



March 2018 Newsletter

Date	Events/Description
Mar. 2	SCA Spirit Day - Dr. Seuss Day
Mar. 5 - Mar. 16	Skating Unit in PE - Grades 1-5
Mar. 5 - Mar. 9	Kindergarten Registration, 9:00am-3:00pm; March 8 Only 9:00am-3:00pm and 5:00pm-7:00pm
Mar. 5 - Apr. 6	Preschool Registration
Mar. 8	Discovery Museum STEM Night at Gainesboro Elementary, 5:00pm-7:00pm (Snow Date Mar. 14)
Mar. 13	Author Visit
Mar. 15	PTO Meeting, in Library from 5:30pm-6:30pm
Mar. 16	No School - Teacher Flexible Workday
Mar. 19	No School - Professional Development Day
Mar. 23	Spring Picture Day - Individual and Classroom
Mar. 23	PTO Movie Night, at Gainesboro Elementary, 6:30pm-8:00pm
Mar. 28	Report Cards Issued (2018-19 Transportation Forms Enclosed in Envelope)
Mar. 30 - Apr. 3	No School - Spring Break

2018-19 Transportation Forms

The 2018-19 Transportation Forms will be sent home in the March 28 Report Card Envelopes. These forms need to be filled out for each student, every school year. Please return no later than April 20.

PTO Corner

*Movie Night (Movie TBD) - March 23rd from 6-8:30 (Movie starts at 6:30). Food will be available for purchase. Free Admission for the movie.

*Spring Fundraiser will be sent home March 23rd and will run until April 6th.

*Polka Dot Spring Paint Night will be April 13th from 6-8.

Message from the Nurse

Attention 5TH Grade Parents – Information On Required TDap Immunization

TDap vaccines are required for your child to enter 6th grade. As you plan your child's next health physical, please make sure your child receives this important vaccine. Please bring a copy of the immunization record to the school nurse. If your child has already received the vaccine, please provide this information to the school nurse at this time. Students will not be able to start school in the fall without a Tdap Vaccine and appropriate documentation, so plan your doctor's visit early.

2018-19 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year will take place March 5-9. All children who will be five years of age on or before September 30 must register for kindergarten. Parents registering children to enter school for the first time in August 2018 should complete the registration process at the elementary school their child will attend. Parents will need to present a photo ID, the student's birth certificate, proof of county residency, a physical form and immunization records at the time of registration. You can still register your child if they haven't had their kindergarten physical yet, but that will need to be completed before the start of the school year in August. Visit www.frederick.k12.va.us for more information.

Preschool Registration Open March 5-April 6

Thanks to a grant from the Virginia Department of Education, Frederick County Public Schools will be offering a pilot preschool program during the 2018-19 school year for selected four-year-olds residing in the Apple Pie Ridge, Gainesboro, Indian Hollow, Redbud Run and Stonewall elementary school attendance zones. The program will focus on literacy and other core subject areas as well as physical, motor, personal and social development. Preliminary applications for the program will be accepted from Monday, March 5 through Friday, April 6. Applications should be completed and submitted at the preschool student's base school. For additional information regarding the registration process, visit www.frederick.k12.va.us or contact Preschool Coordinator Angie White at 540-662-3888.

Speak Up, Stay Safe

Everyone plays a part in keeping our schools safe and secure. If you see suspicious activity in the vicinity of our school, report it to school staff and the authorities. Suspicious activity may include: a vehicle or individual in an odd or concealed location; an unattended package or backpack; individuals seeking information about a school, its operations or security procedures beyond mere curiosity; or unusual, repeated or prolonged observation of school buildings, bus stops or students. Contact the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 540-662-6168 if you observe any suspicious activity.

Take the FCPS School Quality and Perceptions Survey

Everyone has a voice in Frederick County Public Schools. That's why we're asking parents and guardians, school-based staff, and students in grades 5-12 to share their candid feedback through our School Quality and Perceptions Survey which will be conducted March 19-April 6.

The survey will ask for feedback on school quality, student and academic support, safety and behavior, school leadership, family involvement, and more. The results will help us determine how well we have addressed the areas for improvement identified through the 2016 School Quality and Perceptions Survey as well as our current strengths and areas in need of focus.

Frederick County Public Schools has partnered with independent research and communications firm K12 *Insight* to administer the survey and compile the results. Your responses are strictly confidential and anonymous. Please check your email for an invitation and link to the survey later this month. You will also be able to access the survey through the school division's website. Students will take the survey at school. Paper surveys will be available in the school office.