



December 2017 Newsletter

Date	Events/Description
December 1	SCA Winter Holiday Wear
December 1	PTO Family Paint Night Christmas Ornaments, GES Cafeteria, 6:30pm-8:30pm
December 5-8	PTO Holiday House
December 6	PTO Holiday House Family Night, 5:00pm-7:00pm
December 6	Students as Readers - Group 2, in Library 3:45pm-4:45pm
December 14	Chorus Concert, 6:30pm-8:30pm
December 20	SCA Pajama Day
December 21	No School - Teacher Flexible Workday
December 22-January 1	No School - Winter Break
January 2	No School - Teacher Flexible Workday
January 3	School Reopens

Library News

This is a busy time of year for adults. Try to plan ahead by creating a calendar or list of fun things to do throughout the holidays that will encourage reading. Here are a few reading ideas.

Visit local historic sites and read the signs together.

Traveling? Pick up some brochures and read about interesting places along the way.

Traveling? Get a map, online map or GPS and track your trip.

Visit Handley or Bowman library and pick favorite books to share with each other.

Go online or to the library and read about how other countries celebrate the holidays.

At the library, pick up a craft book and follow the directions together to create gifts.

Look through cookbooks and plan a delicious meal.

Read about your holiday and someone else's. How are they the same and different.

Practice reading your favorite holiday story and then read it to a grandparent or sibling.

Turn a favorite story into a play and act it out for your family.

Look up the words to a favorite holiday song and create another verse.

Pick a time or day to sit and read together.

Find fun ways to show your child that reading is a lifelong skill. These are only suggestions. You know your child's interests so think of ways to share their interests and encourage them to read.

PTO Corner

- o December 1st 6:30-8:30 Ornament Paint Night
- o December 5th-8th Student Holiday House Shopping.
- o December 6th 5pm - 7 pm Family Night at the Holiday House
- o There will be no PTO meeting in December.
- o January 19th 6 pm - 8 pm Movie Night with Snow Date of January 26th. Details will be sent home closer to event.
- o Spirit Wear order forms will come home in the beginning of February.

Gifted Education Information Series

Transitions for gifted students from middle to high school. Tuesday, January 23, 2017 from 7:00pm-8:00pm at the FCPS Administration Building Conference Room.

The Gifted Education Information Series is a series of workshops developed and facilitated by the FCPS resource teachers for gifted education to be offered throughout the school year. These workshop sessions will provide parents, teachers, and interested persons an opportunity to attend informational sessions on various topics related to the programs and services available to students eligible for gifted services in Frederick County Public Schools. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Judi Greathouse at greathoj@fcpsk12.net or 540.662.3888 (ext 88222).

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.
