

The Stonewall **CONNECTOR**

Keeping the connection between school and home...

December 2017

Coming Up...

- Dec.5 12 Scholastic Book Fair in Library during library time
- Dec. 8:
 - Book Fair for Family & Friends
 - 3:30 5:30 p.m.
 - Chorus Concert for Family
- 6:00 6:30 p.m.
 - PTA Winter Wonderland 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
- Dec 12 PTA Ledo's Pizza Spirit Night
- Dec. 18 DARE Graduation 2 p.m. in cafeteria/Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec. 19 2nd grade Cookie Bake
- Dec. 18 19 PTA Candy Gram sales
- Dec. 20 SCA Red & Green Day
- Dec. 21 Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL Winter Break
- Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL, Teacher flex workday
- Jan. 3 School Reopens
- Jan. 12 Report Cards go home



Message from the Office



Dear Parents,

We hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the holiday season and all the excitement it brings. Here at Stonewall, we have many reasons to be grateful and joyful - one of which is being a part of this wonderful community. Our caring students, supportive and involved parents, and dedicated teachers are working together to create a learning environment in which our students can thrive, and we have high expectations of success for the remainder of the year.

As we approach the end of the second semester, we encourage you and your students to reflect on their accomplishments thus far and set goals for the second half of the year. Research indicates that goal setting increases motivation, achievement, and advances learning. Setting goals with your children, and helping them track progress, encourages them to take responsibility and ownership of their learning.

We look forward to the New Year in which we continue our partnership and celebrate the accomplishments of our students.

To all of our Stonewall families, warmest holiday wishes and here's to a prosperous new year!

Linda Farringer

Assistant Principal

Reminder

If you would prefer paper copies of the Connector, please contact the office.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER

Frederick County Schools will be closed December 21, 2017 through January 2, 2018 for Winter Break. Schools will be closed January 2 for a flexible teacher workday. Schools will reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

The school building will be closed December 21 through January 2.

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Emergency School Closing Information... This information can be found on the school web page ses.frederick.k12.va.us. Go to Parents & Students and drop down to Emergency Closing Information. It is also at the end of this newsletter for parents receiving paper copies. Please review it before bad weather arrives.

The snow emergency routes for Stonewall are as follows:

ROADS NOT TRAVELED

NEW BUS STOP LOCATION

(Intersection unless otherwise noted)

BUS

NUMBER

Glendobbin Road

Between Payne Road & 803 Glendobbin Road)

Glendobbin Road & Payne Road Not Traveling

High Banks Road High Banks Road & Jordan

Springs Road 165

Michael Drive Michael Drive &

Waverly Road Not Traveling

Rest Church Road Between Wright Rd. & White

Hall Rd. Wright Road &

Rest Church Road 210

Riverdale Circle Riverdale Circle &

Jordan Springs Road 165

Sir Johns Road – Past Shady Creek

(Includes Christo Rey Dr. & Santa Maria Dr.)

Shady Creek Rd & Sir Johns Rd 148

Walters Mill Lane Walters Mill Lane &

Martinsburg Pike Not Traveling

Whetstone Court & Featherstone Court Jordan

Springs Road & Featherstone Court Not Traveling

Wright Road

Between Rest Church Rd. & the West Va. Line

Wright Road &

Rest Church Road 210

Caring – December Character Trait Focus...

**Caring is showing you love or really like someone.

**Caring is doing a kind and thoughtful deed to help someone in need

**Caring often means putting other people's needs before you own.

December is a month in which we often see great kindness in others. Caring for others' feelings, showing them you love them, and performing thoughtful deeds are wonderful attributes for children to learn. Send pictures of your Stonewall student being a caring person. Send pictures to copenhaw@fcpsk12.net. Actual photos may not be returned. Some books about Caring: Now One Foot, Now the Other (Tomie de Paola; Putnam, 1988), The Children's Book of Virtues (edited by William J Bennett; Simon & Schuster, 1995), The Selfish Giant (Oscar Wilde; Simon & Schuster, 1984)

FCPS Rapid Communication System Text

Messages... Parents have the ability to receive messages sent through the FCPS Rapid

Communication System via text messages as well

as phone call and e-mail. In order to receive text

messages sent through the 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. If that

information hasn't been provided to the school previously, please provide it to the front office. In addition to having the phone number included on the student record, parents must opt-in to receiving text messages from the school division. This can be accomplished by texting "Yes" to 68453 from the device on which you want to receive text messages. Once the process of opting-in to receive text alerts has been completed, you will receive a confirmation message via text.

Time for Coats...Our students go outside for recess unless the weather is severe. Please make sure your child comes to school with warm jackets, gloves and hats. Labeling coats with names will help keep them out of our lost and found rack. If you think your child has lost clothing/glasses at school, please have him/her ask to check our lost & found items in front of the stage in the cafeteria.

Lost and Found...Please come in and check the lost and found rack. The rack is located in the cafeteria in front of the stage. There are quite a few items of unclaimed clothing. The unclaimed clothing will be donated after Christmas break.

Please Complete the 2017 Speak Up Survey... Frederick County Public Schools is encouraging students, parents, staff and members of the community to take a few minutes and complete the 2017 Speak Up Survey. The brief, anonymous survey offers the opportunity to share perspectives on key educational issues, particularly issues related to digital learning and the use of technology in schools. Please visit <https://speakup.tomorrow.org/ChooseSurvey.aspx> and take the survey. Students taking the survey will be prompted to enter the secret word-FCPSK12. The local results will help inform the creation of the 2018 Division Educational Technology Plan.

Speak Up, Stay Safe...We all play a part in keeping our schools safe. If you notice any suspicious activity, be prepared to give a detailed report to school staff and law enforcement. Pay close attention to things like: What, specifically, you observed; who you saw; when and where you saw it; and why it seemed suspicious. Being able to provide details of what you observed 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.

Scholastic Book Fair...The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way!

At the book fair this year you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents.

It will be held Monday, December 4th through Tuesday, December 12th. It will open during students' regular school day and on Friday, December 8th we will stay open until 5:30 p.m. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading.

See you at the Book Fair!

PTA News...

Winter Wonderland, December 8th. Dinner catered by Jordan Springs with BBQ and Hot Dogs (\$8 presale, \$10 at the door), a secret holiday shop for the children to buy gifts every gift is \$2 each (this is the only opportunity students will have this year to do this), an opportunity to make winter themed crafts (free this year), an opportunity to see Motorcycle Santa and have your picture taken, and a silent auction/raffle. For more detailed information, go to Stonewall Elementary PTA's facebook page or check your child's backpack for our flyer. You will not want to miss this fun night!!

Holiday Grams coming to Stonewall on December 18th & 19th! Send your friends either a candy or a pencil for .50 each. Orders will be taken on Dec. 18th and 19th and delivered on the 20th. More info and order forms will be coming home on the 14th. Spread a little cheer!

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for January 3rd at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. We need more parents to be involved if we are going to be able to continue having our great events and raise money to support our school.

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 Alio 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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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.

Frederick County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination process:

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

