



PANTHER PRESS

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August/ September Calendar

8/16	First Day of School
9/1	No School - Professional Development Day
9/4	No School - Labor Day Admin. Offices Closed
9/5	PTO Meeting. 6:30 p.m.

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Reminders

Students may be dropped off no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and report to the cafeteria where they will be supervised until 8:45 a.m. before heading to class. Please refrain from dropping off students earlier than 8:30 a.m. as we do not have any supervision provided. Thank you for your assistance.

Please do not enter the bus loading zone in front of the school when dropping off or picking up students. This is also a fire lane and parking is not permitted.

A reminder of Evendale's policy on cupcakes and other celebratory treats during lunchtime: Please refrain from sending in food items to be shared with the class during lunch. Instead, families may choose to send in other non-food items such as pencils, stickers, etc.

Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to have our panthers returning for the 2017-18 school year and to be welcoming our newest panthers to our school family. In preparation for the school year, the staff at Evendale has been working hard to prepare for our students' return. We are most excited about the additions to Evendale's classrooms' libraries. Each classroom will have 75 additional titles of different genres and reading levels to enjoy during Daily 5 and independent reading.

As we are looking forward to the school year, our staff will be focusing on explicit reading and writing instruction for professional development. We are looking forward to incorporating updated practices in phonics, decoding and encoding instruction that will benefit all students of all grade levels. We will also be working on continuing to improve our practices in PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) in order to make Evendale a place where students can thrive instructionally, socially and emotionally!

We are welcoming new staff members Nicole McGowan, kindergarten teacher; Kelly Foster, special education teacher, and Fontella Newman, cafeteria manager. Staff who have changed positions include Mr. Leach, who will now be teaching fourth grade and Mrs. Mackie, who will now be the librarian's aide. As always, please contact the school with any questions. We are excited to have you back!

School Safety and Security

Frederick County Public Schools is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and staff. Several new initiatives are being launched division wide this year to enhance security including:

Raptor Visitor Management System

Each school and the FCPS Administration Building is now equipped with the Raptor Visitor Management System. Beginning September 5, everyone visiting a school will be required to present a valid, government-issued ID which will be scanned through the system and checked against registered sex offender and other databases that may include custody orders and those individuals prohibited from visiting school grounds. Those who are cleared by the system will be issued a badge bearing their name and photo as well as the date, time of entry and destination.

School Bus Stop-Arm Cameras

Each school bus will be equipped with a stop-arm camera that is activated whenever a bus stops to pick up or drop off students. The cameras capture high-definition video of any vehicles that illegally pass a stopped school bus. The video is automatically transmitted to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office where a deputy determines whether a summons should be issued to the owner of the vehicle that was seen passing the bus illegally.

COPsync911

Frederick County Public Schools and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office have partnered to utilize the COPsync911 threat alert service to inform first responders when an emergency situation arises at a school. Once activated, COPsync911 notifies the 911 dispatch center and the closest law enforcement officers at the same time which allows officers to arrive at the scene sooner. The system also enables the school to have real-time, live communication with law enforcement and the dispatch center.

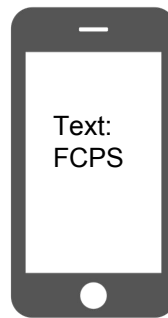
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FCPS Rapid Communication System Text Messages

The Frederick County Public Schools' Rapid Communication System includes a SMS text message function. In order to receive text messages sent through the FCPS Rapid Communication System, parents must have the phone number of the device on which they want to receive text alerts included on their child's student record. In addition, they must opt-in to receiving the text messages if they have not done so previously. To opt-in, text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587 from the device on which you want to receive text messages. Once the opt-in process has been completed, you will receive a confirmation text message. The FCPS Rapid Communication System is used to contact parents in a variety of situations ranging from severe weather and power outages to other emergencies that may cause a school to evacuate, relocate or go on lockdown. The system also is utilized to inform parents when schools are closed, opening late or closing early due to inclement weather. Individual schools also utilize the system to communicate information to their school communities.

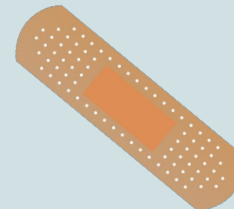


New FCPS Mobile App

Frederick County Public Schools is launching a custom mobile app which will be available for both Apple and Android devices in the next few weeks. Download the app from Apple's App Store or Google Play. The app connects to important information such as Parent/Student 360, school calendars, staff directories, bus routes, menus, news and FCPS social media.

From the Nurse

Jodi Varricchio, R.N.
School Nurse



Welcome back! I am very excited to see everyone again and meet new members to our Evendale Family,

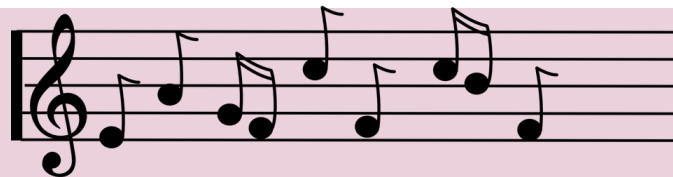
Just a few reminders:

- The clinic is open Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm. Please contact me if your child has any medical issues or changes in their medical condition or health that you would like to discuss.
- If your child needs medication administered at school, the medication must be in its original container with an instruction note signed by a parent/guardian. Long term prescription medicine, which is medicine that will be administered for greater than one month, must **also** have a form completed and signed by a physician. This includes Epi-pens and inhalers. These necessary forms can be found on the Evendale website under Health Services and are also available in the clinic.
- I will be conducting health screenings which includes height, weight, vision and hearing screenings for all Kindergarten, third grade and transfer students new to FCPS this fall. Special requests for screenings can be made at anytime by contacting the clinic.
- Donations to the clinic of gently used boys and girls size 4-12 pants and sneakers are always accepted and greatly appreciated.

Remember a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast is important to be successful in school and stay healthy!

Music

Mr. Stitche
Music Teacher



Welcome Back to a new school year AND another exciting year of Music at Evendale!!!!

I am excited to begin making music, singing songs, playing games and exploring new composers with ALL of you.

Here are a couple notable things to remember....

- ~There will be a K/1 Winter performance at EES in December (time and date TBA.)
- ~Second grade will be performing a musical at the Winter concert in December (Time and date TBA.)
- ~Sign ups and rehearsals for 4th and 5th grade chorus will begin by late August.
- ~The EES Orff Ensemble (5th grade only percussion group) will have auditions in early September. More info to come.
- ~The EES Talent Show will be open to grades 3, 4, 5 in the Spring. Keep an eye out for that info in 2018.

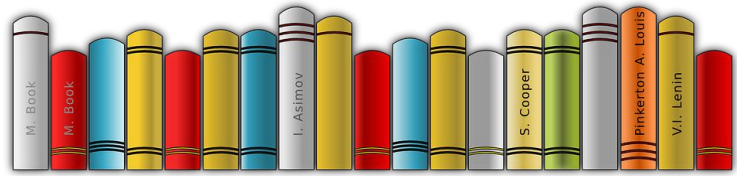
Please be sure to ask your students about what they do in music class! They will be encouraged to dig deeper into our composer/performer of the week by listening at home, so please be aware of that as the little ones may not be able to go online and access various listening platforms (iTunes, youtube, Pandora Radio, XM, etc)

As always, feel free to email, call, or make an appointment with me for any questions, concerns, or updates.

Library

Mrs. Grove
Librarian

Welcome, Evendale Panthers! We are looking forward to an exciting year in the library. We have already scheduled our Fall and Spring Book Fairs as well as our visiting author, Kevin O'Malley. Be on the lookout for information about these events. When your child visits the library for the first time, he/she will receive a copy of our library rules and guidelines. Be sure to read and discuss those with your child and sign the form which will be returned to school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.



Physical Education

Mr. Croson and Ms. Broderick
Physical Education Specialists



Welcome back, Evendale Panthers! We have exciting news from the PE department this summer. Miss Broderick got married and is now Mrs. Fickbohm! To start the school year students will learn the class expectations and PBIS policies and procedures in physical education. Safety is essential in the gym and all students must wear sneakers. If your child wears sandals or boots, they will not be able to participate. It is also recommended that students dress comfortably and girls wear shorts under dresses. Evendale resource will be using a five day rotating schedule, it is important to check the number of the days that your child has physical education. Students will be playing fun lead up games and activities that will work on being aware of personal space and spatial awareness and begin exploring the gym with having double classes at the same time.

The best way to contact the PE department will be by email for any questions.

Art

Mrs. Yeager
Art Teacher



I am excited to welcome back and get to know new students as they come to me for art class.

I have been very busy gathering colorful paper and stapling brand new sketchbooks for the 2017-18 school year. We will be using our books to practice skills, plan, and reflect on concepts we are studying.

You will notice beautiful art already on display in the halls! I was excited to save our Australian dot creations from field day last June. Look for signs posted on which class is in each area of the school so you can find your piece.

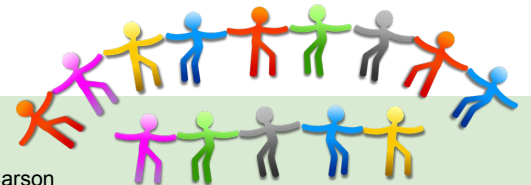
I can't wait to get started on building a positive class environment with your child. Home assistance in emphasizing Evendale's school wide rules would be greatly appreciated so ideas can flow and artists can grow!

- Be kind
- Be responsible
- Be the best you can be

I look forward to another fabulous school year.

Guidance

Mrs. Hawkins and Ms. Carson
School Counselor
hawkinsc@frederick.k12.va.us



Welcome back Panthers! I am pleased to welcome Ms. Carson to our Guidance Department. She will be working part-time with our students. I will be at Evendale each day and will continue to work with students in all grade levels.

The Guidance Department at Evendale offers classroom guidance lessons and short-term counseling services. Classroom guidance lessons are based on Frederick County Public Schools Character Education Program. Ms. Carson and I will teach eight lessons in each classroom throughout the school year. Topics covered in the classroom include bullying, friendship skills and conflict resolution.

Small group and individual counseling services are offered to students who may benefit from extra support socially, emotionally or academically. Divorce, grief and friendship groups are available as well as study skills groups. If you are interested in referring your child for a counseling group, please send a note, e-mail or call the guidance office.

Finally, if a student is in need of back to school supplies, please let me know! We have access to supplies for families in need.

Have a great school year!

Meal Charges Must Be Cleared

An automated calling system and letters are used to inform parents/guardians of their student's negative cafeteria balance of \$15 or more. To keep your student in good standing, please take steps to clear the amount owed by sending cash, check, or by utilizing the online payment system, MySchoolBucks, which can be found on the school's webpage.

Students not in good standing may be prevented from participating in certain after school activities.

If you feel you maybe eligible for reduced-priced or free meals through the National School Lunch Program, the form can be obtained from the principal at your students school or downloaded from www.frederick.k12.va.us

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Frederick County Public Schools in Virginia is seeking applicants for **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**. Candidates must have a good driving record, have or obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), successfully complete training, be able to maintain order and discipline and be able to calmly respond to emergency situations. A high school diploma or GED is preferred. Benefits include health insurance, sick leave, personal leave, retirement and life insurance. Salary range \$61.97 - \$118.76 per day.

Visit our website www.frederick.k12.va.us to complete an on-line application. Click on *Jobs* and then *Alto* to fill out the application.

For more information please call Elizabeth Keplinger, Coordinator of School Bus Driver Recruiting and Training (540) 667-2770 Ext. 88410



FCPS Regulation 410R-A

According to FCPS Regulation 410R-A, tardiness usually will be considered as excused for reasons of school bus delayed arrival and verified medical or court appointments. Excessive unexcused tardiness shall result in disciplinary action. **You must provide a medical, dental, or court note to have a tardy excused.**

During each nine-week grading period, students with unexcused tardiness to school will be disciplined as follows:

First tardy = warning

Second tardy = warning with parent informed by letter

***Third tardy** = 30 minute after school detention

*The purpose of the 30 minute detention is to make-up instruction time lost.

De acuerdo con el Reglamento FCPS 410R-A, la tardanza suele considerarse como justificadas por razones de autobús retrasado la llegada de la escuela y verificado citas médicas o judiciales. La tardanza injustificada excesiva dará lugar a una acción disciplinaria **Usted debe proporcionar una nota médica, dental, o de la corte para tener una tardanza excusadamanera:..**

Durante cada período de calificaciones de nueve semanas, los estudiantes con tardanzas injustificadas a la escuela serán disciplinados de la siguiente

Primero tardanza = advertencia

Segundo tardanza = advertencia con informados por carta a los padres

* Tercer tardanza = 30 minutos después de la detención de la escuela

* El propósito de la detención 30 minutos es el maquillaje tiempo de instrucción perdido.

Safe Supportive Schools

Bullying is a term commonly used in our society to describe teasing or other undesirable peer interactions. Unfortunately, this term can often be misunderstood or misinterpreted. The Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) adopted its definition for bullying from the Virginia Code (§22.1-276.01). The definition for bullying may be found in the FCPS regulation 402R (posted on our website and in the student handbook):

Students, either individually, or as part of a group, shall not harass or bully others either in person or by the use of any communication technology including computer systems, telephones, pagers, or instant messaging systems. "Bullying" means any aggressive and unwanted behavior that is intended to harm, intimidate, or humiliate the victim; involves a real or perceived power imbalance between the aggressor or aggressors and victim; and is repeated over time or causes severe emotional trauma. "Bullying" includes cyber bullying. "Bullying" does not include ordinary teasing, horseplay, argument or peer conflict.

All aggressive or unwanted behaviors occurring in school or at school-sponsored activities should be reported to a teacher, school counselor, or school administrator so that they may be investigated and addressed. In the FCPS, we expect all students, staff members and visitors to be treated with dignity and respect.

To learn more about the FCPS Bullying Prevention Program, you may watch our informational video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWdVhIZq3sE>

You may also speak with a school counselor or school administrator to learn more about the Bullying Prevention Program in our building.

Frederick County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, political affiliation, disability, or veteran status in the education program and activities, or employment. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination process:

Title IX Coordinator
John Linaburg
Executive Director of Human Resources
1415 Amherst Street
Winchester, VA 22601
(540) 662-3888

Section 504 Coordinator
Michelle Sandy
Director of Special Services
1415 Amherst Street
Winchester, VA 22601
(540) 662-3888

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of OCR enforcement offices for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481