

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

Keeping the connection between school & home...

October, 2016

Coming Up.....

Oct. 5 - Kindergarten Field Trip to Wilson's Pet Farm, 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 12 - Jamestown Foundation Presentation for Grades 4 & 5

Oct. 14 - First Grade Field Trip to Marker Miller, 9:30 a. m.- 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 20 - End of First 9 weeks

Oct. 21 - NO SCHOOL Teacher workday

Oct. 24 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

Oct. 25 - 31 - Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 28 - PTA Harvest Party, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Nov. 1 - Report Cards go home

Nov. 8 - NO SCHOOL, Election Day

Message from the Office

Dear Parents,

We are well into the swing of things here at school and are off to a smooth start. As we look at the year ahead, I would like to thank, in advance, all who will give through their time, efforts, and donations. We always appreciate the many ways our Stonewall community assists our school. I'm happy to report that our PTA-sponsored "Color Run" earned our PTA approximately \$2,000. The actual total will be in the November newsletter. Our students had a great time running the race and also having a chance to "submerge" their principals in the dunk tank! On behalf of the students, staff, and families of Stonewall, thanks to all who gave toward this event, as our students will greatly benefit from it. We look forward to more opportunities such as this throughout the year (minus the dunk tank!).

Sincerely,

Darren Thomas

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Principal



SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER

Stonewall Elementary will be closed on Friday, October 21 and Monday and October 24 for teacher workdays. Stonewall Elementary will also be closed on Tuesday, November 8 for Election Day/teacher professional development day.

October, 2016

Pop Tabs and Capri Sun Pouches...Our school is **no longer collecting** pop tabs and Capri Sun Pouches. Please do not send either of these to school. Thank you.

Cafeteria News...Our cafeteria will be celebrating National School Lunch Time October 10-28. Parents are invited to come have lunch with their child.

During National School Lunch time:

- Checks or cash only - NO credit cards or debit cards
- Exact change or small bills Please!
- Adult lunch is \$3.55 and includes a drink (milk, water, tea)
- Child's lunch is \$2.60 and includes milk only
- Ice cream sold on Tuesdays & Thursdays only and is 75 cents

Checks to pay for school lunches **MUST** have a phone number on them. Also, the child's name (first and last) and/or I.D. number would be helpful.

Parents are welcome to come and eat with their children at any time. Please keep these things in mind when you do:

- Please call or send a note giving the number coming and the lunch choice, if possible the day before or the morning of at the least.
- Please notify the office the name of the person(s) coming for lunch. For security purposes, we need permission from the parent/guardian if it is someone other than the parent or guardian.
- We request that food from outside (bagged fast food) not be brought in, especially during National School Lunch Time. Bagged lunches from home are acceptable.
- If possible, please limit to two (2) people at a time due to seating..
- It is requested that if a sibling of the student comes with you, he or she is to remain seated and observe all of our rules.

Breakfast is served daily from 8:30-9:00 a.m. Students must be in class by 9:00 a.m.

Ice Cream cannot be purchased if your child owes money to the cafeteria for charged breakfast and/or lunch.

PTA News...

Martin's A+ Rewards:

Registration is underway for the Martin's A+ School rewards program. We will begin earning points beginning October 7th. To sign up you can go to <http://martinsfoods.com/aplus/register-card/> and enter in your rewards card number or call 1-888-562-7846 and designate Stonewall Elementary as your school. There is no cost to you for this. If you have registered last year, you will be automatically registered this year. We are no longer allowed to register your card for you. You can also ask family and friends who are local and don't have a school designated on their card. Please register as soon as possible.

Amazon Smiles...

We will begin participating in this program...stay tuned for more information.

Ink Cartridges/Cell Phones: Our school needs your help!..Save your empty inkjet printer and toner cartridges and old cell phones - they have value! Send your cartridges and cell phones to the school office in a plastic bag to prevent leakage. If you own or work for a company that is interested in teaming with us by giving us their used ink/toner, please contact us at stonewallpta15@gmail.com.

General Mills Box Tops:

We had our first of 3 school wide Box Top Competitions in September. The classroom who brings in the most box tops (worth 10 cents each) receives a



party for their entire class! At the end of the year the class that brings in the most Box Tops for the year receives a party for all of their hard work! There are many items that have Box Tops on

them. For a complete list and other ways to help collect Box Tops go to www.boxtops4education.com. Classroom winners will be announced on the Morning Show and our FB Page!

PTA Events:

Oct. 17-21 - School Bus Driver Appreciation-children to make thank your notes for their bus drivers

Oct. 28 - Harvest Party, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Thank you to all our PTA volunteers who helped in the month of August and September.

Like us on FB at Stonewall Elementary PTA - Home of the Wildcats.

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.

Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24-31,

2016...Recognizing Red Ribbon Week is an annual, national event. All across our nation, everyone is encouraged and supported for not using illegal drugs, not using tobacco, not drinking alcohol to excess, and being aware of the dangers in which these activities can result. We are proud that the students at Stonewall Elementary are very knowledgeable about how NOT using drugs, alcohol, and tobacco will improve their chances of a good education.

Activities will include:

Monday, Oct. 24 - No School

Tuesday, Oct. 25 - "Red"y to Live a Drug Free Life
Wear Red

Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Don't Get "Tied" Down with
Drugs - Wear Tye Dye

Thursday, Oct. 27 - I "Elect" to be Drug Free -
Wear Red, White and Blue

Friday, Oct. 28 - My "Character" Counts, I'm Drug
Free - Dress as your favorite book character

Monday, Oct. 31 - "Paws"itively Proud to be Drug
Free - Dress your "Paws" (feet), with different socks
or shoes and wear Orange and Black

*All week we will be collecting supplies for our furry
friends at the animal shelter. Supplies you can bring:
dog food, cat food, old sheets, towels, toys, treats
and bleach.

Wildcat wellness...Strict guidelines are used when
planning school meal menus to make sure that they
are nutritious and good for you.

Communications and Media Access...Parents
and eligible students must annually notify the office
of the student's school in writing if they don't want
the school division or the media to have access to
their image, voice recordings or other similar
identifying information during school-day operations;
otherwise, they will be deemed to have given their
permission for publications.



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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employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race,
color, national origin, religion, sex, age, political affiliation,

disability or veteran status in the education program and
activities or employment and provides equal access to the
Boy Scouts and 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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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.*



Stonewall Elementary School ID # 20435

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of A+ School Rewards!

Beginning October 7, 2016, Stonewall Elementary – (ID#: 20435) has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local MARTIN'S!

PLEASE NOTE:

You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

To participate:

- Visit www.martinsfoods.com/aplus and scroll down to the center of the page to select **REGISTER YOUR CARD** from the red box on the right marked **FOR CUSTOMERS**; or,
- Call the A+ School Rewards Hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance; or,
- Email the A+ Hotline. Please include the last name associated with your BONUSCARD®, your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and our school name and school ID number* of our school (or the name, city and state in which the school is located) to: askaplus@cranecommunications.com.

** If you are supporting more than one (1) school, please include the ID numbers for both schools (or the names, cities and states of your schools).*

To earn points:

- Use your registered BONUSCARD® each time you shop at MARTIN'S, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the MARTIN A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2017 program, which is March 17, these same conversions are performed and the final *school account total* is posted.
- Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more CASH REWARDS!

Thank you for supporting our school.

Sincerely,

1-877-ASK-APLUS – 1-877-275-2758
www.martinsfoods.com/aplus
askaplus@cranecommunications.com



Stonewall Escuela Primaria ID# 20435)

Estimados Padres:

Bienvenidos de nuevo al inicio del año escolar y a un nuevo año de A+ School Rewards.

A partir del 7 de Octubre de 2016 hasta el 16 de Marzo de 2017, **Stonewall Escuela Primaria (Nombre de la escuela – 20435)** tiene la oportunidad de participar y ganar dinero de A+ Rewards, un gran programa de recaudación de fondos a través de su tienda local MARTIN'S!

NOTA: No es necesario volver a registrar su tarjeta si su selección de escuela sigue siendo el mismo que el programa del año pasado.

Para participar:

- Visite www.martinsfoods.com/aplus y desplácese hacia abajo hasta el centro de la página para seleccionar "registre su tarjeta" en el cuadro rojo de la derecha marcada PARA CLIENTES; O
- Llame a la A+ School Rewards al [877.275.2758](tel:877.275.2758) de asistencia (Sólo de habla inglesa.); O
- El correo electrónico: askaplus@cranecommunications.com. Por favor incluya el apellido asociado con tu BONUSCARD®, tu BONSUCARD® 11 dígitos y nuestro nombre de la escuela (o el nombre ciudad y Estado donde se encuentra la escuela).
- Si desea admitir más de una escuela, por favor incluya los números de ID de ambas escuelas (o los nombres, ciudades y estados de sus escuelas).

Para ganar puntos:

- Utilice su BONUSCARD® cada vez que compres en MARTIN'S, y podrás ganar dinero para nuestra escuela. Puede seguir el número de puntos que está ganado para nuestra escuela comprobando su recibo de compras.
- Al final de cada mes, los puntos se calculan y se convierten en premios en efectivo para nuestra escuela. Estas recompensas en efectivo son actualizadas mensualmente en la página web de MARTIN'S A+ comenzando en Noviembre.
- Después de que el último día del programa de 2017, que es el 16 de marzo, estas conversiones se realizan y la última escuela account total es publicado.
- Nuestra escuela recibirán premios en efectivo en la forma de un cheque al final del programa y pueden utilizar este dinero para cualquiera de nuestras necesidades educativas.

También, por favor anime a sus familiares y amigos para apoyar a nuestra escuela. Esto podría resultar en más premios en efectivo.

Gracias por apoyar nuestra escuela.

Cordialmente,