



April 2017

## SPARTAN HERALD

<http://rea.frederick.k12.va.us>

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of April brings us warmer days that inevitably remind us that the summer months are within sight. There is still much to accomplish before this school year ends and we will need your help to keep your child focused on being the best student he/she can be as we finish up the rest of the school year. The fourth nine weeks just kicked in and we hope to see continued success from our students. A reminder that school will be not in session on April 14, 17, and 18 for Spring Break. We are hoping you and your family will have a restful and relaxing Spring break!

Our teachers have been working hard to prepare students for the Virginia SOL testing that will run from May 8 through June 2. It is especially important that Aylor students attend school regularly, complete their assignments, study each night, and get plenty of rest. This will help your child do well in his/her classes and master the course content necessary to perform well on the upcoming SOL tests. There are many helpful resources made available by teachers to our students to assist them in preparing for their SOL tests. Please take time to review your child's grades and, if needed, contact guidance to arrange a conference with the teachers. Together we can develop a plan for success for the final grading period.

Congratulations to our music and band departments as they demonstrated their success by receiving superior ratings at the District State Assessments. A very special congratulations to our Performing Arts Department on their production of *The Lion King, Jr.* The students worked very hard and had seven incredible performances. Volleyball came to a close in March and we are very proud of their hard work this season. We had several students who competed in the regional science and history day competitions and had students place, giving them the opportunity to move on to the state level to compete. One of our Aylor students took first place at the County Spelling Bee and advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee. She did a terrific job representing Aylor. Congratulations to all of our students for their continued efforts!

Track practice has just started and the first meet is scheduled at home on April 10. The District Solo and Ensemble Band Festival will be held on April 22 and All State Chorus will be held April 27-29. FFA Small Animal Care Competition will be held on April 5 and they will be hosting a paint night on April 19.

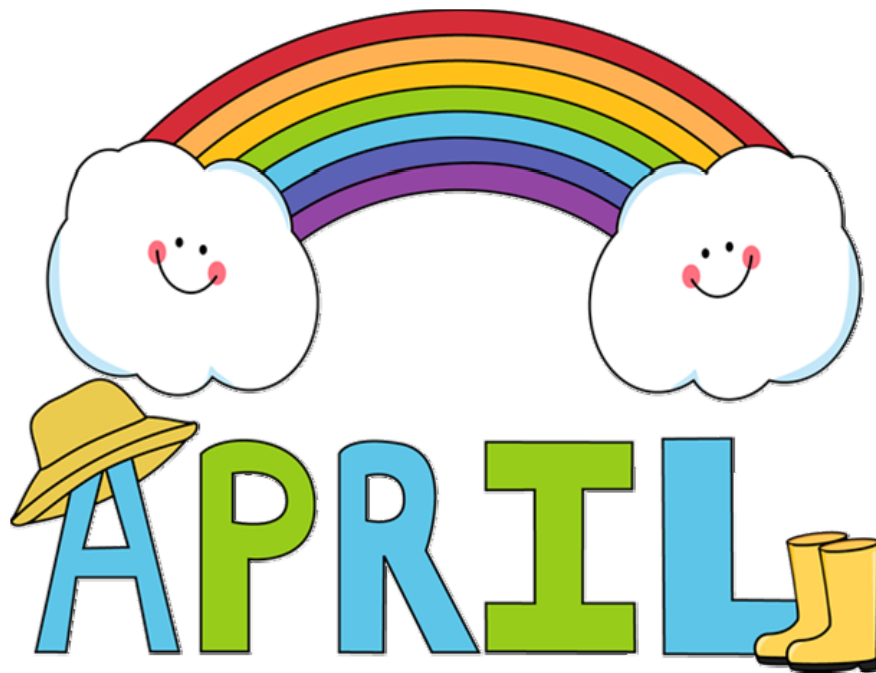
Looking ahead, school will not be in session on Friday, May 5, due to the Apple Blossom holiday. Look for our band and flag corps marching in the Firefighter's parade. The 8th grade dance will be on May 12, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The 8th grade academic awards assembly will be the evening of May 30 with the 8th grade recognition ceremony on June 1. There are also some field trips coming up and an end of the year celebration in June to recognize the success of our students.

As part of the Robert E. Aylor Middle School community, I hope you will take the opportunity to attend as many of the upcoming Aylor activities as you can and be involved in your child's interests. With parents, teachers, students and staff working together we are able to make Aylor an exciting and welcoming place for kids to learn, grow and make lasting memories. As a result of our united efforts, we are also able to share our pride in the success of each of our students. Thank you for your continued support for our school. Spread the Spartan "spear"-it!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Marcella Simmons  
Assistant Principal

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL**

1	2:00pm	Spring Musical "The Lion King Jr." (café)
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3-5		Book Fair (library) 3/3 will be open until 6:30pm
4		Spring Sports Pictures after school
11	6:30pm	8th Grade Dance parent meeting
11	3-5:00pm	Talent Show Auditions
12	7:00pm	PTSO Meeting (library)
14		<b>NO SCHOOL (SPRING BREAK)</b>
17		<b>NO SCHOOL (SPRING BREAK)</b>
18		<b>NO SCHOOL (SPRING BREAK)</b>
19	6-9:00PM	FFA Paint Night (café) \$30 (includes dinner and materials)
20	3-5:00pm	Talent Show Rehearsals
27	7:00pm	Talent Show (café)



# BREAKING NEWS!!!

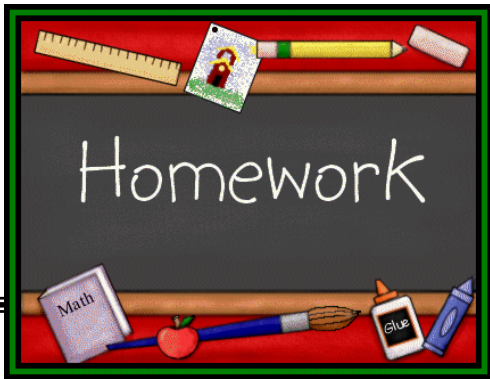
## AYLOR PTSO

The REAMS PTSO is in need of officers for the upcoming school year.

- \*President
- \*Vice President
- \*Secretary
- \*Treasurer



Please contact the main office if you are interested.  
The PTSO is a huge supporter of field trips, classroom items, students and faculty and many other things.  
Thank you in Advance!



Homework can be requested for your child after he/she has been absent for three or more consecutive days.

Make-up homework needs to be requested by 10:30 am and will be available after 3:00pm. The office closes at 4:00pm

### Keep Information Up-to-Date

Please be sure to contact the school whenever any of your child's contact information changes. It is important that the school has correct contact information for each student's parents/guardians. Whenever a home phone number, cell phone number or email address changes, please contact the school so that our records can be updated. Without the correct contact information, we are not able to effectively communicate and reach you in the event of an emergency. Thank you!



### Reporting Student Absences

When students will be absent, the parent/guardian must notify the school by calling 540-869-3736 or report the absence using the REAMS web site under Quick Links. If you are unable to notify the school in advance, please send a written explanation for the student's absence.



### Bus Notes/ Transportation Changes

If your child is riding the bus home with another student or will be picked up early by another student's parent, BOTH students MUST have signed permission notes from their parent/guardian.

Arrangements must be made prior to students leaving home in the morning. Students will not be permitted to call home to initiate a change in transportation.

### Tardy Policy

Classes start at 7:55 am. Students who are tardy to school must report to the main office to receive a tardy pass. After 3 unexcused tardies (per marking period) the student will receive an after school detention.



**8th Grade Academic Awards**

Tuesday, May 30th  
7:00 pm in Café

**8th Grade Recognition**

Thursday, June 1  
6:00 pm in Gym



8th Grade Dance  
Friday, May 12th  
6:30 - 9:00 pm



**REGIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students for placing at the Regional History Day competition!  
1st and 2nd Place winners will advance to the State Competition on April 22nd.

Individual Exhibit 1st place - Admiral Rickover's Stand to Design and Build the First Nuclear Powered Submarine by Logan Dunston

Individual Exhibit Honorable Mention - Quanah Parker and the Comanche Indians: The Last Barrier to Western Expansion by Lance Rauser

Group Website 2nd Place - Ruby Bridges: Taking a Stand Against Segregation in Schools by Sidnee Taylor-Goode and Reese Martin

**ACCENTS LITERARY MAGAZINE** a collection of student- created artwork and writings, is looking for staff members to help assemble the magazine. Please contact Dr. Brown for more information and if you have any questions.



**FFA ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL**

Wednesday, April 5th - Small Animal Care Competition - Byrd MS @ 4pm

Wednesday, April 19th - FFA Paint Night with Clare Norris - \$30 - dinner and materials included





## LIBRARY NEWS

### NURSES CORNER

#### SPRING INTO ACTION!

Spring is here! The SUN is shining and the days are getting longer so SPRING INTO ACTION! The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that children participate in 60 minutes of activity EVERY day. Your child can play with other friends, family, or a pet. In addition, children and families can utilize neighborhood playgrounds, walking and biking trails, and a variety of recreation centers. Activity is beneficial for EVERY-ONE as it decreases your risk of heart disease, obesity, stroke, and other chronic health conditions.

Taken from: <http://www.cdc.gov/features/outdooractivity/>

Hello everyone! The Spring book fair is here! April 3rd through April 7th Robert E. Aylor will hold it's annual spring book fair everyday, from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM. We will stay open late on Monday, April 3rd until 6:30 PM for any parents that might like to visit the book fair. Of course, parents and grandparents can visit during the school day too. Students will visit the book fair through their English classes. The schedule of class visits are as follows:

**Monday, 4/3** - Proko, Colbert-Somerville, Monahan, Lynch

**Tuesday, 4/4** - Heare, Deignan, Wells

**Wednesday, 4/5** - Gagen, Clagg

**Thursday, 4/6** - Taylor, Hyatt

**Friday, 4/7** - Open to all

You can shop online at:

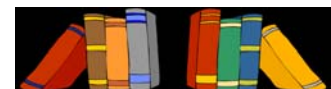
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/robertaylormiddleschool>

We are going to start signing rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders up for a summer reading program. The summer reading program will start in June and go until right before school starts, which will equal ten weeks. Students will be encouraged to read a minimum of 20 minutes per week day, which will equal 100 minutes a week, and 1,000 minutes for the ten weeks of "summer". We will hold a movie night in July for all students participating, and the library will be open August 7th and 8th from 8-3, for participants to come in and use the library to design a movie poster for a book they read over the summer. The library will also work on a reward of some kind for the students that participate and verify through a reading log that they have read the minimum of 1000 minutes over the summer. Students will get more information through their English classes.

Thanks for all the support you give us! Remember that we are still collecting BoxTops and Coke rewards, along with the Amerigas receipt promotion. Your help is extremely welcome. Have a great April, and a wonderful Spring Beak!

Margaret Werner

Librarian



## AYLOR'S GOT TALENT

**APRIL 27TH**

Auditions - April 11th from 3-4

Rehearsal - April 20th from 3-5

More information about auditions will be shared during announcements as the date approaches. Contact Dr. Brown if you have any questions.



FREDERICK COUNTY MIDDLE & ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU 2016-2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Strawberry Shortcake</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Pancakes w/Syrup</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt w/Graham Crackers</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>	<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Mini Waffles</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Sausage Gravy Over Biscuit</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt w/Graham Crackers</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>	<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Apple Crisp</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Egg and Cheese on a Biscuit</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt Parfait</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>	<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Chicken Patty on a Biscuit</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Pizza Breakfast Bagel</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt Parfait</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>	<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Or</p> <p>French Toast Sticks w/Syrup</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt w/Graham Crackers</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>

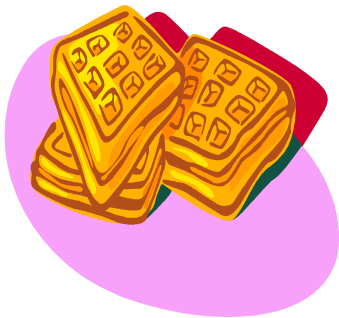
**MEAL PRICES**

Breakfast - \$1.40

Lunch - \$2.85

Reduced breakfast - .30

Reduced lunch - .40



























# Frederick County Middle Schools

## School Meals: The Real Deal

# 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday															
<p>3</p> <p>TACO w/meat &amp; cheese or COLD CUT on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> REFRIED BEANS GOLDEN CORN <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP</p>	<p>4</p> <p>PIZZA STICKS w/sauce or BIG BAD BURRITO <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GREEN LEAFY SALAD SNAPPY GREEN BEANS SALSA <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP</p>	<p>5</p> <p>HOT DOG on bun or FISH SQUARE on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> AUGRATIN POTATOES TOMATO CUP <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>6</p> <p>BAKED CHICKEN w/roll &amp; stuffing or BAKED HAM w/roll &amp; stuffing <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> MASHED POTATOES w/ gravy GREEN PEAS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT MIXED FRUIT CUP  HOLIDAY CAKE</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>	<p>7</p> <p>PIZZA or CORN DOG <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> BROCCOLI TATER TOTS <u>Choose 1</u> PEACH CUP FRESH FRUIT</p>	<p>10</p> <p>SLOPPY JOE on bun or HAM &amp; CHEESE on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> OVEN BAKED FRIES COLE SLAW <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP</p>	<p>11</p> <p>CHICKEN NUGGETS w/roll or SALISBURY STEAK w/roll <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> MASHED POTATOES w/gravy CRUNCHY CARROTS w/dip <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>12</p> <p>PIZZA STICKS w/sauce or MEAT BALL SUB <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GREEN LEAFY SALAD PINTO BEANS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE</p>	<p>13</p> <p>PANCAKES w/SAUSAGE or FRENCH TOAST w/EGG PATTY <u>Choose 1</u> POTATO WEDGES <u>Choose 1</u> JUICE MIXED FRUIT CUP</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>SPRING BREAK</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>SPRING BREAK</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>SPRING BREAK</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>19</p> <p>BBQ PULLED PORK on bun or STEAK &amp; CHEESE SUB <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GOLDEN CORN PINTO BEANS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE</p>	<p>20</p> <p>HOT DOG on bun or GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> TOMATO SOUP w/crackers TATER TOTS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH GRAPES MIXED FRUIT CUP</p>	<p>21</p> <p>CHICKEN TENDERS w/roll or SHRIMP POPPERS w/ cheese stick &amp; bread stick <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> BROCCOLI TOMATO CUP <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CHICKEN PATTY on bun or HAM &amp; CHEESE on Croissant <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> BAKED BEANS TATER TOTS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>25</p> <p>RAVIOLI w/ cheese stick &amp; roll or BIG BAD BURRITO w/ salsa <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GOLDEN CORN GREEN LEAFY SALAD <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP  CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE</p>	<p>26</p> <p>PIZZA or TACO w/ meat &amp; cheese <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> CRUNCHY CARROTS w/dip SNAPPY GREEN BEANS BLACK BEAN &amp; CORN SALSA <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CORN DOG or FISH SQUARE on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GREEN PEAS TOMATO CUP <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH GRAPES MIXED FRUIT CUP  CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP w/crackers</p>	<p>28</p> <p>CHICKEN NUGGETS w/roll or MACARONI AND CHEESE w/roll <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> BROCCOLI SWEET POTATOES <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>
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**\*Additional Meal Choices:** Offered Daily  
Salad w/ soft pretzels or  
Yogurt w/ soft pretzels

"USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Note: Additional Fruits & vegetables may be offered daily. Students must select at least 1/2 cup of a fruit and/or vegetable.



All meals are served with a variety of low fat or skim milk daily.





### **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

Frederick County Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer and does 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.

## Counseling Corner

<b>Lexi Rogers</b>	<b>6th Grade</b>	rogerrsj@fcpsk12.net
<b>Laonna Rauser</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>	rauserl@fcpsk12.net
<b>Eric Demorest</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>	demorese@fcpsk12.net
<b>Tonya Smith</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	smitht@fcpsk12.net
<b>Ph:(540) 869-3736</b>	<b>Ext: 80193</b>	<b>Fax:(540) 869-5180</b>

### Check out our Guidance Departments Web Page

[Http://rea.frederick.k12.va.us/parents\\_students/school\\_counseling](http://rea.frederick.k12.va.us/parents_students/school_counseling)

### RISING 9TH GRADERS

Attention rising 9th graders. Sherando HS is now offering a Color Guard class as a music elective. If you are interested in having this class added to your 9th grade registration form please contact Kris Ruzika at 540-869-0060 or ruzickak@fcpsk12.net at Sherando HS to update your class selection form.

You can check out the program of studies for the 2017-2018 school year on the FCPS web site, under the Parents and Students button.



A BIG THANK YOU to Shenandoah Miniature Golf and Arby's for donating the rewards for Marking Period 3. Donations from the local business community make giving rewards to our outstanding students possible! THANK YOU!

TESTING

### FUTURE SOL TESTING DATES

**May 8 – June 3 – 6th, 7th and 8th Grade**  
non writing tests

(more details in the May Newsletter)

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Parent 360 Portal offers secure, real-time access to grades, assignments, missing work and much more. Many smart phones even have a Tyler SIS app in the app store you can download.

***If you have not received your username and password, please contact Mrs. Smith in guidance.***



- Get a good night's sleep!
- Arrive to school on time.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Wear a comfortable outfit.
- Do not forget your glasses on test day!
- Make sure your Chromebook is FULLY CHARGED.
- If you're feeling stressed during the test, close your eyes and take a few deep breaths or ask to take a break.
- Listen carefully to all instructions.
- Do your best on sample test items.
- When the test begins, use your scratch paper to write down anything you think you might forget (formulas, important dates, etc.)
- Read the question and think of the answer before looking at the answer choices.
- Go through the test and answer all the questions you know first. Then, go back to all unanswered questions.
- Eliminate answers that you think are wrong.
- Trust your first hunch - do not change an answer unless you are SURE you're right!
- Answer all test items!

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