

Federalburg Elementary

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FES is a School-Wide Title I School

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Attending FES means learning and success

Daily Schedule

8:45 a.m. School opens

Car riders and walkers should not arrive before 8:45, as staff is not available to provide supervision.

Breakfast is served in the classroom.

3:40 p.m. Walkers/car riders are dismissed. Car riders are to be picked up at the car rider exit in the parking lot. Parents that walk into the building to get their children may wait outside of the front entrance and will need to wait until the buses leave before crossing.

3:45 p.m. Buses are dismissed

Inclement weather/Fog delay (2 hours)

10:45 a.m. Arrival for students
No breakfast served
AM PreK 10:45-12:45
PreK students eat lunch from 11:15-11:45
PM PreK 1:45-3:45
No 3 year old program

Meal Prices

Lunch \$2.10
Reduced \$0.40
Adult \$3.75

Welcome Back!

Mrs. Alexander and I are very excited to have the students back in school; it gets a little too quiet over the summer! We hope all of you had a wonderful summer break! If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year feel free to give Mrs. Alexander or me a call anytime. We look forward to a great year!

Nikki VonDenBosch
Principal

Back to School Night Scheduled

Please plan to join us for our Back to School Night. It is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to hear about curriculum and teacher expectations. PTA memberships (\$8.00 ea. or 2 for \$15.00) will be available and community partners will also be available in the gym. Please visit the gym before or after visiting classrooms to see the many resources available in our community.

Volunteering at FES

If you are interested in volunteering at FES please complete the volunteer application attached to this Newsletter and send back to school. Mrs. Phillips, our Parent Service Provider, will contact you with next steps and upcoming volunteer training. All volunteers must be trained yearly and complete the application process. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Phillips at 410-754-9054.

New to FES

Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members:

Meridith Farnell	4 th grade teacher
Brenda Smith	School Nurse
Amy Smith	Instructional Ast.
Renee Oney	Instructional Ast.
Jennifer Williams	Instructional Ast.
Crystal Truitt	Instructional Ast.
Laura Glessner	PreK Teacher
Brenda McCann	3yr old Teacher

Parent Teacher Association

Your PTA needs *you*. Our new Exec. Committee has specific goals for this year that include: increasing membership, promoting wellness, working with the PBIS team, and many family activities. These plans require involved, enthusiastic membership from teachers and parents. We hope you'll take a moment to read and complete the attached Membership Application form and/or attend one of the following Membership events:

Sept. 3rd Back to School Night

6:30 -7:30 p.m.

Sept. 5th Goodies for Grandparents

8:45-9:30 a.m.

Sept. 10th Donuts for Dads

8:45-9:30 a.m.

Sept. 12th Muffins for Moms

8:45-9:30 a.m.

Our first General Membership meeting will be at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 12th to approve this year's By-Laws and Annual Budget. Our 2nd General Membership meeting will be Monday, Oct. 6th at 6 p.m. *More information will be coming home about that meeting with your student.*

This is going to be an exciting year for us all! Won't you come and be a part?

Arrival of Students

The student day begins at 8:45 a.m. Students will go directly to their classroom. Any student arriving after 9:00 a.m. is considered tardy and must be signed-in by an **adult** before going to the classroom. This procedure ensures the student is credited for attendance. **Either parent notes (10) or doctor's notes need to be provided to make the tardy legal.**

Car riders are to be dropped off at the Academy Street entrance and picked up at the Car Rider Loop in the side parking lot. This is a **one-way** loop. There will be a staff member present to help students into their car. If you are going to walk your child into the building, please park in a designated space. The front loop directly in front of the building is for buses **only**.

Dismissal of Students

Children are dismissed from school in the following order:

3:40 p.m. –Walkers to Academy St., Car riders to the Car Rider loop

3:45 p.m. - Bus students

Bus changes will not be made without a written note to the office and will only be approved under emergency situations.

Teachers will not allow a student to leave the school grounds prior to dismissal without permission from the office. If a child is to leave early, a note from the parent or guardian must be presented at the office. Parents should come to the office and the child will be waiting. Students will not be dismissed directly from the classroom to a parent.

Lunch Applications/Title 1

Free and reduced meal applications impact school funding from various grants. Because of our qualifying percentage we are a **School-wide Title 1** school.

Title 1 is a federally funded program intended to ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. Caroline County must follow Federal guidelines for Title 1 funding.

Title 1 funding provides additional reading support, math support, and parental involvement activities. Our Title 1 school goal is to have 100% of our parents attend at least two school functions. Please help us reach our goal!

Caroline Co.'s Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend school every day during the school year. A student who is absent from school for a day or any portion of a day without a lawful cause is considered to be truant. Students with satisfactory attendance...

- Come to school on time and stay for the entire day.

- Are absent no more than 10 days during the school year.

- Bring in a parent note or other documentation in order to justify each attendance as lawful (up to ten). **All notes are due within ten school days of the student's return.**

Promotion may be denied to students, in grades K-5, who have more than 100 unlawful absence points within a school year. Students accumulate points according to the following scale: Full Day = 10 points; Half Day = 5 points; Tardy or Early Dismissal = 2 points.

No Child Left Behind

The No Child Left behind Act of 2002 provides parents of students attending Title 1 schools the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. Parents of elementary students may request in writing to the school principal information about their child's teacher including college/university degrees of certification held, subject area of the teacher's degree or certification, and Maryland certification status. Additionally, if your child is served by paraprofessionals, parents may request their professional qualifications. More information about Title I can also be found on pages 32-33 in the CCPS Calendar/Handbook. There is a policy for Complaints Concerning Federally Funded Programs XI.110.20. For more information see page 63 of the CCPS Calendar/Handbook.

Parent Advisory Committee

Title I is a federal program to help all students get a good education and meet academic standards. Title I funds are used to pay for Reading and Math Resource teachers, materials used for interventions, and parenting activities. When schools, families and community groups work together, children achieve more, stay in school longer, and enjoy school more. If you would like to find out more or contribute to how parents are involved at FES please join us during our first 2014-2015 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m.

School Based Health Centers

School Based Health Centers are available in all Caroline County Public Schools. The centers strive to improve the health of students and faculty and decrease time lost from school by providing care within the school setting.

Services include sick care, follow-up for acute or chronic health care needs, prescriptions, mental health, oral health (dental cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatments) and health risk assessments. Staff for each center varies but may include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant, dental hygienist, dental assistant, mental health professional, registered or licensed nurse, health aid, and support staff. Whenever a student is seen in the Health Center, a report is shared with his/her primary care physician or dentist.

Caroline County School Based Health Centers are a partnership between the Caroline County Public Schools, Choptank Community Health System, and the Caroline County Health Department.

Don't forget to enroll your child in the program. Look for the enrollment forms in your child's back to school information. For more information, contact Choptank Community Health System, Community Based Programs (410) 479-4306 ext. 5012 or visit www.choptankhealth.org.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Mrs. Judy Thomas, Vision and Hearing Technician from the Caroline County Health Department will be at FES on 9/15/14 to perform annual Maryland mandated screenings. All new students, 1st and 5th graders will be screened. If your child has a vision and/or hearing exam outside of school within the prior 12 months, and you do not wish your child to be re-screened, please provide the school nurse with written verification of that visit prior to 9/15/14. All students without written verification must be screened according to the Maryland mandate. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Peggy Warfield, the School Nurse at 410-754-5722.

Principal's Reading Club

The answer to the question: "Why can't I skip my twenty minutes of reading tonight?" Student A reads 20 minutes, 5 nights a week. Student B reads only 4 minutes a night, or not at all. That's 100 minutes per week for student A and 20 minutes per week for student B. Or 3600 minutes a school year for student A and 720 minutes a school year for student B. Student A practices reading the equivalent of 10 school days a year, while Student B gets the equivalent of only 2 school days. By the end of 6th grade if both students maintain these reading habits, student A will have read 60 whole school days and student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

Some questions to ponder:

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would know more?
- Which student would you expect to write better?
- Which student would have a more extensive vocabulary?
- Which student would you expect to be more successful in school? And life?

Please encourage your children to read at home and to be rewarded for doing so! Please review the Principals Reading Club information. We will begin this club in September. Happy reading!

Breakfast in the Classrooms

FES will continue its participation with Breakfast in the Classroom. All students are offered breakfast. Students **do not** have to pay for breakfast. FES is able to participate in this program due to our percentage of fee and reduced meals.



Important Dates

September

1	No School Labor Day
3	Back to School Night 6:30 p.m.
9	PreK Orientation
10	PreK Begins
19	No School In-service Day
24	Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
30	Flu Mists

October

1	Principals Reading Club due
8	Fall Pictures
17	No School
31	Halloween Parade and Parties ½ day

