



The Fisher Flyer

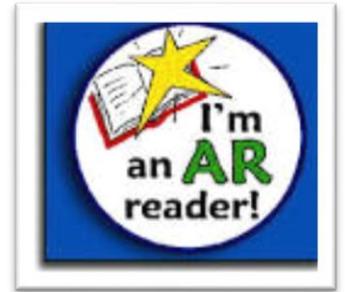
Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

January 30, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

Following are this week's [FIDS](#) updates.

Accelerated Reader. Students in Grades K-5 participate in the [Accelerated Reader](#) (AR) program. This program supports reading comprehension and allows students to earn points by taking quizzes on literature they have read, both at home and at school. Each grade-level teacher sets individual goals with the students per marking period, and those students who surpass their goal earn the Star Reader Award. Congratulations to the following students for their hard work and dedication toward reading for Quarter 2:



- **First Grade:** Alana Goldstein, Darcy Khan, George Kudrin, Jonathan MacKenzie, Chloe Parsons-Cohn, Maksim Petukhov, Miura Singh, Robert Vole, Yasmin Von Hanau
- **Second Grade:** Alexandr Anosov, Stella Bastos, Alexa Camp, Tyler Ficklin, Adriana Hufsky, Khaled Kotob, Rifat Kotob, Holden Lustbader, Max Meruelo, Jordan Shara
- **Third Grade:** Johnny Durango, Donald MacKenzie, Max Mehrabi, Victor Morel, Reed Neff, Maxwell Silverman, Kris Singh
- **Fourth Grade:** Zoey Khan, Greyson Lustbader, Mitra Mehrabi
- **Fifth Grade:** Vladimir Anosov, Stella Armstrong, Brandon Heller, Liam Neff, Anastasia Petukhova

Coronavirus. We are closely monitoring the situation pertaining to the Coronavirus and are following all protocols advised by the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC), which are consistent with standard practice at FIDS. Currently, there are no reported incidents of the Coronavirus at FIDS. Please refer to the attached fact sheet issued by the CDC for additional details. One of the important takeaways from the CDC fact sheet is to **“Stay at home when you are sick.”**



School Picture Day (Class Group Shots). School Picture group shots are scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020. This year, children will be photographed only if they are wearing their **formal school uniforms**. Please be prepared accordingly. In addition, we will be taking individual portraits of students who were not present when individual portraits were taken in October. Last year's group shots are on display in the school's foyer. Class group shots will be taken by [Blumango Studios](#).

Re-Enrollment Contracts. Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 re-enrollment contracts were sent via email on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. If you did not receive your re-enrollment contract, please contact [Ms. Mary Reiling](#), Director of Admissions/Development. We hope that you are interested in having your child return to FIDS in 2020 - 2021. If so, please complete the re-enrollment contract and return it, along with the required deposit, to [Mrs. Deborah Van Stone](#), Office Manager, no later than **Monday, February 10, 2020**. Please know that many classes are predicted to be at capacity next year, and we have been receiving numerous inquiries for new enrollments.



Spelling Bee. FIDS's [Spelling Bee](#) competition for Grades 1-5 will take place on Friday, February 7, 2020. Due to space limitations, the audience will be limited to FIDS students. In addition, the Spelling Bee will be broadcast live. For security purposes, a separate email will be sent to parents with the web link to view the live telecast. Grade-level and school-level winners will be honored at subsequent morning meetings; at which time, the parents of our winning students will be invited to attend. **One year from now we will be able to accommodate the Spelling Bee in our new gymnasium!**



Gala Sponsorships & Tickets Now On Sale. *White Hot Miami*, FIDS's annual gala and charity auction, will take place on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**, at the Fisher Island Club. VIP tables and tickets may be purchased by clicking [here](#). Organize your gala tables now! We also need auction items (e.g., vacation homes, beauty packages, restaurants, unique experiences, wine, jewelry, and fashion). Appended to this newsletter, please find an auction donation form. Complete and submit a separate form for each donated item. Thank you for your support!

Dates on the Horizon.

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| • Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 | Chinese Festival |
| • Feb. 3 – 7, 2020 | Required Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| • Wed., Feb. 12, 2020 | School Picture Day: Group Shots by Class |
| • Fri., Feb. 14, 2020 | Teacher Workday - No School for Students |
| • Mon., Feb. 17, 2020 | President's Day Holiday - No School |
| • Fri., Feb. 21, 2020 | Parent Association Meeting - Palazzo Della Luna |

Chinese New Year. FIDS's annual Chinese Festival—Year of the Rat—will take place on Friday, January 31, 2020, 11:00 a.m., at the Vanderbilt Theater (nee Café Tangier). January 31, 2020, will be a full day of school for students.

- Date: Friday, January 31, 2020
- Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- Place: Vanderbilt Theater (nee Café Tangier)
- Parking: Please refer to the directions below.

All Guests

Thank you for adhering to the following directions as your cooperation will allow the entire FIDS community to enjoy the Chinese New Year Performance:

- Students should report to school at the regular arrival time on Friday. We will not be holding Morning Meeting.
- **There is no parking at or visiting of FIDS before or after the Chinese New Year Performance.** Parents should proceed directly to the assigned parking area for the show. After the show, students and teachers will return to school.
- Please follow any directions provided by Fisher Island security staff with regards to parking and traffic.
- **The Chinese New Year Performance will commence promptly at 11:00 a.m.**

Island Residents

Island residents should arrive via golf carts and park as directed outside of Vanderbilt Theater.

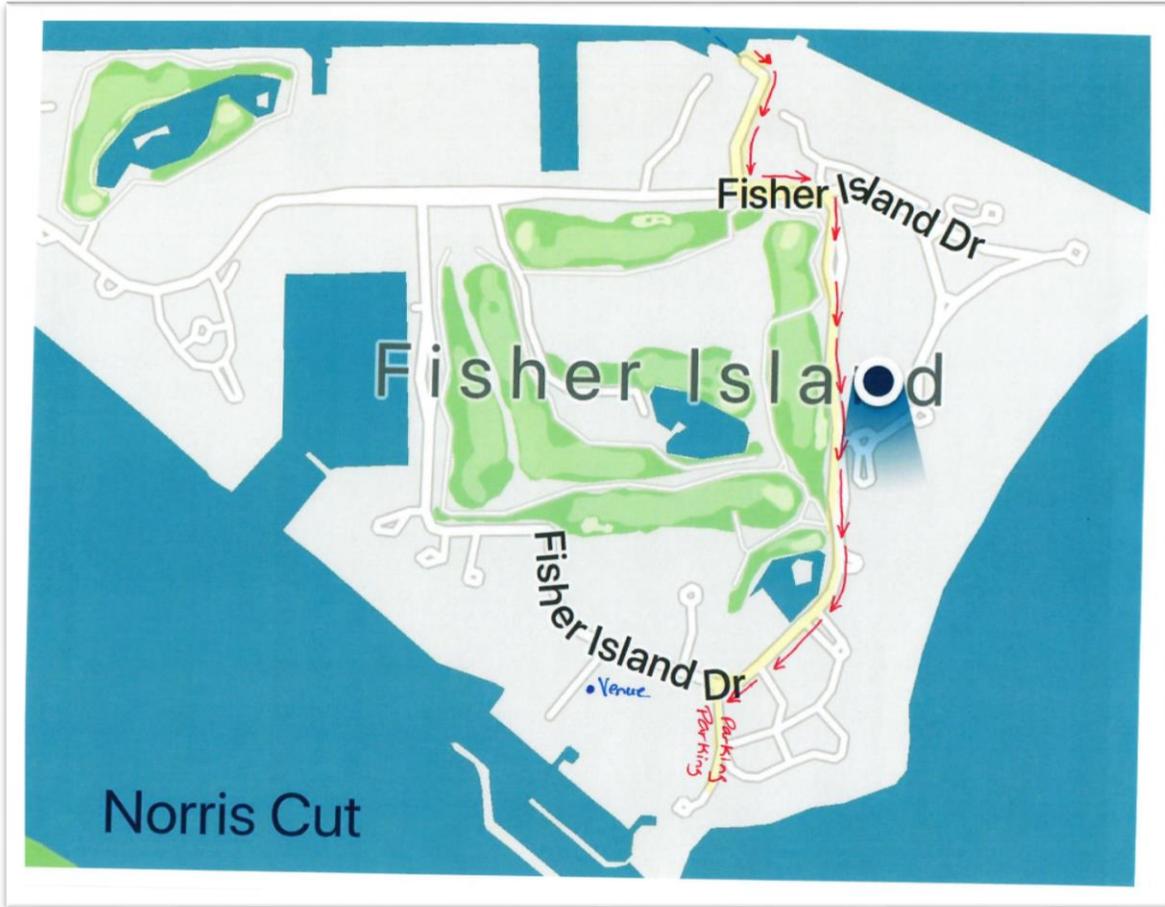
Non-Island Residents

Due to limited parking and ferry queues, please adhere to the following:

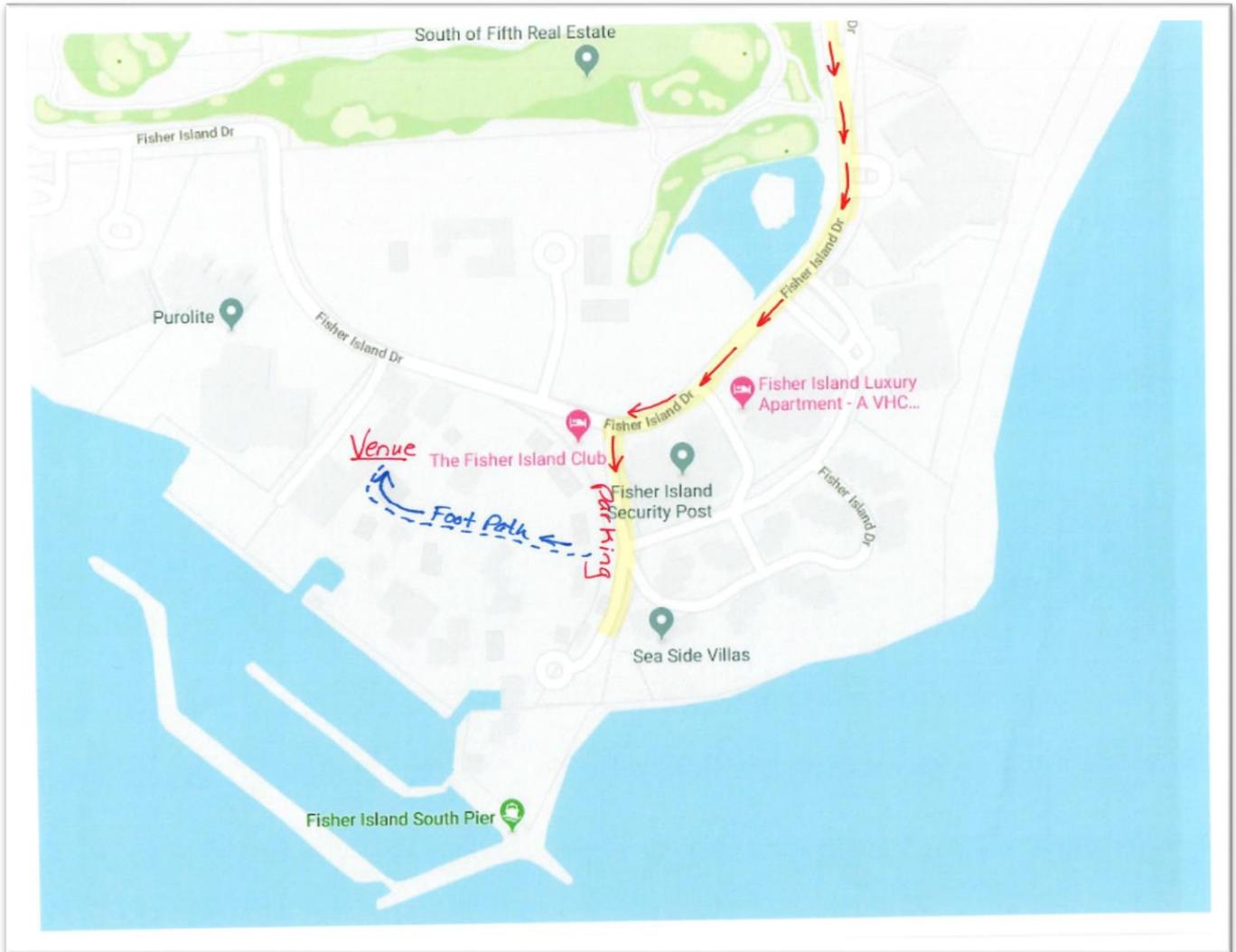
- Carpooling is recommended; no more than one vehicle per family.
- **Ferry clearances have been provided based on RSVPs received by Wednesday, January 29.**
- Please refer to the maps on pages 4-5 for directions to the parking area assigned for attendees.
- If the assigned parking area becomes full, you may be redirected to an alternate lot. Please follow the directions provided by Fisher Island security.



Chinese New Year Performance Route to Parking



Chinese New Year Performance Route to Parking (Detailed)



Thank you for your support in making every week at FIDS a wonderful learning experience for our children. Your partnership is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Michael Bell

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Head of School
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Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and You



What is 2019 novel coronavirus?

The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get 2019-nCoV?

This 2019-nCoV virus does seem to be able to spread from person-to-person although it's not clear how easily this happens. Person-to-person spread in the United States has not yet been detected, but it's likely to occur to some extent. At this time this virus is not spreading in the United States so the likelihood of someone in the U.S. getting sick with this virus is very low. Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in Wuhan or people who have traveled to Wuhan and less so, other parts of China. CDC continues to closely monitor the situation.

Have there been cases of 2019-nCoV in the U.S.?

Yes. The first infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States is available on CDC's webpage: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html

How does 2019-nCoV spread?

The exact way the virus is spread is not fully known. With similar coronaviruses (MERS and SARS) person-to-person spread is thought to have happened mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other viruses that cause respiratory illness spread. There also may be some spread when a person touches a surface or object that has virus on it and then touches his or her own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Spread of SARS and MERS between people has generally occurred between close contacts. There is much more to learn about 2019-nCoV and investigations are ongoing.

What are the symptoms of 2019-nCoV?

Patients with 2019-nCoV have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

How can I help protect myself?

- This virus is not spreading in the United States right now, but the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include:
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick?

If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should get medical care. Call the office of your health care provider before you go and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against 2019-nCoV. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCoV. People with 2019-nCoV can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.