



September 2016

SPARTAN HERALD

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Dear Parent and Guardians:

Welcome back! I hope this September Spartan newsletter follows a successful start to our new school year for 2016-17. Our students have quickly transitioned into their school routines, and we are pleased with their readiness to jump right in and begin the school year. I appreciate the part our students and parents have played in assisting each other with the transition from summer to school schedules.

Back to School Night is on September 8th beginning at 6:00 pm. We will have the health and physical education sensitive issues curriculum set up in the library for your review if you are interested in reviewing it.

Fall athletic programs are in full force and have been practicing for about a month. We are all getting excited for the season to officially begin. Cross country will have their first meet on August 31st at Sherando Park at 5:00, girl's basketball opens on Monday, September 12th at 5:00 pm at Aylor against Admiral Byrd Middle School. Football opens on Wednesday, 9/7 against Admiral Byrd Middle School (home) at 5:00 pm. All teams will continue with weekly games through the third week of October. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you supporting our athletic teams.

We will also be offering after-school activities and clubs for students in all grades starting in September. These activities are in addition to the co-curricular organizations. Students may participate in FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, TSA, yearbook (7th & 8th only). Information on all clubs offered is available in the front office. We appreciate all the community members, parents and staff who give their time to sponsor, coach and support our club activities. We encourage our students to participate in an activity outside of the school day as we feel this helps in academic performance and strengthens their connections to the school.

We welcome parent conferences and they can be set up at any time during the school year by contacting the guidance office. By September 9th, all parents should receive information on our new grading system with a login that will allow you to see your students grades live on a daily basis. Watch for this letter to come in the mail.

We look forward to working together with your student to maximize their potential and experience at Robert E. Aylor Middle School. Know that the Spartan staff works very hard each day to help your child to be the best student and individual he/she can be. We hope you have had a great start to the school year and look forward to the many successes of all our students.

Sincerely,

Becky Harden
Assistant Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

2		NO SCHOOL
5		NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
8	6:00pm	Back to School Night
13	3-4pm	Mathcounts (rm. 148)
15	3pm	Fall Sports Pics (after school)
27		School Picture Day



PARENT/STUDENT 360

Frederick County Public Schools will begin using a new student information system from Tyler Technologies called Parent/Student 360 in the 2016-2017 school year. Parent/Student 360 is replacing Edline and will provide parents and students with a variety of information including student schedules, grades and attendance data. Over the next few weeks, parents and students will receive a user name and password that will allow them to login to Parent/Student 360. The Parent/Student 360 link can be found under Parents & Students on the school division's website and each individual school website.

REMINDER: All fees for Elective Classes are now due. Please use MySchoolbucks.com or send in the payment to Mrs. Herbaugh in the main office. Failure to make payment may result in students not being able to participate in class projects.

SCHOOL PICTURES

FALL SPORTS PICS - Thursday, 9/15 at 3pm
SCHOOL PICS - Tuesday, 9/27 during the school day

Order forms for group and individual portraits will be sent home with students, extras will be located in the front office. Parents must send cash/check and order form in the same day as the pictures.









Frederick County Middle Schools

2016

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>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>ORIENTAL CHICKEN w/ rice or BBQ PORK RIB on BUN Choose 1 or 2 STEAMED CARROTS SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP FORTUNE COOKIE</p> 	<p>DRINK MILK!</p> <p>TURKEY SUB or STEAK & CHEESE SUB Choose 1 or 2 GOLDEN CORN PINTO BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLE SAUCE</p>	<p>PANCAKES w/ SAUSAGE or FRENCH TOAST w/ EGG PATTY POTATO WEDGES Choose 1 JUICE MIXED FRUIT CUP</p> <p>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>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>CHICKEN TENDERS w/ rice or SHRIMP POPPERS w/ cheese stick & breadstick Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>
<p>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>SPRING ROLL w/ cheese, potato & breadstick or BIG BAD BURRITO Choose 1 or 2 GOLDEN CORN SALSA GREEN LEAFY SALAD Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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>CHICKEN NUGGETS w/ rice or MACARONI AND CHEESE w/ rice Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI SWEET POTATOES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>
<p>NACHOS w/ cheese & meat or TURKEY on croissant Choose 1 or 2 HASHED POTATOES GOLDEN CORN Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP</p> 	<p>CHEESEBURGER on bun or HOT DOG on bun Choose 1 or 2 PINTO BEANS POTATO WEDGES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP</p>	<p>PIZZA or COLD CUT SUB Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD STEAMED CARROTS Choose 1 APPLE SAUCE FRESH FRUIT SUGAR COOKIE</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Pork Rib w/ rice or FISH SQUARE w/ rice Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI CRISPY CUCUMBER SLICES w/ dip Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>
<p>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>CHICKEN NUGGETS w/ rice or SALISBURY STEAK w/ rice Choose 1 or 2 HASHED POTATOES w/ gravy CRUNCHY CARROTS w/ dip Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP</p>	<p>PIZZA STICKS w/ sauce or COLD CUT SUB Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD PINTO BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLE SAUCE</p>	<p>PANCAKES w/ SAUSAGE or FRENCH TOAST w/ EGG PATTY POTATO WEDGES Choose 1 JUICE MIXED FRUIT CUP</p> 	<p>PIZZA or TUNA WRAP Choose 1 or 2 TOMATO CUP SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP FRODO</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.

STEPS FOR ORDERING A 2016/2017 YEARBOOK

Go to 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 (**The yearbooks will be shipped to Aylor whether or not you enter this information**)

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

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!



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

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 lockdown. 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.

8TH GRADE BAND NIGHT AT SHERANDO

Friday, September 23rd is the 8th Grade Band Night at Sherando High School. Students will receive more information the first week of September. Come see what it's like to be a part of the high school band!!!



ACCENTS MAGAZINE

We are looking for new staff members. Student staff members help design and publish the school literary and art magazine. During the course of the school year, students submit their artwork, short stories, and poems for the magazine. We meet monthly until it is close to publication date, and then the staff will meet as needed. Please contact Dr. Brown if you have any questions.



Poetry

SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear orders are due Friday, 9/9.



LIBRARY NEWS

Hello everyone, and welcome to a brand new school year! We at the library have gotten a chance to meet all of your wonderful children and we are very excited about the new school year.

Some of you sixth grade parents may have your child come and ask you to write a note that says they can read Young Adult books. I require parental permission because most 6th graders are only 11 years old, and publishers consider most Young Adult books to be 12 years old and up. Please be aware that some of the subject matter in these books may not be appropriate for your eleven year old. I tell them, "Don't rush to grow up". You have all of 7th and 8th grade to read those books. There are plenty of books you can read without reading "Young Adult." It is a big shock to jump from an Elementary library to Middle School library, where I have books for kids ranging in age from 11 up to 15 (what is appropriate for a 14 & 15 year old may not be appropriate for an 11 year old).

We also can't wait to meet all of you at our Open House on September 8th. We will have a table set up with some free books and some treats. Please stop by to say "Hello". So here is to another great school year!

Margaret Werner
Librarian



Counseling Corner

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES WE ARE IN NEED OF:

GLUE STICKS

3 PRONG POCKET FOLDERS

HIGHLIGHTERS (MISC COLORS)

DRY ERASE BOARD MARKERS

GRAPH PAPER



Thank you to Sherando Presbyterian Church and Martha Dunston for donating much needed school supplies.

SPORTS PAGE

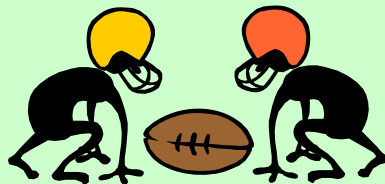
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 7 - Admiral Byrd Middle School (home) 5pm

Tuesday, September 13 - Frederick County Middle School (away) 5pm

Tuesday, September 20 - James Wood Middle School (away) 5pm

Monday, September 26 - Daniel Morgan Middle School (Handley High) 5pm



CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 8 - Admiral Byrd Middle School (away) 5pm

Saturday, September 10 - Handley Judges Classes (Handley High)

Tuesday, September 13 - Sacred Heart, Legacy, Leesburg Christian (home) 5pm

Thursday, September 15 - James Wood Middle School (away) 5pm

Thursday, September 22 - FCMS and Johnson Williams (home) 5pm

Saturday, September 24 - Apple Harvest Invitational (JWHS) 9:30am

Tuesday, September 27 - DMMS and PMMS (home) 5pm

GIRL'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 12 - Admiral Byrd Middle School (home) 5pm

Thursday, September 15 - James Wood Middle School (home) 5pm

Wednesday, September 21 - Daniel Morgan Middle school (away) 5pm

Monday, September 26 - Frederick County Middle School (away) 5pm

Wednesday, September 28 - Admiral Byrd Middle School (away) 5pm



FFA NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

Friday, 9/9 - Last day to join FFA for first semester \$15 dues

Friday, 9/16 - Welcome back breakfast for the Aylor Faculty

Friday, 9/23 - Supporters of FFA BBQ chicken and country ham scholarship fundraiser

Wednesday, 9/28- September FFA meeting - Tie Dye FFA shirts - Va state officer visit

Friday, 9/30 - Va. State Fair Agriscience Poster Contest

NURSES CORNER



Welcome back to school!

Reminder that all students wishing to participate in athletics this year must have a new physical completed after May 1, 2016 for the 2016/2017 school year. Physicals need to be turned in to Mrs. Bundrick or Pam Unhoch at the School Board Office for approval prior to participation. Please turn them in as soon as possible to prevent delays in the student being able to try-out or participate.

Medication Reminders

Frederick County Public Schools require that if a medication is to be taken by a student while he/she is in school, the school **MUST** have the following information:

1. A signed consent form from the parent or legal guardian.
2. The medication in the pharmacy labeled original container.
3. **If the medication is going to be taken for longer than one month, in addition to the above, the prescribing physician needs to fill out our medication form and sign it. All forms are available on FCPS and Aylor's web site.**

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call or drop by the clinic.

Christie Bundrick, RN
REAMS School Nurse
540-869-3736

MEDICAL INSURANCE

*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.***

Gifted Education Information Series

2016-2017

The Gifted Education Information Series is a series of workshops developed and facilitated by the FCPS resource teachers for gifted education to be offered throughout the school year. These workshop sessions will provide parents, teachers, and interested persons an opportunity to attend informational sessions on various topics related to the programs and services available to students eligible for gifted services in Frederick County Public Schools. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Judi Greathouse at greathoj@fcpsk12.net or 540-662-3888.

TOPIC	TARGET AUDIENCE	DATE	LOCATION
Governor's Schools: Regional, Residential, and Academic Year	Parents of students eligible For gifted services in grades 5-8 (for BREGS)	October 3, 2016 7-8pm	Frederick County Public Schools Administration Building (Board Room)
	Parents of all students in grades 8-12 for all other programs—BREGS, SRsGS, MVGS		
Transitions for gifted students from middle to high school	Parents of students eligible for gifted services in grade 8	January 17, 2017 7-8pm	Frederick County Public Schools Administration Building (Conference Room)
Transitions for gifted students from elementary to middle school	Parents of students eligible for gifted services in grade 5	February 21, 2017 7-8pm	Frederick County Public Schools Administration Building (conference room)

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/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 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. 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 may be accessed by going to the Frederick County Public Schools web site at 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)

*******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.

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