

The Stonewall CONNECTOR

Keeping the connection between school and home...

April 2017

Coming Up.....

- April 18-28 – PTA Box Tops Competition
- April 5 – 2nd Grade Musical for school, 2:30 PM
- April 6 – 2nd Grade Musical for parents, 6:30PM
- April 7 – Last Day for Yearbook Orders/APR vs. SES Staff Volleyball Game at JWHS gym, 6 PM
- April 10 – SCA 50's Day
- April 11 – SCA 60's Day/4th grade Field Trip to Frontier Culture Museum, 7:30 AM-4:30 PM
- April 12 – SCA 70's Day
- April 13 – SCA 80's Day
- April 19 – 5th Grade Field Trip to New Market Civil War Museum 9:30 AM-4:30 PM/JDRF Assembly, 2:30 PM
- April 20 – 5th Grade Panoramic Picture/Talent Show Dress Rehearsal @ JWHS
- April 21 – PTA Talent Show @ JWHS, 7PM
- May 5 – No School Apple Blossom

Message from the Office

Dear Parents,

As many of our students enter the spring season displaying their talents on the soccer or little league fields, we would like to encourage you to come see some other talents we are honing here at school. On April 6, at 6:30, we will have our second grade play in the cafeteria; on April 21, at 7:00, our students in "Stonewall's Got Talent" will be performing at James Wood High School's auditorium; and on May 11, at 6:30, our "Rhythm Rockers" (4th & 5th grade chorus) will be performing in our gym. We are proud of all of these groups as they work hard toward cultivating their many talents and we welcome you to come out and see them in action. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Darren Thomas
Principal



SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER

Frederick County Schools reopen on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.
Frederick County Schools will be closed on January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and closed on January 30 for a professional development day for teachers.

PTA News...

Staff Volleyball Game

The 6th annual faculty volleyball game will be held on April 7th at the James Wood High School gym at 6 PM. Come out to see the faculty from Stonewall Elementary play against the faculty from Apple Pie Ridge Elementary. Forms were sent home to buy presale tickets. Come out and support the teachers with your spirit wear and signs. Sponsored this year by Chick-Fil-A with cow drops, food, prizes, etc.



Stonewall's Got Talent

The talent show is scheduled for April 21st at 7 PM. This year we have moved the location to the **James Wood High School auditorium** to accommodate more people comfortably. We have some great acts that are working hard to make their acts the best they can be! This event is free and one of the most fun ones of the year! Hope you can come and bring your family and friends!

Boxtops

The PTA has one final competition for Boxtops collection! Flyers will come home soon in student folders so keep an eye out and keep collecting the boxtops!

School Supply Kits

The PTA is selling school supply kits again this year in an effort to make it convenient and easy for you, and a fundraiser for us. Forms will go home in the next week if you would like to order supplies for your students for next school year. All teacher list items will be included and kits will be delivered to teachers prior to Back to School Night. Kits can be ordered online as well as by returning the form that comes home.

Upcoming Events:

April 5th – PTA Meeting, 9:15 AM in Teacher's lounge
April 7th – Volleyball Game against APR 6PM at JWHS Gym
April 21st – Stonewall's Got Talent 7PM @ JWHS auditorium
April 26th – PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM in cafeteria

Officer elections will be May 11 at 6:30 PM before the chorus concert. If you want to be an officer or just get involved, contact the school office or Kim Gresko 571-277-6005.

2017-18 Transportation Forms... The new transportation forms for next year will be sent home with your child's report card on April 3. Please fill in the transportation for your child for the next school year. These forms are preprinted with your student's information. If any changes need to be made, do so on these forms. All forms must be returned no later than April 12. We would appreciate your completing the forms as soon as possible and returning them to school, as these forms will assist transportation in scheduling routes and stops.

SCA Spirit Dress Days

April 10 – 50's Day
April 11 – 60's Day
April 12 – 70's Day
April 13 – 80's Day
May 4 – Apple Blossom Colors Day (Pink & Green)

Preparing for SOL Testing... Our spring SOL testing window is quickly approaching for 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders. The following websites are helpful for reviewing, practicing, and preparing for SOL tests:

<http://guest.portaportal.com/solprep> or
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/practice_items/

SOL Testing... Students in grades 3-5 will participate in the Standards of Learning (SOL) testing during **May 8-June 2, 2017**. It is very important that students are present and on-time to school each day for testing. Please refrain from scheduling medical appointments or family trips during the testing window. Please note that expedited retakes (including remediation and review instruction) will take place throughout the testing window. The state Board of Education only allows for expedited retakes for students who initially do not pass by a narrow margin; not all students will qualify for an expedited retake. Further details regarding each grade level's testing schedule and expedited retakes will be sent home at a later date.



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 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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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 e-mail 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!

Wildcat Wellness...For a healthy, well balanced diet try to have something from each food group at every meal: Meat/Meat Alternate, Vegetables, Fruit, Grains and Milk.

*Michelle Sandy
Director of Special Services
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Winchester, Virginia 22601
(540) 662-3888*

ATTENTION ALL 5TH GRADE

PARENTS...All sixth grade students need a tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster vaccination prior to entry into 6th grade.

We would recommend getting it before the school year ends this year so it will be recorded on his/her health chart.

You may go to your private health care provider or the health department.

Marsha Anderson, RN (School Nurse)

Meal Charges Must be Cleared....

An automated calling system and letters are used to inform parent/guardians of their student's negative cafeteria balance of \$15 or more. To keep your student in good standing, please take steps to clear the amount owed by sending in cash, check, or by utilizing the online payment system, MySchoolBucks, which will be found on the school's webpage.

Students not in good standing may be prevented from participating in certain after school activities.

If you feel you may be eligible for reduced-priced or free meals through the National School Lunch Program, the form can be obtained from the principal at your student's school or downloaded from www.frederick.k12.va.us.

Free and Reduced Meal Program...Frederick County Public Schools are reminding the community of the availability of the Free and Reduced Meal Program. Under the program, both school breakfast and lunch are available each day for free or at a reduced price for eligible students. Eligibility is based on income and applications are accepted at any time. Information on students participating in the Free and Reduced Meal Program is kept private and students who participate are not singled out as they go through the line in the cafeteria. Applications for the Free and Reduced Lunch and Breakfast program are available at the Frederick County Public Schools Administration Building, each Frederick County Public School, and the school division's website (www.frederick.k12.va.us). Anyone with questions about the program should contact FCPS Food Service Specialist Jennifer White at 540-662-3889 x88159.

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*Title IX Coordinator
John Linaburg
Executive Director of Human Resources
1415 Amherst Street
Winchester, Virginia 22601
(540) 662-3888
Section 504 Coordinator*

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of OCR enforcement offices for the address and phone number of the office that services your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.