



August 2017

SPARTAN HERALD

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

Dear Parents:

The faculty, staff and administration at Robert E. Aylor Middle School would like to extend a heartfelt WELCOME to all of our new and returning students and their families!

One of the reasons that Aylor students are so successful is that our teachers and parents are firmly committed to helping their students find the joy in learning and the satisfaction of a job well done! We greatly appreciate all the work that is being done at home to support our students and their learning. We have high expectations for our students, and our curriculum is very challenging. It is the combined efforts of the parents, teachers, and students that enable Aylor to excel in areas of academic performance within Frederick County.

Please know that each and every Aylor student is important to us! This year you can expect that your child will be challenged to learn new content, utilize technology in their learning and exhibit outstanding character as well as actively participate in academic and extra-curricular activities. We hope to have you onboard for this exciting and challenging journey. In addition, you as a parent will be using the Tyler 360 Parent/Student information system to view your child's grades, missing assignments, attendance and more. Shortly after the start of the 2017-18 school year, parents will receive a user name and password that will allow them to login to Parent/Student 360 to access information regarding their student(s). The Parent/Student 360 link can be found under the Parent & Students tab on the Frederick County Public Schools website (rea.frederick.k12.va.us) and each individual school website. In addition, many of our teachers have a "Google Classroom" which contains a variety of classroom information that will be helpful to you and your student such as copies of notes, hand outs, test & project due dates and more. You will need to have your student access the Google Classroom in order for you to view. Many teachers also use applications like "Remind" and "Edmodo" to inform and update info. about their class.

Summer is coming to a close and it is time to start thinking about the new school year, which begins Wednesday, August 16. Several events and activities will be getting underway soon. Details of the various activities can be found in this newsletter. Information is posted on the school website and on Comcast channel 18. We will continue to use Peachjar to post announcements as well as send messages via the Rapid Communication System.

As always, we encourage all of our students to get involved in the many clubs and activities that are offered here at Aylor. Join any one of the following clubs: FFA, TSA, FCCLA, FBLA, SCA, & Math Counts. Participate in the following activities: Flag Team, annual school musical, Accents Magazine, Chess Club, Spelling Team, Dance Team, M.A.T. Program (info. in guidance), Book Club, and others. Students should listen to daily announcements and check the large screens in the cafeteria for school information. Make your middle school experience a great one by getting involved!

Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, August 30, for grades 6 – 8 starting at 6:30 p.m.

I hope everyone enjoys the remainder of the summer, and we are looking forward to another great year at R. E. Aylor Middle School!

Sincerely,

David L. Rudy II
Principal

GREEN AND GOLD DAY

WHEN: 8/7

TIME: 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

- *Pick up schedule
- *Pay class fees
- *Practice opening locker
- *Tour the building
- *Pre-order Spirit Wear (through 9/8)

Schedules will not be available until 8/7

Any schedules not picked up by 4pm on 8/8 will be mailed

Check writing requirements

All checks must be printed with the following information:

Name

Address

Phone number with area code

Checks must be pre-printed (no counter checks)

CAMP SPARTAN

AUGUST 14TH

8:00am - 12:00pm
(6th grade only)

- *Meet teachers
- *Meet class mates
- *Walk your schedule
- *Practice opening your locker



New FCPS Mobile App

Frederick County Public Schools is launching a custom mobile app which will be available for both Apple and Android devices in the next few weeks. Download the app from Apple's App Store or Google Play. The app connects to important information such as Parent/Student 360, school calendars, staff directories, bus routes, menus, news and FCPS social media.

*******NEWSLETTER*******

We post the newsletter on our school website each month as well as send it out through Peachjar. If you would like to receive a physical copy in the mail, please email Christina Hughes at hughesc@fcpsk12.net for your name to be added to the list.

FCPS Rapid Communication System Text Messages

The Frederick County Public Schools' Rapid Communication System includes a SMS text message function. In order to receive text messages sent through the FCPS Rapid Communication System, parents must have the phone number of the device on which they want to receive text alerts included on their child's student record. In addition, they must opt-in to receiving the text messages if they have not done so previously. To opt-in, text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587 from the device on which you want to receive text messages. Once the opt-in process has been completed, you will receive a confirmation text message. The FCPS Rapid Communication System is used to contact parents in a variety of situations ranging from severe weather and power outages to other emergencies that may cause a school to evacuate, relocate or go on lock-down. The system also is utilized to inform parents when schools are closed, opening late or closing early due to inclement weather. Individual schools also utilize the system to communicate information to their school communities.

School Safety and Security

Frederick County Public Schools is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and staff. Several new initiatives are being launched divisionwide this year to enhance security including:

Raptor Visitor Management System

Each school and the FCPS Administration Building is now equipped with the Raptor Visitor Management System. Beginning September 5, everyone visiting a school will be required to present a valid, government-issued ID which will be scanned through the system and checked against registered sex offender and other databases that may include custody orders and those individuals prohibited from visiting school grounds. Those who are cleared by the system will be issued a badge bearing their name and photo as well as the date, time of entry and destination.

School Bus Stop-Arm Cameras

Each school bus will be equipped with a stop-arm camera that is activated whenever a bus stops to pick up or drop off students. The cameras capture high-definition video of any vehicles that illegally pass a stopped school bus. The video is automatically transmitted to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office where a deputy determines whether a summons should be issued to the owner of the vehicle that was seen passing the bus illegally.

COPsync911

Frederick County Public Schools and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office have partnered to utilize the COPsync911 threat alert service to inform first responders when an emergency situation arises at a school. Once activated, COPsync911 notifies the 911 dispatch center and the closest law enforcement officers at the same time which allows officers to arrive at the scene sooner. The system also enables the school to have real-time, live communication with law enforcement and the dispatch center.

Counseling Corner

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We love and appreciate our local businesses! Without your generous donations, rewards/coupons for perfect **Thank You!** attendance and honor roll would not be possible. Thanks go out to Shenandoah Miniature Golf, Ledo's Subs & Pizza, Anthony's Pizza and Alamo Drafthouse Cinema for their contributions for marking period 4. If YOUR business is interested in providing rewards/coupons for the upcoming school year, please contact Tonya Smith in the Counseling office.

For the students' protection, if medical insurance is not currently provided through the parents' employer or individual plans, parents are strongly encouraged to purchase insurance from a private vendor or the student accident insurance program available through the school division vendor—The Young Group, Inc. Information about plan types and enrollment instructions can be found online. Go to your child's school website, click on [Parents and Students](#) then [Health Services](#) then [Student Accident Insurance](#), where plan information and enrollment instructions are located. Enrollment and claim forms are also available in each school office.

Frederick County Public Schools' insurance plan does NOT provide medical coverage for accidents or injuries to students during school or during school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
"Y" or "Yes"
to 67587**

i Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

Aylor Spirit Wear Clothing Order Form 2017 - 2018

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

First Period Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Please complete the order form and attach your money. Order forms and payment should be returned to the main office or placed in Mrs. Pavlik's mailbox. Orders will be delivered to students' 1st period class.

Orders and payment can be made online. Go to MySchoolBucks.com & click on "fundraiser."

Orders will be taken through FRIDAY, SEPT. 8, 2017. Please be sure to mark the size AND color on the form. All clothing must be pre-ordered.

ITEM	SIZE (Circle Choice)	Color (Circle Choice)	QTY	PRICE	Total Cost
Short Sleeve T-Shirt	Youth Lg. S M L XL	Electric Green Gold Ash Gray		\$10.00	
Short Sleeve T-Shirt	2XL 3XL 4XL	Electric Green (Green only 2X & 3X) Gold Ash Gray		\$15.00	
Tie-Dye Short Sleeve T-Shirt	Youth Lg. S M L XL	Gold Kelly Green Neon Rainbow		\$15.00	
Tie-Dye Short Sleeve T-Shirt	2XL 3XL 4XL	Gold Kelly Green Neon Rainbow		\$20.00	
Hoodie Sweatshirt	Youth Lg. S M L XL	Ash Gray Forest Green		\$25.00	
Hoodie Sweatshirt	2XL 3XL 4XL	Ash Gray Forest Green		\$30.00	
TOTAL ATTACHED					