

# FLEX Classes starting in October

Would you like to learn a foreign language, and a little bit about another Culture? FLEX (Foreign Language Experience), is coming to Canterbury Woods Elementary School.

Classes are before school (7:50-8:50) once a week, for 15 or 20 weeks, and there isn't any homework. You learn about another culture while learning a bit of a new language. This year we will be offering Spanish, French, German and Chinese.

**Spanish – level 1** (20 weeks) for students who've never been in the FLEX program before. Wednesdays for grades 1-3 (begins 10/26).

**German – level 2**, (20 weeks) for students who took German last year, or who are motivated to learn. Fridays for grades 4-6 (begins 10/28).

**French – level 2** (15 weeks) for students who took French last year, or who are motivated to learn. Thursdays for grades 4-6 (begins 10/27).

**Chinese – level 1/2** (20 weeks) for students who took Chinese last year, or are motivated to learn.. Fridays for grades 1-6 (begins 10/28).

Cost is \$199 for 20 weeks of instruction or \$169 for 15 weeks of instruction.

There are 2 options for registration. You may register on-line following the directions on the registration form. Alternately, you may fill out the attached form and return it with payment to the FLEX Coordinator.

Please return all forms or register on-line by Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you have ~~any questions, please~~ contact the FLEX Coordinator, Annette Wagner, [gakbwagner@verizon.net](mailto:gakbwagner@verizon.net), or 703-426-2597.

## **FLEX Program: Explore the Globe Through World Languages and Culture**

Your PTA, in conjunction with Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education, is planning to offer a Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) program.

As a student in the FLEX language program, your child will receive an introduction to the target language and culture. Utilizing their senses, the students will learn through dialogues, commands, pictures, stories, songs, games and foods of the target country. Due to the time limitations and the nature of the program, please do not expect fluency. Students will not receive grades. Instructors will send home a progress report at the end of the course.

In the beginning curriculum (initial year and second year), a typical course will include the following topics:

- Introductory social dialogue
- Colors, numbers
- Animals
- Foods
- Parts of the body     □
- Classroom objects
- Weather/climate, seasons, calendar
- Family
- Clothing
- Basic national culture: map location, flag, landmarks, songs, art, holiday customs

The goal of the advanced or third year curriculum is to expand upon these basic vocabulary patterns through the introduction of reading, writing and grammar exercises. Students who have completed two years of the FLEX beginning program (30 hours minimum) are eligible for the advanced or third year curriculum.

Instructors are employed by Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education. Instructors utilize the FLEX curriculum guide and program teaching materials. They are required to attend an orientation session, and additional training is provided annually.

Parents must provide before- or after-school transportation arrangements. Students are not permitted to walk home from an after-school program. *Students must be picked up promptly at the end of an afternoon class. Repeated situations where a child is not picked up on time will result in the child being withdrawn from the program. There is no one to supervise the children before a morning class (before school) or after an afternoon class.* Children's safety is our concern.

FLEX is committed to non-discrimination in its program, services, and activities. For special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the FLEX program office at 703.658.1291 at least two weeks in advance of the registration deadline. FLEX staff will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations; however, failure to request an accommodation within the specified timeframe may limit the ability to fulfill this request.

Classes will be confirmed if a minimum of 8 children are enrolled. The PTA representative will send a confirmation with the start date, location and time of each class for those enrolling with paper registration. Online registrations are confirmed online and other class details (except room location) are available by clicking the online emergency form link <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/flex.htm> and reading page 2.

School Name: CWES

## 2011-12 FLEX\* Courses

PTA Rep: Annette Wagner Phone Number:(703)426-2597

Course Code	Course Title/Language	Section Number	No. of Sessions (weeks)	Tentative Start Date	Day/Time	Room	Grades	FLEX Level (1, 2, 3[advanced])*	Tuition	Materials Fee	Total Cost
FP06420	German	0001	20	10/21	Fridays 7:50-8:50	TBD	4-6	2	181	18	\$199.
FP08120	Spanish	0026	20	10/19	Wednesday 7:50-8:50	TBD	1-3	1	181	18	\$199.
FP04120	Chinese	0008	20	10/21	Fridays 7:50-8:50	TBD	1-6	1	181	18	\$199.
FP05415	French	0003	15	10/20	Thursdays 7:50-8:50	TBD	4-6	2	152	17	\$169.

\*FLEX Level refers to first year, second year, or third (advanced) year in FLEX. Students who have completed two years of the FLEX program, with 30 hours minimum, are eligible for the advanced or third year level course.

**Paper Registration Deadline: 10/12/11** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Size:** minimum 8 – maximum 15 students

**Two Ways to Register: Online or Paper Submission to PTA Rep (front side of this document)**

- Online registration** for the above-listed courses is available at [www.fcps.edu/aceclasses](http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses). Click online link under catalog icon at bottom of page. Then click the Kids and Teens link on the left side, next click FLEX, and you will see the FLEX courses available by course number and section number. Please be sure to include at least two phone numbers and an email address on the online registration information. Online registration will be available up to **two weeks before the class start** unless otherwise notified.
- Paper registration** is completed by submitting this form to the FLEX PTA representative for your school. Please completely fill out one registration form per child. Indicate course and section number for first and second choices.
- Return completed paper registration form with payment to your FLEX PTA representative by the deadline above. Make check or money order payable to **FCPS ACE** or use VISA or MasterCard.
- FCPS ID #** – This is your child's identifier for the registration system. It is listed on your child's report card. If you do not know your child's ID number, please leave blank.

**Refund Policy:**

- All refunds are for tuition only, and requests will be considered on a case-by-base basis. Your written refund request must be received by the FLEX Program Office by the second class meeting. **No refunds will be issued after the second class.**
- Refunds must be requested in writing. Contact your FLEX PTA representative or call 703-658-1293 for details.
- A \$15 processing fee is assessed for each refund.

# Foreign Language Experience (FLEX)\* Registration Form

Student Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)		Grade	Course Code (1st choice) FPO-	Course Title	Section #				
Street Address	City	State	Zip	Start Date	Site	Total Cost			
School			Course Code (2nd choice) FPO-	Course Title	Section #				
Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Start Date	Site	Total Cost				
Fairfax County Resident? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<b>PAYMENT INFORMATION</b>							
		Home Room Teacher Home Language <b>Make check or money order payable to FCPS-ACE.</b> Total Cost \$ _____ must be paid in full. Payment Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order Card Number (Charge will be made to FCPS-ADULT/SUM SCH/K12)           -           -           -           Exp. Date <table style="display: inline-table; border: none;"><tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="border: none;">-</td><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr><tr><td style="text-align: center; font-size: 8px;">(Month)</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center; font-size: 8px;">(Year)</td></tr></table> Cardholder's Name _____ <i>Please print name clearly as it appears on the credit card.</i> Cardholder's Signature _____ <i>I agree to pay the total amount according to card issuer agreement.</i> Cardholder's Address (if different from listed) _____					-		(Month)
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(Month)		(Year)							
Parent/Guardian Name		Home Phone							
Email Address		Work Phone							
Address		Cell Phone							
Emergency Contact	Home Phone	Work Phone							
Cell Phone									
<input type="checkbox"/> I affirm that the above registered student <b>has not been</b> expelled from school attendance at any private or public school in Virginia or any other state for an offense in violation of school board policies relating to weapons, alcohol or drugs, or for the willful infliction of injury to another person.									
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Parent/Guardian Signature			Date						

\*Includes Spanish Heritage FLEXtra