



# PANTHER PRESS

**BE KIND. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE.**

## December Calendar

- 1 PTO Holiday Shop, Bazaar And Bake Sale
- 13 2nd Grade Musical 6:30 PM
- 14 Chorus Winter Concert 6:30 PM
- 19 KG & 1st Grade Holiday Program 2:30 PM
- 21 Winter Begins
- 22-2 No School - Offices Closed
- 1/3 School Resumes

## 2017 Speak Up Survey

Frederick County Public Schools is encouraging students, parents, staff and members of the community to take a few minutes and complete the 2017 Speak Up Survey. The brief, anonymous survey offers the opportunity to share perspectives on key educational issues, particularly issues related to digital learning and the use of technology in schools. Please visit <https://speakup.tomorrow.org/ChooseSurvey.aspx> and take the survey. Students taking the survey will be prompted to enter the secret word- FCPSK12. The local results will help inform the creation of the 2018 Division Educational Technology Plan.

## Speak Up, Stay Safe

We all play a part in keeping our schools safe. If you notice any suspicious activity, be prepared to give a detailed report to school staff and law enforcement. Pay close attention to things like: What, specifically, you observed; who you saw; when and where you saw it; and why it seemed suspicious. Being able to provide details of what you observed will help school staff and the authorities as they work to keep our schools and students safe. Please report any suspicious activity noted in the vicinity of schools to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 540-662-6168.

## Like us on Facebook



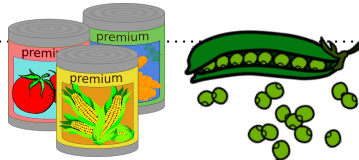
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## Reminders

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.



## Bright Futures Caring & Sharing Program

We are inviting our families to participate in our "Caring and Sharing" program. Each month, we are holding a themed food drive. Food items will be tallied at the end of each month and grade levels who have the highest donation will be recognized in special ways within our school.

### December - "Dinner Delight"

*Dinner Add On's-Any canned vegetables or potatoes, baked beans, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, canned beef stew, chili, manwich sauce, hamburger helper, box of mashed or scalloped potatoes.*

With many holiday events approaching, please remember you **MUST** have a valid ID with you when you enter the school.

## Holiday Closure

The Evendale Office will be closed for the winter break from Thursday, December 21 through Tuesday, January 2.

## 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](http://www.frederick.k12.va.us)



## Looking Ahead... January

1-2	No School
3	School Resumes
9	PTO Meeting
11	5th Grade Spelling Bee
12	PTO Movie Night 6:30 PM
12	Report Cards Issued
15	No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day
29	No School - Professional Development Day



### From the Nurse

Jodi Varricchio, R.N.  
School Nurse



The Holidays and winter break are soon approaching. There is so much activity and excitement in the air. It can be overwhelming for our children and ourselves. Here are some things to keep in mind to help everyone enjoy this season.

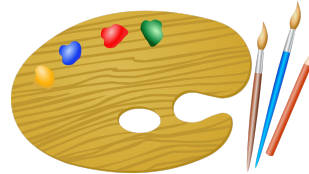
Though we have a break from everyday life, keeping routines is extremely important. Children still need scheduled meal times. If you are having or going to a holiday party, feed your child a light meal or snack beforehand. This will help stop them from eating too much junk food but will also take care of those picky eaters who may not want to eat the food served. Keeping routine bedtimes also can be challenging but adequate rest is extremely important for everyone especially children. Make sure to allow time for your children to unwind before bed. It could be turning on a movie, or reading a book with them.

We all can get caught up in the hustle and bustle of this time of year. It is important to take time and make sure that children feel included, too. They can help in the kitchen, children may be more likely to eat something they helped prepare. Some children love to help decorate or wrap gifts. This is a great way to have older children spend time with the younger ones rather than being on their phones or playing video games.

Spending time together with family and friends is the key to making long lasting memories. Hope everyone has a wonderful winter break!

### Art

Mrs. Yeager  
Art Teacher



Check out what our Evendale artists have been studying during the month of November!

- Kindergarten artists looked at their reflection in the mirror to capture shapes and details as they drew and painted a self-portrait work of art.
- First graders designed a shirt painting filled with symbols about themselves including a United States image. Artists use symbols to communicate to others and express pride in where they live.
- Second graders developed unique dream catchers with symbolic charms after studying Native American works. What in nature is important to you?
- Endangered animals inspired third graders as they observed shapes and textures. Art was transferred onto a foam printing plate through engraving to be duplicated into a pattern.
- Fourth graders completed a coil piece of pottery with pattern and color variety. What techniques can make an ordinary object amazing to the eye?
- Color can be used expressively and symbolically. Fifth graders wove yarn together to make beautiful textile tapestries with meaningful colors, repetition, and strength.

### Physical Education

Mr. Croson and Ms. Broderick  
Physical Education Specialists



Brrrrrrrr! Panthers, dress appropriately for the weather. Also, our lost & found is overflowing. The lost & found bucket is located in the cafeteria. Make sure to check it out if you are missing any clothing.

We will begin our basketball unit after Thanksgiving break, then move into floor hockey and finish with cooperative challenges for the month of December. Frederick County Parks and Recreation basketball is starting up! Call at 540-665-5678 to enroll. Parks and Recreation will get you on a team, help develop fundamental skills needed to play games, and it is fun! Do not miss out on a great opportunity to stay active over the winter months.

Happy New Year and see you next year!

### Library

Mrs. Grove  
Librarian



"Oh the weather outside is frightful but our library is so delightful!" There is nothing better than to spend a cold snowy day snuggled up with a good book. With the holidays nearing, books are always a good choice for presents. There are always favorite titles that will please young readers. For Kindergarten through second grades, *Junie B Jones*, *The Magic Tree House Series* and *Fly Guy* are good series to check out. For readers in Third through Fifth grade, the *Whatever After* series is very popular with girls. Boys and girls enjoy any series by Rick Riordan or R.L. Stine. The *Goosebumps* series never go out of style. Another great book to share as a family is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Here's hoping for a few snow days in the near future.

## SCA

The SCA is sponsoring our third annual Hat, Socks and Mittens drive for the Salvation Army. Our drive will run from Dec. 1 through Dec. 18. Please send new hats, socks and mittens to the library to help decorate our tree. Happy Holidays!

### Guidance

Mrs. Hawkins and Ms. Carson  
School Counselors  
[hawkinsc@frederick.k12.va.us](mailto:hawkinsc@frederick.k12.va.us)



#### Seasons Greetings!

Families can be very busy during the holiday season. It is so important to stop and tune in to the family. Having dinner together, playing board games and reading together are great ways to stay connected. Children gain self-esteem from feeling like an important part of their family.

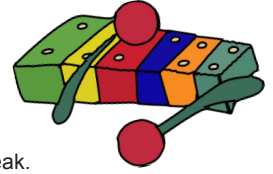
This month, fifth grade students are receiving lessons on career exploration, organization and test-taking skills in guidance.

Finally, we have enjoyed having our Counseling Intern, Mr. Atlee and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Thank you and have a great holiday!

### Music

Mr. Stichter  
Music Teacher



I hope everyone had a happy and relaxing Thanksgiving break.

December is a busy and exciting month in the music room. The Evendale Chorus will be performing their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 14 here at Evendale starting at 6:30 pm. The Evendale 2nd Grade will be performing their grade level musical, *The Holly Jolly Pirates of Pinataville* on Wednesday, December 13 here at Evendale starting at 6:30 pm. The Kindergarten and 1st Grade mini musical will be held here in school, beginning around 2:30pm in the gymnasium. This performance is for parents and family only.

Students are continuing their lessons in music class by singing, dancing, and playing. Feel free to ask your students WHAT they did in music class as there's ALWAYS something to talk about. Our Composers of the Week include some new arrivals in Irish Step Dancing/Bluegrass Clogging, and Carl Orff.

## 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](http://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.**

**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...**

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.

# My School Bucks

Parents/guardians are encouraged to use the online payment system, **My School Bucks**, to pay school activity fees and place money on a student's cafeteria account. Parents are able to view current account balances, review recent purchases, receive low-balance alerts, and setup recurring payments on a weekly or monthly basis if desired. Once the payment is made, a receipt is automatically sent to the purchaser and teacher notifying them that a payment has been received. VISA and MasterCard are accepted 24 hours a day. The web site is user friendly and allows you to self-register. Register on the school's website or on the FCPS homepage. Look for the My School Bucks Payment link.



## Notice of Nondiscrimination

In compliance with the Executive Order 11246; Title II of the Education Amendments of 1976; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1972; Title IX Regulation Implementing Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and all other Federal and State laws and school policies and regulations, Frederick County Public Schools shall 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 and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. It is the intent of Frederick County Public Schools to comply with both the letter and spirit of the law in making certain that discrimination does not exist in its policies, regulations, and operations. Grievance procedures, for Title IX and Section 504, have been established for students, their parents, and employees who feel discrimination has been shown by the school division. All students attending Frederick County Public Schools may participate in education programs and activities, including but not limited to health & physical education, music, career and technical education. Educational programs and services will be designed to meet the varying needs of all students and will not discriminate against any individual for reasons of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, political affiliation, disability, or veteran status. Questions concerning the application of Title IX and Section 504 should be referred to:

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

Title IX Coordinator  
(Student Matters)  
Teresa Ritenour  
Director of Students Support Services  
1415 Amherst Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 662-3888

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

## Frederick County Public School Check Policy

Your check is gladly accepted but must have the following actions:

**Printed Name and Address - NO starter checks**      **Phone Number - may be written on the check**      **Current date, correct amount, signature**

## Frederick County Public Schools Returned Check Policy

Returned checks Frederick County Public Schools has an agreement with a third party administrator for the collection of all returned checks. If your check is returned by your bank, it will be automatically forwarded to a third party administrator after the first presentation. They will collect the face amount of the returned check plus the maximum collection fee allowable by law. Further action within the limits of law may be taken if you do not properly respond and Frederick County Public Schools may elect to cease accepting checks from you.

## 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=qWdVhIzG3sE>

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