



October 2017

## SPARTAN HERALD

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Fall has officially arrived and we have some great things going on at Aylor Middle School. 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 19th at James Wood Middle School. Championship games for the 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams will be hosted by Aylor on October 25th. Our football team has two more home games left in their season on October 3rd and October 10th. 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, Chess, 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 11th. The Aylor Band department will be sponsoring a Halloween costume dance party on October 27th from 6-8pm. Come out and see our creative students, their costumes, and watch their awesome dance moves. The library will be hosting their annual Book Fair starting on October 30th.

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. 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 19th 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.

Spartan "SpeaRRR" it is very important here at Aylor as we help our students to exhibit respect and responsibility, and build positive relationships with their peers. This year we have adopted a school-wide matrix focused on Respect, Responsibility, and building positive Relationships. Our Spartan "SpeaRRR" it committee is leading an initiative called "Aylor Spartans: Best Year Yet" and will be hosting Spartan "SpeaRRR" it week later this month as part of our character education program with a lesson to kick-off our Spartan "SpeaRRR" it for the year.

We recognize that your child's education is very important to you. Our staff here at Aylor are 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

## OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/2		FFA Fundraiser begins
10/11	6:30 p.m.	Ag Harvest Dinner (café)
10/12		FFA Leadership Conference (VT)
10/13		8th Grade Band Night (SHS)
10/13	3-5:00 p.m.	Lularoe Fundraiser (library)
10/18	7:00 p.m.	PTSO Meeting
10/19		Fundraiser Field Trip (Fed Ex Field)
10/19		End of First Quarter
10/20		<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
10/23		<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
10/27	6-8:00 p.m.	Halloween Dance (café)
10/30		Book Fair Starts (library)



## LULAROE FUNDRAISER

The Aylor Cheerleaders will be hosting a LuLaRoe fundraiser

WHEN: Friday, 10/13

WHERE: Aylor Library from 3-5pm



## FFA NEWS

Wednesday, 10/11 - October FFA Meeting (Harvest Dinner)

Tuesday, 10/24 - Saturday, 10/28 - National FFA Convention



## 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

WHEN: Tuesday, 10/24

Wednesday, 10/25

Thursday, 10/26

WHERE: 4-H Center in Front Royal, Va.

Students will go on ONE of the three days

Permission forms will go out on Monday, 10/2 during Civics classes and are due back on Friday, 10/13. Due to transportation and medical requirements field trip forms will not be accepted late.

Please return your signed permission slip to either Mr. Davis or Ms. Trout.

## MARTINS

**Aylor School ID  
#20407**

Beginning 10/6/17 Robert E. Aylor has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Martins!

**Please note:**

**You do NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remain the same as last year.**

**To participate beginning 9/11/17:**

Visit [www.martinsfoods.com](http://www.martinsfoods.com) and select **Savings & Rewards**. Follow the prompts to create your online account. You need your 11 digit BONUSCARD number and the School ID #.

**If you don't know your BonusCard Number call 1-888-562-7846 OPTION 1**

**\*Use your BonusCard each time you shop at Martins, and you will earn CASH for Aylor. Encourage your family members and friends to support our school.**

## **FCPS School Safety Drill to Occur October 23**

On October 23, Frederick County Public Schools is collaborating with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to conduct a school safety drill at Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School. The drill is being conducted to identify areas of strength and areas of improvement for both law enforcement and the school division as we work together to improve how response would occur in the event of an actual school emergency. The drill will result in Justes Drive being closed, thus limiting access to both Evendale Elementary School and Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School. There will also be a great deal of activity involving law enforcement and first responders in that area as the drill is conducted and debriefings occur. There is no school for students on October 23, but it's important that the community know about the drill so concerns aren't raised due to the prevalence of law enforcement activity in the area surrounding Admiral Byrd Middle School on that date.

### **Speak Up, Stay Safe**

Keeping schools safe is everyone's responsibility. If you see suspicious activity, be prepared to give a detailed report to school staff and the authorities. Pay special attention to things like: What, specifically, you observed; who you saw; when and where you saw it; and why it seemed suspicious. These details will help school staff and the authorities as they work to keep our schools and students safe. Please report any suspicious activity noted in the vicinity of schools to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 540-662-6168.

*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.***

## **\*\*\*\*\*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.

## Counseling Corner

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Laonna Rauser	8th Grade	rauserl@fcpsk12.net
Tonya Smith	Secretary	smitht@fcpsk12.net
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A BIG THANK YOU TO SHERANDO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!!!

THANK  
YOU!

### **Student Information Updates Move Online**

In an effort to save time, paper and money, Frederick County Public School is asking parents/guardians to use Parent/Student 360 (Tyler) to review and update contact/emergency information for each of their students. Between October 2 and October 15, parents/guardians should login to their Parent/Student 360 account to review and update the contact and emergency information for each of their students. Parent/Student 360 usernames and passwords for 2017-18 are the same as they were last year. Those who have not previously logged in to Parent/Student 360 were sent an email on September 15 detailing the process and providing usernames and passwords. If you've forgotten your username and or password, you can easily reset them within Parent/Student 360. Instructions on how to review and update your child's contact information is available through the FCPS website. Individuals who do not have Internet access and are unable to complete the process online should complete a Student Registration/Emergency Form and return it to their child's school. Forms can be requested from the school. Reviewing and updating your contact information is important so the school can contact you in the event of an emergency, you can receive messages sent via the FCPS Rapid Communication System, and items mailed to you by the school, including end-of-year report cards, can be delivered. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **Apply to Participate in FCPS 101**

Frederick County Public Schools is launching a community engagement program called FCPS 101. The program will provide parents and others with an opportunity to learn about Frederick County Public Schools and its operations, including instructional and administrative services. Individuals interested in participating in FCPS 101 must submit the application form by Friday, September 15. The application and additional details about the program is available on the school division's website - [www.frederick.k12.va.us](http://www.frederick.k12.va.us)









# OCTOBER 2017



## Frederick County Middle Schools

### School Meals: The Real Deal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 CHEESEBURGER on bun or CHICKEN PATTY on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GREEN PEAS OVEN BAKED FRIES <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP	3 ORIENTAL CHICKEN w/rice or BBQ PORK RIB on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> STEAMED CARROTS SNAPPY GREEN BEANS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP  FORTUNE COOKIE	4 BBQ PULLED PORK on bun or STEAK & CHEESE SUB <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GOLDEN CORN PINTO BEANS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE  	5 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  	6 CHICKEN TENDERS w/roll or SHRIMP POPPERS w/cheese stick, & breadstick <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> BROCCOLI TOMATO CUP <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP
9 CHICKEN PATTY on bun or HAM & CHEESE on Croissant <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> BAKED BEANS TATER TOTS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP	10 RAVIOLI w/cheese stick & roll or BIG BAD BURRITO <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GOLDEN CORN SALSA GREEN LEAFY SALAD <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP  CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE	11 PIZZA or TACO w/ meat & cheese <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> CRUNCHY CARROTS w/dip SNAPPY GREEN BEANS BLACK BEAN & CORN SALSA <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE	12 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	13 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
16 NACHOS w/cheese & meat or TURKEY on croissant <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> PARSLEY POTATOES GOLDEN CORN <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP	17 CHICKEN AND CHEESE QUESADILLA or HOT DOG on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> PINTO BEANS POTATO WEDGES <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP  SALSA  	18 PIZZA or HOT HAM & CHEESE on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GREEN LEAFY SALAD STEAMED CARROTS <u>Choose 1</u> APPLESAUCE FRESH FRUIT  SUGAR COOKIE	19 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH or TUNA SALAD on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> VEGETABLE SOUP w/crackers TOMATO CUP <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> FRESH FRUIT MIXED FRUIT CUP	20          <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
23          <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24 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	25 PIZZA STICKS w/sauce or MEATBALL SUB <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GREEN LEAFY SALAD PINTO BEANS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE	26 PANCAKES w/SAUSAGE or FRENCH TOAST w/EGG PATTY <u>Choose 1</u> POTATO WEDGES <u>Choose 1</u> JUICE MIXED FRUIT CUP  	27 CHICKEN POT PIE or TUNA WRAP <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> TOMATO CUP SNAPPY GREEN BEANS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP  PUDDING
30 CHEESEBURGER on bun or CHICKEN PATTY on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> GREEN PEAS OVEN BAKED FRIES <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP  	31 ORIENTAL CHICKEN w/rice or BBQ PORK RIB on bun <u>Choose 1 or 2</u> STEAMED CARROTS SNAPPY GREEN BEANS <u>Choose 1</u> FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP  HOLIDAY COOKIE	          		Note: Additional Fruits & vegetables may be offered daily. Students must select at least 1/2 cup of a fruit and/or vegetable.

**\*Additional Meal Choices:** Offered Daily  
Salad w/ soft pretzels or Yogurt w/ soft pretzels

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

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**FREDERICK COUNTY MIDDLE & ELEMENTARY  
BREAKFAST MENU 2017-2018**

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

All meals are served with a choice of fat-free flavored or unflavored milk or 1% low-fat unflavored milk.

### FCPS Credit Card Payment System

FCPS is now using MySchoolBucks as its new online payment portal. MySchoolBucks will allow parents to view current cafeteria account balances, review recent purchases, receive low-balance alerts and setup recurring payments on a weekly or monthly basis. VISA and MasterCard are accepted 24 hours a day. Users will need to re-register for the system even if they used the online school payment system in the past. Visit your schools website and click on the MySchoolBucks link.



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# LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome Fall! This school year has started off with a bang. Our Library got a face lift this summer, with new carpet supplied by the county, and new tables and chairs, supplied by Mr. Rudy, our awesome Principal! The Library looks fantastic. Hopefully we will be able to replace some more tables and chairs this year too, which will complete the new more modern appearance of the Library.

This past summer the Library also hosted a Spartan Summer Reading Challenge. Fifty-nine kids signed up for the challenge, and our Library provided new Spartan tote bags to all the participants. Each bag was filled with a reading log, and three brand new books. This totaled 177 new books that were given away! Twenty-nine of the 59 participants actually finished the challenge, and these kids blew me away with their dedication and determination. The challenge was to read 1,000 minutes in a ten week period, and to create a movie poster for one of the books the student read. The 29 students who completed the challenge read a total of 41,331 minutes! That is an awesome accomplishment, and I am very proud of these motivated individuals.

October welcomes our first book fair of the year! From October 30th - November 3rd we will have a "Wild West" themed book fair. Come and check us out partner! The book fair will help us raise money for the Library to purchase books and supplies. Students will visit the book fair during their English classes. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, 10/30** - Proko - 1st - 4th period and 7th period  
Heare - 1st - 4th period  
Colbert-Somerville - 7th period
- Tuesday, 10/31** - Hyatt - 1st period, 4th - 7th period  
Miller - 3rd - 3rd - 7th period  
Nesselrodt
- Wednesday, 11/1** - Colbert-Somerville - 1st - 4th period  
Lynch  
Marbury  
Deignan - 4th period and 7th period
- Thursday, 11/2** - Clagg - 4th - 7th period  
Gagen - 2nd - 4th period and 6 - 7th period
- Friday, 11/3** - Open to everyone!

Remember that we have a parent raffle every book fair. Come out and enter your name in the raffle for a chance to win a tote bag full of books, bookmarks, erasers, pens and pencils. Our teachers would appreciate a book donation to their classroom libraries too, so if you feel generous, then by all means surprise your student's favorite teacher with a book. Hope to see all our "book-a-roos" at our Wild West book fair. Yee Haw!

Margaret Werner  
School Librarian





## WINTER SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL AND WRESTLING WILL START ON **THURSDAY, 10/26**. If you're interested in participating in either sport, you **NEED** to have a physical on file with the School Board Office before you can tryout.

### 2017/2018 Wrestling Schedule

Thursday, 11/16 - Frederick County Middle (Away) 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 11/28 - Admiral Byrd Middle (Away) 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 12/5 - James Wood Middle (Home) 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, 12/11 - Daniel Morgan Middle (Away) 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 12/12 - Frederick County Middle (Home) 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 12/19 - Admiral Byrd Middle (Home) 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, 1/3 - James Wood Middle (Away) 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 1/9 - Daniel Morgan Middle (Home) 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 1/13 - FCJL Tournament (FCMS)

### BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 11/14 - Warren County (Home)  
Thursday, 11/16 - Frederick County Middle (Home)  
Tuesday, 11/28 - Admiral Byrd Middle (Home)  
Tuesday, 12/5 - James Wood Middle (Away)  
Monday, 12/11 - Daniel Morgan Middle (Home)  
Tuesday, 12/12 - Frederick County Middle (Away)  
Thursday, 12/14 - Johnson Williams (Home)  
Tuesday, 12/19 - Admiral Byrd Middle (Away)  
Wednesday, 1/3 - James Wood Middle (Home)  
Thursday, 1/4 - Skyline Middle School (Home)  
Tuesday, 1/9 - Daniel Morgan Middle (Away)  
Thursday, 1/11 - FCJL 1st Round (High Seed)  
Wednesday, 1/17 - FCJL Championship (Admiral Byrd)

# FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

August 2017

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/WFTR1450 AM	WBOP 106.3FM
WKMZ-97.5FM/WEPM 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 email 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 will be posted on the FCPS division website ([www.frederick.k12.va.us](http://www.frederick.k12.va.us)) as well as all school websites.

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). Five (5) inclement weather days are built into the 2017-18 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.*

ROBERT E. AYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL  
901 AYLOR ROAD  
STEPHENS CITY, VA. 22655

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[www.frederick.k12.va.us/rea](http://www.frederick.k12.va.us/rea)

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Questions concerning the application of this non-discrimination policy may be made to:

**Title IX Coordinator (Adults): John Linaburg, Exec. Director of Human Resources**

**Title IX Coordinator (Students): Teresa Ritenour, Director of Students Support Services**

**Section 504 Coordinator: Michele Sandy, Director of Special Instructional Services**

1415 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA 22601 (540)-662-3888. For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of OCR enforcement offices for the addresses and phone numbers of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.