the **only** new revenue option currently being considered by the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote June 7 on **placing a meals tax referendum on the Nov. 8 election ballot**. If the Board votes to move forward with the referendum, voters will vote yes or no on a (up to 4 percent) meals tax that would become effective July 1, 2017.

Learn more:

Meals Tax Overview from Fairfax County:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/proposed-meals-tax-what-to-know-now/>

Fairfax Co Meals Tax Website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/>

A meals tax is a familiar and popular device to diversify and add additional revenues for localities.

Examples of local jurisdictions that have a meals tax in place include: *Places that already have the meals tax would be exempt. They would not be taxed twice.*

Alexandria: 4 percent

Arlington: 4 percent

Falls Church: 4 percent

Fairfax City: 4 percent

Herndon: 2.5 percent

Vienna: 3 percent

District of Columbia: 10 percent

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