



January 2018

SPARTAN HERALD

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you from all of us here at Aylor. We hope that you were able to spend some valuable time with your family and children over the winter break. Refreshed and renewed, we are looking forward to the remainder of the school year and hope the New Year brings good grades, strong study habits and a positive attitude.

We just completed the first semester, but there is still so much to learn and accomplish in the remaining months of school. The second semester at Robert E. Aylor promises to be a busy one. Our sports teams, boys basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading will come to an end during the month of January with the championships beginning on January 13th for wrestling and January 17th for basketball. All of our athletes have been putting in the extra effort and seeing improvement throughout the season. Volleyball open gyms have begun and tryouts are just around the corner.

Our chorus and band entertained us with some great performances over the past few weeks and we want to thank our staff and students for all their hard work. A special shout-out to all of the staff and students who were part of the Elf, Jr. Musical production. They did an awesome job once again this year. We have many more activities that will be coming up throughout the second semester and we encourage you to come and support the students and experience the awesome Spartan "Spear" it that we have here at Aylor.

A focus of our Spartan "SpeaRRR" it program has been opportunity vs. obligation. Our goal is for our students to start turning obligations into opportunities. Research shows that when we view things as opportunities, our effort level goes up. The New Year certainly offers an opportunity to celebrate new beginnings as many of us will start the 2018 year with one or more resolutions aimed at improving something about ourselves or our lives. Keeping an open line of communication between school and home is a great way to ensure that all of our students are supported as they tackle new and challenging course content and skills in the months to come. With the semester just ending, report cards will be issued on January 12th so please feel free to call or email your child's teacher regarding his or her progress and grades. You may even wish to contact the guidance department to schedule a conference with a group of your child's teachers. It is always a good idea to check Tyler regularly to view grades and assignments. The teachers and staff at Aylor are committed to doing our part to help your child be successful and that success starts with a healthy partnership between school and home.

In 2018, we will continue to offer many opportunities outside of the regular classroom for students to make up missed or incomplete work/tests or get assistance with difficult concepts or assignments. Many of our teachers offer days they will stay after school or come in early to work with our students and provide remediation and opportunity to retake tests. If you feel your child needs additional assistance, please feel free to contact our guidance department to set something up. All of us at REAMS are looking forward to the remainder of the school year and hope to continue to instill the joy and value of learning within your student so they can experience the personal satisfaction that accompanies academic success.

Sincerely,

Marcella Simmons
Assistant Principal

JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/1/18		No School
1/2/18		No School
1/3/18		School Reopens
1/7/18	4-5:30 p.m.	Volleyball Open Gym
1/8/18	3-4:00 p.m.	Art Club (B)
1/10/18	6:30-8:00 p.m.	SHS Freshman Night (Auditorium) Snow date: 1/18/17
1/12/18		Report Cards Issued
1/13/18		FCJL Wrestling Championship @FCMS
1/14/18	4-5:30 p.m.	Volleyball Open Gym
1/15/18		NO SCHOOL
1/17/18	6:30-7:00 p.m.	PTSO meeting (library)
1/18/18 - 1/19/18	3-5:00 p.m.	Volleyball Tryouts
1/22/18	3-5:00 p.m.	Volleyball Tryouts
1/27/18	5-8:00 p.m.	All You Can Eat Soup and Salad Band Dinner & Raffle
1/29/18		NO SCHOOL



Happy holidays Aylor family and friends! The Library is working hard to get things in place for an exciting spring. We always do our inventory during the spring, which is NOT as exciting as it may sound, but it must be done. Since I was not satisfied with the way Scholastic handled things during and after the fall book fair, I will not be having a spring book fair. However, we will plan several creative fundraising ideas for the spring. My goal is to raise money for a couple unique experiences involving authors.

As for our library's current activities, I've had a couple eighth grade boys check-out the mini remote robots in the library, and they had a spur-of-the-moment bot fight, which was actually hysterical. Some sixth grade boys built a couple connex machines with varying success. The Maker Space has been quite popular; however, I've had to remove the 3D pen since the students do not clean up after themselves. Overall, the access to hands-on manipulatives has been a huge success.

We have gotten a few new books in the library and they will be ready for check-out by mid January. Here are just a few of the new books: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Getaway, Finding Gobi, Long Way Down, One of Us is Lying, 2 brand new fantasy series, several books from the fall book fair, and I purchased several "romance" books to increase the "romance" genre.

Margaret Werner
Librarian



Aylor will be offering a homework helper program, beginning on Tuesday, January 9th. This is a great opportunity for students who need some extra help with completing assignments or studying for tests to work in a structured atmosphere. There will be a few teachers available along with student volunteers from Sherando High School. Permission forms will be available in the office or guidance department. The program will operate from 2:45 to 4:00 every Tuesday and parents/guardians will be responsible for picking their students up at 4. Please contact Mrs. Salvatore or Mrs. Sarppraicone if you have any questions about this program.



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 our 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 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.

7TH GRADE GOLD TEAM FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

The 7th grade gold team (Mrs. Frank for Social Studies) will be going to the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum in Chantilly, VA on Thursday, April 5th. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in one of three hands-on investigations: Voyages into Space– an investigation of how humans can live and work in space; Forces in Flight– students work in groups to design and test a simple propeller; or Mission to Mars–students will work as a mission design team using specific guidelines to create a spacecraft to fly to Mars. In the afternoon we plan to attend an IMAX production on D-Day.

Field trips are a privilege not a right; therefore, students will be bringing home a note explaining what types of behavior will impact whether the student participates. Also, the note is a preliminary permission form as well as opportunity for parents/guardians to volunteer to attend as chaperones. The letters are planned to go home on Monday, January 8, 2018 with signed forms to be returned by Friday, January 12th. Please return the letter by the deadline.



*******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.

Counseling Corner

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SOL Testing Schedule for Spring 2018

March 6-15 – 8th Grade Writing Test

May 7-June 1 – 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Non-Writing Tests



Guidance (8th graders and their families):

SHS parent night for rising 9th graders will be on Wednesday, January 10 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Sherando Auditorium. The snow date is 1/18/18.

Exciting Elective News for rising 9th graders:

SHS is offering TWO NEW courses for 9th graders

- Entrepreneurship
- Cybersecurity Fundamentals

2 course name changes

- Basic Tech Draw is now called Tech Draw and Design
- Foundations of Family & Consumer Science is now called Independent Living

Pilot Program at SHS for 9th graders:

Next year Sherando is piloting a change in the Marketing Department. It is the ONLY high school to offer these courses: Sports Marketing; Fashion Marketing; and Hospitality & Tourism Marketing for 9th grade.

SHS will be visiting Aylor to preregister rising 9th graders on Tuesday, 1/30/18 first thing in the morning. Please make every effort to be here on time and with your COURSE REQUEST sheet (you will need this sheet to complete your online course request for your 9th grade year).



2018

Frederick County Middle Schools

School Meals: The Real Deal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>*Additional Meal Choices: Offered Daily Salad w/ soft pretzels or Yogurt w/ soft pretzels</p>		<p>3 PIZZA or HOT HAM & CHEESE on bun Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD STEAMED CARROTS Choose 1 APPLESAUCE FRESH FRUIT SUGAR COOKIE</p>	<p>4 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH or TUNA SALAD on bun Choose 1 or 2 VEGETABLE SOUP w/crackers TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT MIXED FRUIT CUP</p>	<p>5 Pork Rib w/ roll or FISH SQUARE w/roll Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI CRISPY CUCUMBER SLICES w/dip Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>
<p>8 SLOPPY JOE on bun. or HAM & CHEESE on bun Choose 1 or 2 OVEN BAKED FRIES COLE SLAW Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP</p>	<p>9 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</p>	<p>10 PIZZA STICKS w/sauce or MEAT BALL SUB Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD PINTO BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE</p>	<p>11 PANCAKES w/SAUSAGE or FRENCH TOAST w/EGG PATTY Choose 1 POTATO WEDGES Choose 1 JUICE MIXED FRUIT CUP</p>	<p>12 MEATLOAF w/roll or TUNA WRAP Choose 1 or 2 MASHED POTATOES w/ gravy TOMATO CUP SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP PUDDING</p>
<p>15 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>16 ORIENTAL CHICKEN w/rice or BBQ BEEF RIB PATTY w/ roll Choose 1 or 2 STEAMED CARROTS SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP FORTUNE COOKIE</p>	<p>17 BBQ PULLED PORK on bun or STEAK & CHEESE SUB Choose 1 or 2 GOLDEN CORN PINTO BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE</p>	<p>18 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</p>	<p>19 CHICKEN TENDERS w/roll or SHRIMP POPPERS w/ cheese stick & bread stick Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>
<p>22 CHICKEN PATTY on bun or HAM & CHEESE on Croissant Choose 1 or 2 BAKED BEANS TATER TOTS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP</p>	<p>23 SPAGHETTI w/ MEAT SAUCE & roll or BIG BAD BURRITO w/ salsa Choose 1 or 2 GOLDEN CORN GREEN LEAFY SALAD Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE</p>	<p>24 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 APPLESAUCE</p>	<p>25 CORN DOG or FISH SQUARE on bun Choose 1 or 2 GREEN PEAS TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH GRAPES MIXED FRUIT CUP</p> <p>CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP w/crackers</p>	<p>26 CHICKEN NUGGETS w/roll or MACARONI AND CHEESE w/roll Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI SWEET POTATOES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>
<p>29 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>30 CHICKEN AND CHEESE QUESADILLA or HOT DOG on bun Choose 1 or 2 PINTO BEANS POTATO WEDGES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP SALSA</p>	<p>31 PIZZA or HOT HAM & CHEESE on bun Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD STEAMED CARROTS Choose 1 APPLESAUCE FRESH FRUIT SUGAR COOKIE</p>		

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

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

FREDERICK COUNTY MIDDLE & ELEMENTARY
BREAKFAST MENU 2017-2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<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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SPORTS PAGE

Wrestling

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

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)



2017/2018 Volleyball Tryouts

Thursday, 1/18/18

Friday, 1/19/18

Monday, 1/22/18

From 3-5:00 p.m.

YOU MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL ON FILE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

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. 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 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) 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
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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.