

The Stonewall CONNECTOR

Keeping the connection between school and home...

February 2017

Coming Up.....

- Jan. 27-Feb. 17 - Jump Rope for Heart.
- Feb. 3 - PTA Bingo Night, 6-8:30 PM/SCA Jersey Day
- Feb. 14 - SCA Red, White and Pink Day
- Feb. 17 - NO SCHOOL, Professional Development Day
- Feb. 20 - NO SCHOOL, Presidents Day
- Feb. 22 - SCA Comfy clothes & slippers Day
- March 1-9 - Spring Book Fair
- March 2 - Literacy Night, 6-8:00 p.m.
- March 6-10 - Kindergarten Registration for 2017-18 School Year

Message from the Office

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we have made it to February already. As we progress through the second half of the school year (no doubt just as fast as the first), we appreciate your continued efforts and involvement in your child's education. Speaking of opportunities to be involved, please mark your calendars for our Literacy Night on March 2 at 6:00 PM (more information is in this newsletter). We will have a fun night of literacy-related activities for you and your child/children to join in along with resources to promote literacy at home. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Darren Thomas

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Principal



SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER

All Frederick County Public Schools will be closed on Friday, February 17 for a teacher professional development day and Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Special Thanks... to local Exxon/Mobil dealers for their participation in the Exxon/Mobil Educational Alliance Grants! Stonewall Elementary School received a \$500 grant through efforts of H. N. Funkhouser & Company.

Yearbook Sales! Stonewall yearbooks go on sale the second week of February. Your child should be bringing home an order form to reserve your copy. If not, contact the office. All yearbooks will include the student's name and the cost will be \$20.00. They **must be ordered and paid for in**



advance. Checks should be made payable to "Lifetouch". Your check should include your phone number and street address (No P.O. box). You can also order online at YBPay.lifetouch.com The Yearbook ID Code (1178117) is on the flyer that was sent home with the students. Only a few extra yearbooks will be ordered. The cost of those yearbooks in June will be \$25.00.

Parent/Student 360...

When viewing your child's assignment grades on the **Parent/Student 360** after you choose a specific subject area, you may notice a + symbol under the More column on the left. If you click that + it will display any comments your child's teacher may have made about that assignment.

	Fri 09/09/16	formative	other	100	100.00
	Thu 09/08/16	related facts	other	100	100.00
+	Wed 09/07/16	fact family	other	100	100.00

Note: If you do not have a **Parent/Student 360** account and need assistance gaining access, please e-mail tylersis@fcpsk12.net

2016-17 School Calendar Clarification- Last Day of School... The 2016-17 School Calendar adopted by the School Board on March 1, 2016, noted the last day of school would be determined based on the number of inclement weather days missed during the year. Seven inclement weather make-up days (June 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13) were identified in the calendar and will be used as necessary. This means the last day of school will fall somewhere between June 5 and June 13 depending on the number of days missed due to

inclement weather throughout the year.

The Code of Virginia requires each school year to be a minimum of 180 days. June 2, 2017, was designated the 180th day of the 2016-17 school year in Frederick County provided there were no school closings. The first five identified make-up days (June 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9) will be used to make up the first five days of school missed due to inclement weather on a one-for-one basis. This means one make-up day will be added to the school calendar for each day of school missed during the year. The sixth and seventh identified make-up days (June 12 and 13) will be used to make up any school days missed in excess of the first five on a two-for-one basis as school divisions are only required to make up one day for every two days of school missed in excess of the first five. As of today, the last day of school is scheduled for June 5, 2017. Should additional days be missed, the last day of school will change according to the school calendar and scheduled make-up days. The decision to identify all make-up days in the calendar and have them at the end of the year was made in order to protect holidays, spring break and professional development days in the school calendar. In the past, there have been times when these types of "no school" days have been changed to regular school days in order to make up for time missed due to inclement weather. Identifying the inclement weather make-up days and placing them at the end of the school year is done in many other school divisions and eliminates the need to alter the school calendar during the year.

Spelling Bee Winners... The 5th grade spelling bee was held on January 19. The winners were:

1st Place – Jacob Harty

Runner up – Emma Lindamood

Jacob will represent Stonewall in the division spelling bee. Great job and good luck, Jacob and Emma!

The Frederick County Spelling Bee will be held in the James Wood Middle School auditorium on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 7:00 PM. Contestants and alternates are asked to meet in room 133 (choral room) at 6:15 PM. In case of inclement weather, the Bee will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017.

SCA News...

Dress Up Days

Feb. 3 – Jersey Day

Feb. 14 – Red, White and Pink Day
Feb. 22 – Comfy clothes and slippers Day

Wildcat Wellness....

PINK EYE or conjunctivitis is swelling of thin, filmy membrane that covers the inside of your eyelids and the white part of the eye. There are 3 forms of conjunctivitis:

- 1) Viral conjunctivitis is most common being caused by the same virus as a common cold and symptoms will disappear on their own. It is contagious.
- 2) Bacterial conjunctivitis is caused by bacterial infections and causes a red eye with a lot of pus. Usually antibiotic eye drops are prescribed to treat the infection.
- 3) Allergic conjunctivitis is caused by the body's reaction to an allergen or irritant. It is not contagious. It usually presents with redness in the white of the eye or inner eyelid. Usually antihistamines help with symptoms or cool compresses.

Prevent pink eye by having good hygiene! Wash hands often, avoid touching eyes, discourage reusing washcloths, handkerchiefs or tissues to wipe face or eyes.

Read Across America...

The Annual Read Across America Book Blast Event in partnership with Frederick County Education Association will be held on Thursday, March 2 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Apple Blossom Mall in Winchester. There will be reading by local celebrities, books swap, coloring table, craft, games, refreshments, and more. There will be several book authors there that will be able to sign copies of their books. Children may bring a book to exchange with a book at the event. Children will have the opportunity to meet and pose with the Cat-in-The Hat, Thing One, Thing Two, the Lorax, and the Grinch.

PAWS for Reading will be at the celebration again this year. PAWS for Reading is a program designed to get children excited about reading and to help them build fluency.

Read Across America Week at

Stonewall... Stonewall will celebrate with **dress up days** each day of the week. (See information at the end of this newsletter)

Read In! – Monday, February 27th, 9:15-9:30 AM

We will start our week celebrating Read Across America with a powerful statement to our students.

We will begin our instructional day with a school-wide focus on reading. All students, teachers, and staff will sit in the hallway and the whole school will join together to drop everything and read at the same time. Quiet and powerful!

Book Parade – Friday, March 3rd, 3:00-3:25 PM

All students and teachers will participate in a fun Book Parade to wrap up our Read Across America celebration. Each student and teacher is encouraged to bring their favorite book to school and **dress up** as their favorite book character. All classes will get the opportunity to parade through the hallways as others watch and see the many favorite books and characters that our Stonewall students cherish. Parents are welcome!

PTA Events:

Get involved

Are you interested in getting more involved and having more of a say in what the PTA does? We are looking for individuals that are interested in becoming PTA Board members and chairpersons. Some of our board members will be stepping down next school year and in order for our PTA to continue to move forward, we need new parents to step up and carry on the great progress that has been made. You may nominate a Stonewall parent (potential nominees will be contacted to ensure they are interested). If you are interested, please contact either Mr. Thomas (at the school) or Kim Gresko at stonewall15@gmail.com.

Events

Feb. 1 – PTA Meeting, 9:15 AM in the teacher's lounge

Feb. 3 – Bingo Night, Doors open at 6 PM. Games start at 6:30 PM. Pizza and baked goods for sale. (Snow Date Feb. 10th)

Feb. 9 & 10 – Valentine Grams. Stonewall PTA will be selling candy and pencil grams in the front lobby from 8:45-9 AM on February 9 for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders and February 10th for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Send a special treat to a friend, teacher or staff member. You can order pencils or candy grams on the above dates and they will be delivered at school on Tuesday, February 14th. Each candy gram is 50 cents. Please make checks payable to Stonewall PTA.

March 1 – PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM in the cafeteria (More details will be coming soon about the following events)

March 22 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

April 7 – Stonewall vs Apple Pie Ridge Volleyball

Game @ James Wood High School

April 21 – Stonewall's Got Talent @ James Wood High School, PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR DUE TO CROWD SIZE!!!

Writing Workshops... The Northern VA Writing Project is offering writing workshops for students in grades 1-12 and for parents/families at the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University. Please check this website for information, <http://nvwp.org/youngwriters/saturdayworkshops/>
Project Write is offering local writing workshops for students in grades 4-12 at Shenandoah University. More information is available at www.projectwrite.org



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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other designated youth groups.

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
Michelle Sandy
Director of Special Services
1415 Amherst Street
Winchester, Virginia 22601
(540) 662-3888*

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.



Seuss-ify Yourself!
School-wide Title I Literacy Night
Grab Your Hat and Read with the Cat!

Please join us on **Thursday, March 2, 2017**, for an evening of literacy related activities as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. We will have a birthday cake with candles for the **Cat in the Hat!** Families are invited to participate in **all new** Dr. Seuss related activities, games, and crafts for students of all ages K-5! An information packet and useful tips will be provided to parents. Cupcakes, Dr. Seuss goodies, and a free book will be given to each student who participates! Please mark your calendars and don't miss out on the **FUN!**

Below are the dress up days for
Monday, Feb. 27 - Friday, March 3, 2017

Monday

Fox in Socks Day: Wear Mismatched Socks

Tuesday

Cat in the Hat Day: Wear Red

Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday Day: Wear Mismatched/Backwards Clothing

Thursday

Horton Hears A Who Day: Complete a RAK (Random Act of Kindness)
Towards Others

Friday

Read Across America Day: Dress as Your Favorite Book Character for our
Fun School-wide

