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October Calendar

2	Blue T-shirt Day
3	PTO Meeting 6:30PM
5	Evening at Evendale 6:30-7:30PM
9-13	National School Lunch Week
13	PTO Glow Run 6:30-7:30PM
16-20	National School Bus Safety Week
20	No School
23	No School - Professional Development Day

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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.

Save the Date



Evening at Evendale
Thursday, October 5, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Student Information Updates Move Online

In an effort to save time, paper and money, Frederick County Public Schools is asking parents/guardians to use Parent/Student 360 (Tyler) to review and update contact/emergency information for each of their students. Between October 2 and October 15, parents/guardians should login to their Parent/Student 360 account to review and update the contact and emergency information for each of their students. Parent/Student 360 usernames and passwords for 2017-18 are the same as they were last year. Those who have not previously logged in to Parent/Student 360 were sent an email on September 15 detailing the process and providing usernames and passwords. If you've forgotten your username and/or password, you can easily reset them within Parent/Student 360. Instructions on how to review and update your child's contact information is available through the FCPS website. Individuals who do not have Internet access and are unable to complete the process online should complete a Student Registration/Emergency Form and return it to their child's school. Forms can be requested from the school. Reviewing and updating your contact information is important so the school can contact you in the event of an emergency, you can receive messages sent via the FCPS Rapid Communication System, and items mailed to you by the school, including end-of-year report cards, can be delivered. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

FCPS School Safety Drill to Occur October 23

On October 23, Frederick County Public Schools is collaborating with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to conduct a school safety drill at Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School. The drill is being conducted to identify areas of strength and areas of improvement for both law enforcement and the school division as we work together to improve how response would occur in the event of an actual school emergency. The drill will result in Justes Drive being closed, thus limiting access to both Evendale Elementary School and Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School. There will also be a great deal of activity involving law enforcement and first responders in that area as the drill is conducted and debriefings occur. There is no school for students on October 23, but it's important that the community know about the drill so concerns aren't raised due to the prevalence of law enforcement activity in the area surrounding Admiral Byrd Middle School on that date.

Speak Up, Stay Safe

Keeping schools safe is everyone's responsibility. If you see suspicious activity, be prepared to give a detailed report to school staff and the authorities. Pay special attention to things like: What, specifically, you observed; who you saw; when and where you saw it; and why it seemed suspicious. These details 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.

Fire Prevention Week is October 8- 14.

The theme this year is "**Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out**" In a fire, every second counts! Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

"Every Second Counts : Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important because it reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here are some fun activities that students can do to help promote this year's Fire Prevention Week theme :

- Have students draw a map of their home with all members of their household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Have students practice with family members their home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in their home, and practice using different ways out .

Chromebooks and Your Child

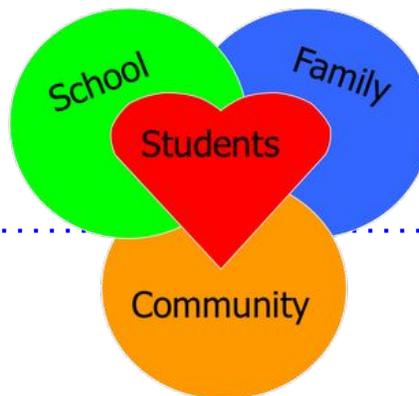
Students in grades 2-5 have each been issued a Chromebook for use at school. Students in Kindergarten and 1st grade have Chromebooks to share within their classrooms. The purpose of the Chromebook is to provide each student access to required educational materials needed to promote and enhance learning. The Chromebook is a learning tool. Please view the *1:1 Chromebook Stay at School Procedures* in its entirety. You can access this information by [clicking here](#).

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 may be eligible for reduced-priced or free meals through the National School Lunch Program, the form can be obtained from the principal at your student's school or downloaded from www.frederick.k12.va.us

Looking Ahead... November

7	No School. Professional Development Day
7	Parent Conferences 6:00-8:00PM
7	Family Book Fair Night 3:30pm-7:45pm
14	PTO Meeting 6:30PM
22-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
23 & 24	Admin. Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Break



Guidance

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

October is Bully Prevention Month. Our school will again participate in World Wide Blue T-shirt Day for Bullying Prevention which takes place on Monday,

October 2. Students and staff can wear a blue t-shirt and decorate their t-shirt with an anti-bully message. If you would like more info about Blue T-shirt Day, you can check out this website <http://www.stompoutbullying.org/>.

Did you know, there are often misconceptions about the definition of bullying? According to the Frederick County Public Schools student handbook, "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.

Students who experience or witness acts of bullying should immediately report the incidents to school personnel so that the events may be investigated swiftly.

From the Nurse

Jodi Varricchio, R.N.
School Nurse



Cold and flu season is fast approaching. The Centers for Disease Control recommend several simple things we can do to protect yourself and your family.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Viruses that cause colds can live on your hands. An alcohol based sanitizer may be used if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Cold viruses can enter your body and make you sick.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away. Cough and sneeze into your elbow covering your mouth and nose.
- Stay home if you are sick and stay away from people who are sick. Viruses spread through close contact such as hugging, kissing and shaking hands with others.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects such as toys and doorknobs.
- Check with health care provider about the seasonal flu shot to see if it is right for you. The CDC recommends a yearly flu shot to protect against flu viruses.

To find more information regarding protecting yourself against colds and flu, you may visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm>
<https://www.cdc.gov/features/rhinoviruses/index.html>

Thank you to all those who donated clothes to the clinic. It is greatly appreciated! The clinic is always in need of gently used boys and girls pants and shirts sizes 6-12.

Library

Mrs. Grove
Librarian

We always look forward to October in the library. For the eleventh year in a row, we will be hosting an author/illustrator in October. Our visiting author, Kevin O'Malley, will be here on Oct. 19 to present assemblies to our Evendale Panthers. Orders for his books are due by Oct. 5th. Our Fall Book Fair will be held in November. Be sure to put our Family Night on your calendar. It is scheduled for Nov. 7 until 7:45 PM.



Physical Education

Mr. Croson and Mrs. Fickbohm
Physical Education Specialists



Great job of remembering proper shoes and dress for physical education, Panthers! You rock!

We just finished our fitness unit for all grade levels! Our focus is to have our Panthers perform exercises with proper technique and improve their fitness levels. Keep up the good work! We are very proud of you all.

Outside physical education: That's right, we are going to outside for soccer. We'll be learning about the game of soccer using skill work, drills to reinforce development and lead up games so we can put our skills to use.

Parents! If you can reinforce the importance of fitness at home with your family we'd greatly appreciate it. Be creative! Go for a hike, bike around the neighborhood, go to the store and pick out healthy snacks together or cook a planned meal following My Plate guidelines.

Music

Mr. Stitcher
Music Teacher



Students are having a GREAT year so far in music.

The Evendale Chorus is 115 strong and already rehearsing. Many thanks to all the parental support in raising funds for our snazzy new shirts.

All students are still learning about famous composers and are fully engaged in interesting and exciting music lessons. Be sure to ask your student what they did in music class.

2nd Grade will begin rehearsal for their winter production just after October 31.

Finally, The Evendale Orff Ensemble (5th graders) is starting to take shape. The Chorus and Orff Ensemble will be performing at the first ever *Cluster Concert* at Millbrook High School, October 9 at 7pm. Elementary, Middle, and High school kids will be performing separately, then come together for a final song. Mark your calendars for these important dates.



Art

Mrs. Yeager
Art Teacher

We started the school year creating our art journals which we will be using all year to try out ideas and practice new skills. All grades are now currently completing paintings for a P.T.O. fundraiser.

- For our paintings, students first thought of an idea.
- Next, a plan was sketched in their artist's notebooks.
- Then, artists reflected and pulled out of their journal.
- Finally, paint was applied with clarity in mind.

Paintings will be sent by the P.T.O. to a company called Graphic Designs. You will receive a brochure that gives you the opportunity to purchase your child's art on fabulous items that can be cherished as keepsakes. All children will receive their original art to take home after images are scanned in free of charge.

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.

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



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.

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.



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.

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:

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