



October 2016

## SPARTAN HERALD

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

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Fall has officially arrived and we have some great things going on at Aylor Middle School. This year the PTSO is hosting a Colorful Fun Run fundraiser on October 25th to raise funds that support our students. They are an integral part of our Spartan community. Our Spartan athletes participating in cross country, football, and girl's basketball have been in action and will be wrapping up their seasons with play-offs and championship competitions this month. Our cross country athletes will compete in the FCJL meet on October 6th at James Wood Middle School. Championship games for the 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams will be hosted by Aylor on October 19th and 20th respectively. Our football team has two more home games left in their season on October 11th and October 18th. Come and support our teams.

Our student organizations are also starting to plan exciting activities for this school year. Please encourage your student to join one of our clubs such as FFA, FCCLA, and TSA or band and chorus. It is a great opportunity for students to get to know one another and be a part of a larger family that creates a positive atmosphere leading to better relationships and higher academic success. FFA will be holding their annual Harvest Dinner on October 26th. The Aylor Band department will be sponsoring a Halloween costume dance party on October 28th.

We also encourage you, as a parent or guardian, to become an active participant in your child's education. Staying connected by communicating frequently with your child and his/her teachers will help your child achieve academically. Tyler Technologies is a great online resource provided as a tool to check grades, assignments, and upcoming assessments. If you have not activated your Tyler account, it is not too late. Contact our guidance department for more information. Thank you for your continued patience with the new system. If you have any questions about your child's progress in a specific class, call or email the teacher. Our teachers are always willing to respond to questions and concerns.

October 20th will mark the end of the first quarter of the school year. Report cards will be issued on November 1st. Each day your child will be learning something new and we think it would make for great dinner conversation. Please feel free to contact the guidance department to schedule a conference if you have questions or concerns about your student's academics.

Once again we are offering after school academic assistance through the MAT (Mentors, Academic, Teamwork) program which starts on October 18th and meets every Tuesday. Also, our Spartan "Spear" committee is leading an initiative called "Aylor Spartans: Changing the world through good deeds" and will be hosting Spartan "Spear" week later this month as part of our character education program.

We recognize that your child's education is very important to you. The staff here at Aylor is committed to doing whatever it takes to help each child achieve success. We appreciate your continued help and open communication as we work together to successfully support your child's academic journey. Please know that the Spartan staff work very hard each day to create meaningful learning experiences for your child that will contribute to his/her overall well-being. We hope you and your child have had a great start to the school year as we look forward to the continued success of all students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcella Simmons

Assistant Principal



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER**



3		FFA fundraiser starts
4	3-5pm	Mathcounts scrimmage
6	5pm	FCJL Cross Country Championship @JWMS
6		FFA Leadership @VT
12	7pm	PTSO Meeting in the library
18		FFA officers to National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.
19		8th grade to 4H Center
19	5pm	7th Grade Basketball Championship @REAMS
20	5pm	8th Grade Basketball Championship @REAMS
20		End of 1st Quarter
20		8th grade to 4H Center
21		No School/Flexible teacher work day
24		No School Professional Development
25	6pm	Football Banquet
25		PTSO Fun Run during 6th/7th period
26	6:30pm	Ag Harvest Dinner
28	6-8pm	Halloween Dance
28		Last Day of FFA Fundriaser



## 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 "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 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.

### HOMEWORK REQUESTS

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!

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



### 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

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### ART NEWS

The Aylor Select Art class is excited about an upcoming visit from an author/artist on October 4, 2016. Our librarian, Ms. Werner, has arranged for Bob McLeod, a former DC and Marvel comic book artist, author and illustrator of "Superhero ABC", to visit Aylor and hold a session on drawing comics for these select group of students. SART students have been working diligently in their art class on their own comic book superheroes based on a chosen letter of the alphabet or as a sidekick to a letter. Students will receive feedback on their ideas and sketches and they will also receive instruction from Mr. McLeod on drawing in the DC and Marvel comic style. After the session, students will apply this style to their own ideas and create a page in our own collaborative class Superhero ABC book. Each student's final page will be scanned and copied and the class will collaboratively compile 32 copies of the book, 1 for each student to keep. Additional copies of the book will be made and sold to raise money for the Aylor art department. If you are interested in reserving a copy now, please contact our art teacher, Mrs. Norris. Thank you!!

## STEPS FOR ORDERING A 2016/2017 YEARBOOK

Go to [www.splendidportraits.com](http://www.splendidportraits.com)

Choose **Q-Z Schools**

Select Robert E. Aylor

Enter quantity

Add to cart

Check out

Enter student information

Billing information

Shipping information

**(ALL YEARBOOKS WILL BE SHIPPED TO AYLOR)**

Enter

Enter credit card information

Place order

### Yearbook Online Prices

8/1/16 - 1/1/17 - online price \$30

1/2/17 - 4/1/17 - online price \$35



## LIBRARY NEWS

The library is having Bob McLeod, an author and DC/Marvel illustrator come in on October 4th to visit with the SART classes, which will be very exciting, and have all of us finding our inner "super heroes".

The fall book fair will run from 10/31 - 11/4. The following is the schedule:

Monday - Proko and Heare

Tuesday - Gagen and Clagg

Wednesday - Colbert-Somerville, Hyatt, Wells and Lynch

Thursday - Taylor

The book fair will be open to everyone all week, but those are the specific days English classes will visit. Help support the library with a purchase!

Another way to support our school is by collecting Coke rewards, or Box Tops. So please keep collecting! Thank you and we hope October turns out to be a Spook-tacular month for everyone!

Margaret Werner

Librarian

## FFA NEWS

**10/3-10/28**— FFA/Ag Dept Fundraiser-all information will be given out to all Ag students on Monday, 10/3.

**10/19-10/22**— National FFA Convention Indianapolis, IN.  
Broadcast live on ch. 345 (direct tv)

**10/26**— Oct. FFA Meeting, Harvest Dinner, 6:30pm

**10/28**— Peel apples at Hill High Farm 5pm to dark

**10/29**— Make apple butter at Hill High Farm 7am to finish







# Frederick County Middle Schools

# OCTOBER 2016

## School Meals: The Real Deal



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 CHEESEBURGER on bun or CHICKEN TATTY on bun Choose 1 or 2 GREEN PEAS OVEN BAKED FRIES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP	4 CRISPY CHICKEN w/ rice or BBQ PORK RIBS on BUN Choose 1 or 2 STEAMED CARROTS SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP FORTUNE COOKIE	5 TURKEY SUB or STEAK & CHEESE SUB Choose 1 or 2 GOLDEN CORN PINTO BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLE SAUCE 	6 HOT DOG on bun or GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH Choose 1 or 2 TOMATO SOUP w/ crackers TATER TOTS Choose 1 FRESH GRAPES MIXED FRUIT CUP	7 CHICKEN TENDERS w/ roll or SHRIMP POTTERS w/ cheese stick & bread stick Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP
8 CHICKEN TATTY on bun or HAM & CHEESE on Croissant Choose 1 or 2 BAKED BEANS TATER TOTS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP 	11 SPAGHETTI w/ cheese stick & breadstick or BIG BAD BURRITO Choose 1 or 2 GOLDEN CORN SALSA GREEN LEAFY SALAD Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE	12 PIZZA or TACO w/ meat & cheese Choose 1 or 2 CRUNCHY CARROTS w/ dip SNAPPY GREEN BEANS BLACK BEAN & CORN SALSA Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLE SAUCE 	13 CORN DUG or FISH SQUARE on bun Choose 1 or 2 GREEN PEAS TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH GRAPES MIXED FRUIT CUP CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP w/ crackers	14 CHICKEN NUGGETS w/ roll or MACARONI AND CHEESE w/ roll Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI SWEET POTATOES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP
17 NACHOS w/ cheese & meat or TURKEY on croissant Choose 1 or 2 TATER POTATOES GOLDEN CORN Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP	18 CHEESEBURGER on bun or HOT DOG on bun Choose 1 or 2 PINTO BEANS POTATO WEDGES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP	19 PIZZA or COLD CUT SUB Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD STEAMED CARROTS Choose 1 APPLE SAUCE FRESH FRUIT RIBBON COOKIE 	20 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH or CHICKEN SALAD on croissant Choose 1 or 2 VEGETABLE SOUP w/ crackers TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT MIXED FRUIT CUP 	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25 CHICKEN NUGGETS w/ roll or SALISBURY STEAK w/ roll Choose 1 or 2 MASHED POTATOES w/ gravy CRUNCHY CARROTS w/ dip Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP	23 PIZZA RICHES w/ sauce or COLD CUT SUB Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD PINTO BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLE SAUCE	27 PANCAKES w/ SAUSAGE or FRENCH TOAST w/ EGG PATTY Choose 1 POTATO WEDGES Choose 1 JUICE MIXED FRUIT CUP 	28 PIZZA or TUNA WRAP Choose 1 or 2 TOMATO CUP SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP PLUMS
31 CHEESEBURGER on bun or CHICKEN TATTY on bun Choose 1 or 2 GREEN PEAS OVEN BAKED FRIES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP HALLOWEEN COOKIE	National School Lunch Week!  <b>October 10-14</b>			*Additional Meal Choices: Offered Daily Salad w/ soft pretzels or Yogurt w/ soft pretzels

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

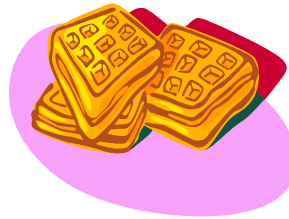
All meals are served with a variety of low fat or skim milk daily.

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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>

Breakfast - \$1.40  
 Lunch - \$2.85  
 Reduced breakfast - .30  
 Reduced lunch - .40



The Importance of Eating Breakfast

Research confirms that breakfast is the most important meal of the day for children's health, academic achievement, cognitive development and mental health. Unfortunately, many children regularly skip breakfast each morning, depriving them of the important benefits associated with the morning meal. In fact, though most schools in the United States offer the School Breakfast Program, less than a quarter of all students and less than half of the students who are eligible for a free or reduced price breakfast are eating it. In Frederick County, of the 4,355 students who qualify for free or reduced meals, on average, only 1,191 eat breakfast each day. At Aylor, of the 33% plus students who qualify for F/R meals, on average, only 26 students eat breakfast each day. Please encourage your children to eat breakfast at school in the mornings, If they don't get to school on time to sit down in the cafeteria to eat, we also have a program called "Grab and Go" where students can grab their breakfast and take it to their first period class. Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in the breakfast program.





Parents or guardians are encouraged to use the online payment system, MySchoolBucks, to pay school activity fees, and place money on a student's cafeteria account. Parents are able to view current account balances, review recent purchases, receive low balance alerts, and setup recurring payments on a weekly or monthly basis if desired. Once the payment is made, a receipt is automatically sent to the purchaser and teacher notifying them the payment has been received. Visa and MasterCard are accepted 24 hours a day. The website is user friendly and allows you to self register.

**Register on the school's website or on the FCPS homepage. Look for the MySchoolbucks payment link.**

[myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)

## GOOD NEWS, GOOD NEWS!!!!!!

You may now use your Visa, Mastercard or Discover card in the office for all items that are available on Myschoolbucks, such items include: class fees, field trips etc.



## MAT PROGRAM

The mentors, Academics, and Teamwork (MAT) program is available for all Aylor students. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 18th and meetings will continue on Tuesday afternoons through the month of March. Meeting times are from 2:45 until 4:00pm. During this time, middle school students will receive a snack and can work on homework, practice reading, math skills, and work on various activities on their chromebooks. Also, teachers and high school mentors are available to offer academic tutoring and assistance. Students regularly attending the MAT Program will be eligible to participate in our recreational and team-building activities, the first 2 being on November 22nd and December 20th. This year we will also be offering an activity bus that will drop off at 3 local stops. One location will be downtown Middletown, another will be Stephens City Fire Station, and the 3rd will be at Basshoo-ver Elementary School. MAT schedules and permission slips will be available in the front office, guidance department, and on the Aylor Website. We look forward to working with your student this year! If you have any questions, please contact Eric Demorest or Maureen Salvatore.



## 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>

### How to refer a student to the Guidance Office:

- Students can come to the office on their own (self referral)
- Teachers can refer students to the counselor and then the students are called to come to our office (teacher referral)
- Parents can call into our office and request that a counselor talk with their student (parent referral)

### SPARTAN "SPEAR IT" WEEK - 10/25-10/28

10/25 - October Blizzard Day - wear white in preparation for the Color Run

10/26 - Wacky Wednesday/Hat Day - wear your wacky outfit to show your uniqueness

10/27 - Wear Blue Day - wear blue for Bully Prevention Week

10/28 - Spartan Day - wear green and gold for Aylor "Spear" it

### SOL TESTING SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2017

**March 6-16 - 8th Grade writing Test**

**May 1-26 - 6th, 7th and 8th Grade  
Non-Writing Tests**

A BIG THANK YOU to Fairview United Methodist Church for their donation of school supplies. We also want to thank Mcdonald's of Winchester/Front Royal for their donation of coupons for small fries!



# AYLOR'S SPORTS PAGE

## Athletic Admissions

\$3 - Adults and middle/high school students

FREE - Elementary Students

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 11 - James Wood Middle School - 5pm (home)

Thursday, October 13 - "B" game - Thunder in the Valley - 5pm (away @ Admiral Byrd)

Tuesday, October 18 - Daniel Morgan Middle School - 5pm (home)

## GIRL'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 5 - James Wood - 5pm (away)

Thursday, October 6 - Johnson Williams Middle School - 5pm (home)

Monday, October 10 - Daniel Morgan Middle School - 5pm (home)

Wednesday, October 12 - Frederick County Middle School - 5pm (home)

Thursday, October 13 - Warren County Middle School - 5pm (home)

Monday, October 17 - FCJL First Round - Higher Seed - 5pm

Wednesday, October 19 - 7th Grade Championships - 5pm (home)

Thursday, October 20 - 8th Grade Championships - 5pm (home)

## CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Thursday, October 6 - FCJL Championships - 5pm (away at James Wood Middle)



## NURSES CORNER

You know what you're thinking. Halloween night, after the kids are in bed and their Halloween loot is unguarded, what would it hurt if you swiped just a piece of candy or two from their stash? After all, your kids don't need it anyhow, right?

Ninety percent of parents admit to occasionally dipping into their offspring's stash, according to the National Confectioners Association. More astounding is the fact that Americans buy approximately 600 MILLION POUNDS OF CANDY around Halloween and EAT 24 POUNDS PER YEAR!! And when they pilfer, they go in big too - taking more than one kind. Favorite targets? Snack-sized chocolate bars (70 percent enjoy these), candy-coated chocolate pieces (40 percent), caramels (37 percent) and gum (26 percent).

Rather than gobble down your kiddies goods, experts suggest moderation - for both you and your tikes. Kid-shealth.org offers the following tips:

- Know how much candy your child has collected and store it somewhere other than the child's room. Having it so handy can be an irresistible temptation for many kids.
- Consider being somewhat lenient about candy eating on Halloween, within reason, and talk about how the rest of the candy will be handled. Candy and snacks shouldn't get in the way of kids eating healthy meals.
- If a child is overweight — or you'd just like to reduce the Halloween stash — consider buying back some or all of the remaining Halloween candy. This acknowledges the candy belongs to the child and provides a treat in the form of a little spending money.
- Be a role model by eating Halloween candy in moderation yourself. To help avoid temptation, buy your candy at the last minute and get rid of any leftovers.

For healthier Halloween options, try filling the bowl for trick-or-treaters with:

- Mini juice boxes
- Individual packs of raisins, trail mix or popcorn
- Small bags of popcorn
- Mini dark chocolate candy with nuts
- Cheese and cracker packages
- Mini rice cereal bars
- Granola bars

These are some great ideas for ALL of us!!

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

### Reference

Sweet facts about Halloween: Moderation is key for you and your little trick-or-treater (2013) Retrieved October 28, 2013 from <http://www.nbcnews.com/id/15490509/>

# FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

August 2016

When a storm brings snow, ice, freezing rain, flooding, or other hazardous conditions to Frederick County or an emergency situation occurs, care for safety may necessitate closing schools, dismissing early, or opening them later than usual in the morning.

### WHEN THE DECISION IS MADE

If weather conditions occur that make it obvious our schools will not be able to operate the following day, an announcement for the next day is sent out on the FCPS Rapid Communications System and is communicated to radio and television stations. If the situation is uncertain or a storm develops during the night, the decision is not made and announced until early the following morning. A decision for the county must be made no later than 5:30 a.m. in order for announcements to be made in a timely manner.

### HOW THE DECISION IS MADE

The assistant superintendent for administration, director of transportation, and other transportation employees check weather and road conditions in different sections of the county. They also coordinate with the highway department, public safety officials, and each other. In addition, school officials take a firsthand look by driving some county school-bus routes. The next step may involve checking with other school superintendents, particularly those in Winchester City, Clarke, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties. Finally, a recommendation from the assistant superintendent for administration and the director of transportation is presented to the superintendent, and a final decision is made.

### LINES OF COMMUNICATION

After a decision to close school or delay opening is made, an announcement is sent out on the FCPS Rapid Communications System and is communicated to radio and TV stations listed below:

Radio Station Call List	
WINC 92.5FM/1400AM	WRNR 740AM
WUSQ 102.5FM/WFQX 99.3FM	WSIG 96.9FM
WZRV 95.3FM/WFTR1450AM	WBOP 106.3FM
WKMZ 97.5FM/WPEM 1340AM	WFTX 610AM
WYII 95.9FM	

TV Station Call List	
Cable Channel 18	Channel 4 (WRC-TV)
WHSV Harrisonburg	Channel 5 (WTTG-TV)
Channel 25 Hagerstown	Channel 7 (WJLA-ABC7)
Channel 99 (WAZT)	Channel 9 (WUSA TV9)

The decision will be broadcast shortly after the station is called. In addition, Frederick County Public Schools' information line at 540-722-6443 or 540-662-3889, ext. 6, and Cable Channel 18 will have information on emergency school closings.

Frederick County Public Schools also utilizes a free e-mail service that will notify parents immediately of announced school closings or opening delays. Parents with the ability to receive e-mail may register free of charge at [www.schools-out.com](http://www.schools-out.com). In the event of school closings or cancellations, parents who subscribe to the service will receive an e-mail message sent to the address that they specify notifying them of schedule changes. This is a free service provided to the school division and control of the [www.schools-out.com](http://www.schools-out.com) site rests with the non-profit group that sponsors the site. Additionally, the information may be accessed by going to the Frederick County Public Schools web site at [www.frederick.k12.va.us](http://www.frederick.k12.va.us) and clicking on



the "Info for Parents" graphic on the opening screen.

It is important that parents and students not telephone the stations for information about school closings. Such efforts may block delivery of the very information the individual wishes to obtain by preventing a call from a school official with the announcement.

### **ONE-HOUR DELAY**

The one-hour delay schedule is employed when the weather situation is not sharply defined or when some roads are not clear and daylight will improve safety. A decision on this must also be made by 5:30 a.m. Use of the delay means that all schedules are moved one hour later. For example, a student who usually boards a school bus at 7:30 a.m. will be picked up at 8:30 a.m. Use of the delay allows schools to operate a full day if conditions significantly improve after 6:30 a.m. On occasion, if weather conditions worsen, schools will be closed and the announcement made before 7:30 a.m.

### **TWO-HOUR DELAY**

A two-hour delay may, at times, be announced. When this occurs, students will be picked up two hours later than usual, and no breakfast will be served at school.

### **EARLY DISMISSAL**

A storm can develop or conditions become hazardous at anytime in the morning necessitating an early closing. If this occurs, the high schools will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m., middle schools at 12:15 p.m., and elementary schools at 1:00 p.m. When early dismissal is announced, parents may go to the schools and pick up their children. We ask your cooperation in parking to avoid dangerous situations for students and buses. During serious weather conditions, these times may be changed and announced on the identified communication channels.

### **DIFFERING ROAD CONDITIONS**

The condition of relatively narrow secondary roads bears heavily on the decision to close schools as well as to reopen them. Sometimes patrons ask why

schools are not in session after students have been out a day or two and roads in Winchester and the suburbs are clear. The decision for the entire school system is made in relation to the condition of all roads in Frederick County. Many times city and suburban streets are in good condition for travel, but some secondary roads remain icy and very dangerous.

Frederick County has approximately 650 miles of highways. This includes 26 miles of I-81, 101 miles of primary highways, and 523 miles of secondary roads, including 172 miles of unpaved roads. The heavily traveled routes (I-81, Rt. 37, and U.S. 11, 50, and 522) are always cleared prior to secondary roads.

### **EMERGENCY SNOW-SCHEDULE ROUTES**

If icy conditions persist, it may be necessary to operate schools and have reduced bus routes. If this occurs, the radio announcement will state that buses will operate on the emergency schedule. Parents on roads where buses will not operate should get their children to the location designated on the emergency snow schedule until the bus can resume its regular route. This information will be sent to parents living on the emergency snow-schedule routes.

### **BAD WEATHER DAYS IN SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The School Board reserves the right to change the calendar in relation to holiday observance and make-up days (see school board policy). Seven (7) inclement weather days are built into the 2016-17 school calendar. The first five days missed are made up one for one. If more than five teaching days are missed, one day will be made up for each two days missed in excess of 5 and up to 9 make-up days. Fourteen or more teaching days missed will require subsequent school board action to adjust the school calendar.

### **CONCERN FOR SAFETY**

*Any decision about closing schools is made with safety of the students as the primary concern.*

If you will volunteer at any school functions this year we need for you to fill out the volunteer form listed below!

Robert E. Aylor Middle School  
Volunteer Form

**The Volunteer Form must be completed yearly. Please fill out the form and return it to REAMS. Your name will be forwarded to the Frederick County School Board for approval. After approval your name will be added to our volunteer list for the current school year.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of students @ REAMS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any particular areas that you wish to volunteer (examples: library, chorus, band, PTSO)

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\*\*\*\*\***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](mailto:hughesc@fcpsk12.net) for your name to be added to the list.



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