



May/June 2018 Newsletter

Date	Events/Description
May 1	Grades 3-5, Breakfast For Brains, 8:30am-9:00am
May 1	Spring Picture Day and 5th Grade Photos
May 1	PTO Spirit Night - Chipotle, 4:00pm-8:00pm
May 3	SCA Spirit Wear - Apple Blossom Wear Pink and Green Day
May 4	No School - Apple Blossom Weekend
May 7 - 11	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8	Pre K - 2, Breakfast For Brains, 8:30am-9:00am
May 9 - 31	SOL Testing, Grades 3-5
May 17	PTO Meeting, in Library from 5:30pm-6:30pm
May 18	US Army Chorus Performance (students only), 1:45pm-2:45pm
May 25	SCA Spirit Wear - Memorial Day - Tie Dye Red/White/Blue
May 28	No School - Memorial Day
May 31	All students books checked out of the library are due!
June	GES Student Recognition Assemblies - TIME AND DATE TO BE DETERMINED
June 1	Ferguson Fitness Event (students only), 9:30am-11:30am
June 1	SCA Spirit Wear - Animal Day - Animal clothing or prints, NO masks or costumes.
June 2	Bowman Library Summer Rally For Reading
June 5	Field Day, PreK - 2
June 6	Field Day, 3-5
June 7	5th Grade Matriculation, 1:30pm-3:00pm
June 8	Last Day of School, Early Dismissal @1:00pm
June 21	Report Cards Mailed

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United States Army Chorus Performance

The United States Army Chorus outreach program, will perform on Friday, May 18, 2018. This school day assembly will provide the students with a wonderful experience to witness a memorable musical performance of men who serve our country!

Library News -- Prevent the “Summer Slide” by reading this summer!

Read at least 20 minutes a day during the summer.

Studies show that if children read just 20 minutes each day during the summer, they can not only avoid the summer slide but actually start school ahead. So, have a family meeting and set some goals for the summer. Check out the Handley Regional Library Summer Reading program at <http://www2.youseemore.com/handley/#> > . Bowman Library has their Summer Rally for Reading scheduled on their calendar for Saturday, June 2nd at 11:00 am. The Handley Regional Library plans many wonderful activities as well as free shows throughout the summer. There is lots of reading fun for everyone so check it out! Also, look for upcoming information about other ways to read this summer.

Speak Up, Stay Safe

Parents, students, staff and members of the community can all play a part in keeping our schools safe and secure. If you see suspicious activity in the vicinity of a 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.

SOL Test Retakes to be Offered

Thanks to legislation approved by the General Assembly in 2015, students in grades 3-8 who fail an SOL test in reading, mathematics, science or history by a small margin may retake the tests they fail. A letter was sent home with all third through eighth grade students on April 23 detailing the criteria that must be met in order for a student to have the opportunity to retake an SOL test. Please take time to review the letter and return the permission form if you have not already done so. A copy of the letter is available through the Peachjar link on our school's website.

Medications in the Clinic

All medications must be picked up by the end of the school year or they will be disposed of. Thank you.

Lunch Accounts

Charges need to be paid as soon as possible. If you have any questions about your child's lunch balance, please call the school.

GES SOL Testing Schedule Grade 3-5

All testing sessions will begin promptly at 9:15. Please make every effort to be in attendance and on time for school on the testing dates.

5th Grade

Wednesday, May 9, Reading

Tuesday, May 15- Math

Friday, May 18- VA Studies

Tuesday, May 22- Science

4th Grade

Thursday, May 10, Reading

Wednesday, May 16- Math

3rd Grade

Friday, May 11- Reading

Thursday, May 17- Math

Expedited Retakes

Thursday, May 24- Reading Grades 3-5

Friday, May 25- Math Grades 3-5

Tuesday, May 29- VA Studies

Wednesday, May 30- Science

Thursday, May 31- Final Retake