

The Stonewall **CONNECTOR**

Keeping the connection between school and home...

January 2018

Coming Up...

Jan. 12 – Report Cards go home
Jan. 15 – NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 17 – Jump Rope for Heart Assembly, 2:30 PM
Jan. 18 – Candid/Club Picture Day
Jan. 25 – PTA Paint Night in cafeteria, 6-7:30 PM
Jan. 26 – YOJO (Anti-bullying) Assembly in cafeteria, K-2 1:30 PM, 3-5- 2:30 PM
Jan. 29 – NO SCHOOL, Professional Development Day
Jan. 31 – PTA Meeting in cafeteria, 9:30 AM

Message from the Office



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are now half way through the school year. As we begin 2018, and the second semester of this school year, we urge you to stay **CONNECTED** to your child's education in whatever way possible. For some, this might mean coming in to volunteer, and for others it might mean helping at home. One way everyone can assist is by showing your child you support him or her—as a matter of fact, that is one of the best things that you as a parent or guardian can do. Much research has been done on the impact of supportive parents/guardians on their child's success at school. With that in mind, please let us know if there is anything we can do to help strengthen your connection....

Best wishes for a prosperous 2018,

Darren Thomas
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Principal

Reminder

Refer to the December Connector for Emergency School Closing Information.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER

Frederick County Schools will be closed on January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and closed on January 29 for a professional development day for teachers.

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. If you think your child has lost clothing/glasses at school, please have him/her ask to check our lost & found items.

Wildcat Wellness...To stay healthy during the cold winter season, try to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. Raw veggies with a dip or by themselves are a good example. YUM!

Additionally, as noted by the CDC, "keeping hands clean through improved hand hygiene is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and conditions are spread by not washing hands with soap and clean, running water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to clean hands."

Congratulations to the following 7 fifth grade chorus students for making it into District Chorus.

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| Sophia Bowman | Serenity Juarez |
| Sophia Caruso | Amy Martin |
| Josie Garnes | Addison Sharp |
| Madison Guzman | |

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.

SCA NEWS...

January 22-26 - SCA Snack Sale before school

January Spirit Days are:

- Jan. 10 - Blue and White Day
- Jan. 19 - Hat Day
- Jan. 30 - Crazy Hair Day

PTA News...

Winter Wonderland was a great success. Thank you to all those who came out to help volunteer and to attend this AWESOME event. We had an amazing turnout. Thanks

also to all the local businesses that donated items to help make our silent auction such a success.

Here is a preliminary schedule for January through May. Please make a note of these dates:

PTA Paint Night

Jan. 25, 6-7:30 PM

Paint your own snowman canvas with a guided instructor. \$15 includes all supplies needed to paint an 8x10 canvas, just bring your own smock! Chick-fil-a sandwich, chips, drink and cookie for dinner only \$6.00! You MUST rsvp for this event so we can plan supplies accordingly. 6-6:45 paint, 6:45-7:30 enjoy your dinner while your canvas is drying!

PTA Meetings

Jan. 3 - 6:30 PM

Jan. 31 - 9:30 AM

Feb. 28 - 6:30 PM

Mar. 28 - 9:30 AM

April 25 - 6:30 PM

May 30 - 9:30 AM

PTA Events

Feb. 12-14 - Valentine Grams

Feb. 23 - BINGO Night

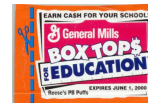
March 15 - Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night

April 7 - Color Run

April - Talent Show date to be determined

Box Tops Competition

Jan. 16-26



If you are interested in helping plan BINGO night or the Talent Show, please email _____

Heart Association, and raising funds for life saving research. There will be a kick off assembly for the school on January 17 in the gym at 2:30 PM. Envelopes will go home with the students on that day. The jumping will be done during PE classes during our Jump Rope Unit. All donations and envelopes are due back by Friday, February 16.

Help us scare away Heart Disease!

You can have your student jump online at www.heart.org/jump and send emails to ask for donations <http://www2.heart.org/goto/stonewall>

As a Bonus, if you raise \$150 you will earn a PLUSH JAX.

There's an app for that! You can also get on-line by downloading the app by searching Jump/Hoops in the app store and text for donations!

Thank you for supporting the American Heart Association!

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.

Perseverance - Character Trait Focus for January...

- Perseverance is someone sticking with an activity until it is finished, even if it is hard
- Perseverance is not giving up
- Perseverance is staying with something even when others might quit or give up
- Perseverance is working hard on a project and feeling proud when you complete it

Has your child or have you ever had to overcome an obstacle to reach a goal? Overcoming obstacles, those the size of ant hills or those the size of mountains, is an important lesson for everyone to learn. Children who put forth effort to overcome obstacle on their way to success are well prepared for the rest of their life journey. Take a moment to point out the obstacle, the effort, and the goal you and your child have already achieved. Encourage your child to always put forth his best effort.

Books about Perseverance: *Brave Irene* (William Steig), *Hard to Be Six* (Arnold Adof), *The Little Engine that Could* (Watty Piper)

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 survey can be completed up until January 19, 2018. 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.

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 School Nutritional Services at 540-662-3888 Ext. 88109.

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