

The Stonewall **C O N N E C T O R**

Keeping the connection between school & home...

November, 2016

Coming Up.....

- Nov. 6 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov. 7-11 - United Way Student Participation week
- Nov. 8 - No School, professional staff development day/election day
- Nov. 10 - Author visit
- Nov. 11 - SCA Red, White and Blue Day
- Nov. 15 - Make up picture day/Retakes
- Nov. 17 - PTA Spirit Night at Northside Lanes, 5-8 p.m.
- Nov. 18 - SCA Dance for Grades 4 & 5
- Nov. 22 - SCA Dress like a Turkey Day
- Nov. 23-25- No School, Thanksgiving
- Nov. 29 - FCPS Informational Meeting about 12th Elementary school, 6:30 p.m. in cafeteria
- Nov. 30 - PTA Meeting, 9:15 a.m. in teachers' lounge.



Message from the Office

Dear Parents,

November has arrived quickly, and the second quarter is underway. The students are adjusting to a routine and finding out quickly that there is a lot to learn this year. Over the past nine weeks, Mr. Thomas and I had the opportunity to visit a large number of classrooms and saw students and teachers engaged in lessons and working hard to teach and learn what is required.

At Stonewall, we place a significant focus on Character Education and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). There are three expectations the faculty and staff are concentrating on with students: Be respectful, Be responsible, and Be ready. Ask your children what they are doing to support these important expectations at school and in your home. There are many ways each of us can promote and build positive experiences so each student looks forward to coming to school each and every day.

We would like to thank the parents, teachers, students, and community members who helped make our Harvest Party an absolute success. We appreciate the support of our stakeholders and all they continuously do for our school.

Sincerely,

Linda Farringer

Linda Farringer
Assistant Principal

Daylight Savings Time

Ends Sunday, November 6.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!



SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER

Frederick County Schools will be closed on Tuesday, November 8 for teacher professional day/election day.

Frederick County Schools will be closed for Thanksgiving from Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25.

Frederick County Public Schools 12th Elementary School Informational Meeting...

Frederick County Public Schools is hosting a public informational meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, regarding the 12th elementary school that will be built in Snowden Bridge with an anticipated opening in the Fall of 2018. The meeting will be held in the Stonewall Elementary School cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from the school division and the architectural firm designing the school will provide an overview of the project, seek community input on the design, and respond to questions. The attendance zone for the new school will not be discussed at the meeting on November 29. The rezoning process is currently scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2017 and the community will be provided with opportunities to provide input on the attendance zone for the new school at that time. If you have questions about the 12th Elementary School Information Meeting, please contact FCPS Coordinator of Planning and Development Wayne Lee at 540-662-3888.

Parent/Student 360...If you still need your password or login for the Parent Portal to check grades, etc., please contact Ann Snapp at the following email address: tylersis@fcpsk12.net. The email should include parent/guardian name and email address, student's name and school.

Martin's A+ School Rewards... The program started in October. Right now we only have 62 people signed up under our school. If you have a Martin's Bonus card, please register to designate Stonewall School. (**There is no cost to you**). Log on to www.martinsfoods.com/aplus to register on line or Dial 1-888-448-4642 to register your card over the phone. You can also register your card at your local Martin's store. The sooner you register; the more money we will earn. If you registered your card last year, you **DO NOT** need to re-register this year. Also encourage your friends and relative to do the same. It could mean more Cash for our school.

Here is our Rewards history:

2010-11 - \$1,638.21
2011-12 - \$1,056.21 with 91 cards registered
2012-13 - \$ 621.78 with 52 cards registered
2014-15 - \$ 611.14 with 48 cards registered
2015-16 - \$ 712.56 with 54 cards resistered

Make Up Picture Day is Tuesday, November 15. If your child missed having his/her picture taken previously, please have him/her stop by the office and pick up an order form if they have not already received one from their teacher. **The order form and payment MUST be with the student when**

pictures are taken, and checks should be made payable to "Lifetouch." If you were unhappy with your child's original picture and would like it retaken, return the original package on make up day, and your child can have his/her picture retaken.

General Mills Box Tops Great job to Mrs. Ratliff's class who won our first competition of the year! We actually collected 9,399 box tops, which will bring in \$939.90 for PTA! R2D2 was the chosen favorite by the students! Keep up the good work and keep the box tops coming. Remember to cut off your box tops before you toss your containers as you are doing holiday baking. The next competition will be in January. Continue to save and vote in your classroom.



FCPS Rapid Communications Phone and e-mail messages are delivered to the primary phone number and e-mail addresses as filled out by parents on each student's registration form. If you have not been receiving any of these messages, please contact our office.

PTA Events...

Nov. 17 - Spirit Night at Northside Lanes, 5-8 p.m.
Nov. 30 - PTA Meeting, 9:15 am in the teachers' lounge
Dec. 2 - Winter Wonderland, 6:30-8:30 pm
Dec. 15 - Candy Gram sales K-2, 8:30-9:00 am
Dec. 16 - Candy Gram sales 3-5, 8:30-9:00 am
Dec. 21 - Candy Grams delivered to students

Thank you to all the volunteers, students and families who donated and participated in our first Color Run! We brought in over \$3012.43 with this fundraiser! Our top 3 who brought in the most donations were Tegan Moore \$220, Madison Ann Taylor \$205, and Jillian Emmart \$180. Way to go! A special thanks to Carley Walker for all the planning, coordinating and organizing of this awesome event!

Stonewall's Winter Wonderland. We hope you will plan to join us for our 2nd Winter Wonderland! There will be something for everyone to enjoy. Dinner is going to be catered by Jordan Springs (tickets go on sale soon!), many vendors and crafters will be selling their goods (LuLaRoe, Silpada, Sasspurilla, Stella & Dot, Keep Collective and many others) a silent auction and raffle with Washington National's tickets, Birthday Parties from Kids First Swim School, a retired American Girl Doll of the Year, unique items from some Stonewall classrooms, and one-of-a-kind opportunities donated from staff and teachers!!! There will also be an area for children to do holiday themed crafts or do Secret Holiday Shopping! Mark your calendars for Dec. 2nd from 6:30-8:30! If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, contact Kim Gresko at stonewallpta15@gmail.com!

Wildcat wellness...Just a few tips from the Virginia Department of Health on prevention of illness.

- Wash hands often
- Avoid wearing jewelry that may harbor germs
- Keep fingernails short
- Keep hands away from face
- Do not put fingers in nose or mouth
- Cover cuts, coughs, sneezes
- Stay away from sick people
- Do not share food, drink, jewelry, makeup, etc.
- The Most Important of these is washing hands:
 - before eating
 - after toileting
 - after contact with body fluids
 - after sneezing, nose blowing
 - after touching your face
 - after handling garbage, money, or pets
 - at arrival and dismissal time
 - when you get home

Lost and Found...Please come in and check the lost and found box. There are quite a few items of unclaimed clothing.

Photo ID...Anyone picking up a student should be prepared to show their photo ID.

Physical Education Exercise Log...To continue fitness outside of class, students are encouraged to enter their times of physical activity that are tracked by our website. To fill this form out, please go to our school website and under the Parents and Students tab, click on "Exercise Tracker." Once you fill out the form and submit it, it will come directly to Mrs. Haun. Students will receive trips to the prize box for progress and awards for most hours logged throughout the school year. Students that do not have access to the internet may hand in a paper from the gym that asks what physical activity they did and for how long. There will be a designated box for these papers in the gym. Hope to see many of our students participating, so get fit and have some fun!

The snow emergency routes for Stonewall are as follows:

SNOW EMERGENCY ROAD NOT TRAVELED	NEW BUS STOP LOCATION	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	88
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	88
Tyler Drive	Tyler Drive & Hiatt Road	171
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

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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SCA NEWS...

November Spirit Days are:

Nov. 11th - Red, White and Blue Day

Nov. 22nd - Dress Like a Turkey Day

November is also time for Turkey of the Year. Which teacher will it be this year? The voting ballots and information are coming soon.

The SCA is also hosting a dance for students in grades 4 and 5 on November 18 from 6-8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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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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.