

Fruitland Primary School

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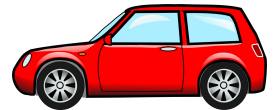
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December Skipper 2022

Dismissal Reminders:

There is a pause at the door between 3:15-4:10 each day as staff is engaged in dismissal procedures. All notes for early dismissal are to be submitted by email or handwritten note by noon daily. This allows for the office and classroom teachers adequate time to communicate student change in dismissal.



Car Rider area during Dismissal time:

Car Rider Window Tags are to be displayed from your rearview mirror each day for pick up. Without the tag displayed, you will be prompted to park your vehicle and report to the main office with your driver's license to sign your child out. This is a safety protocol in place.

Once you are in a line, do not move from one lane to the next even if you see a lane starting to get shorter. What is happening is one lane is now able to leave where students were loaded into their vehicles. While they are pulling off, students for the other lane is being escorted out to prepare to be loaded in those vehicles. We alternate from the inside loop to the outside loop to keep both lanes moving. If you switch lanes, your child will not be lined up in the correct line to be escorted out. You will be delaying the time your child is escorted to your vehicle as we work to figure out where they fit into the lines that are set to be escorted out. You will be prompted to park your vehicle as they work to locate your child and escort to you once a staff member becomes available.

Finally, right turn only when entering or exiting the parking lot. This ensures the flow of traffic continues and accidents are avoided. Doing otherwise could also cause a traffic halt for both cars and buses where vehicles will be in what could be called a 'grid lock.'

Adults picking students up in the afternoon are asked to remain in their vehicles for your safety and flow of the car rider lines moving forward as students are loaded into your vehicles.



Wicomico Flu Mist Clinic:

Wicomico Schools is collaborating with the Wicomico County Health Department to have convenient, school based FluMist vaccine clinics in all of our elementary schools to support the health of young students. Our school's FluMist clinic will be at Fruitland Primary School on Friday, December 16, 2022. If you would like for your child to receive the FluMist at school, please register the student at this link: <https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/2677037109>.

Please note that any child who has asthma or any significant underlying health condition (heart disease, metabolic disorders, kidney disease, cognitive dysfunction, seizure disorders) or is immune compromised should not receive FluMist, the child's doctor can advise about a flu shot.

Warm coats and clothing reminders:

Students go outside for recess daily. Please be sure students are wearing winter coats this time of year. If you need assistance with a winter coat, email mjohanni@wcboe.org (Mrs. Johanning, Guidance).

Additionally, we have depleted the new clothing used to change students when they have accidents. If your child is working with the school to potty train them, be sure to send 2 sets of clothes. Contact the classroom teachers to be sure they have ample supply of pull up and wipes.

ALL articles of clothing need to have your child's first name and last name written on the tag inside. We are not able to return clothes to students if they misplace them when not labeled. Unclaimed clothes are donated to shelters each midterm and end of term after efforts to get them returned to students is unsuccessful. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to hold onto lost items for the amount we are accumulating in a 4-week period.

Thank you for helping us to help you by labeling your child's clothing.





Daily Attendance:

By now, we are all aware that attending school is mandatory. We are also aware of the direct correlation between school attendance and student performance. The reason I am addressing this issue is to encourage your child to attend school every day, on time, and ready to learn. Teachers teach something new every day.

If a child is absent due to an illness, death in the family, etc., we encourage parents to contact the school for make-up work. When the request comes in, the teacher will put together a packet of make-up work. This will give the student written work to complete during the night. This will help keep the student on track for the next day. Unfortunately, we cannot duplicate the rich classroom discussions, questions, and answers that are generated through the teaching process. For this reason, we ask that you only keep your child home for legitimate or medical reasons.

As a reminder, when absent, we require that a note be sent to school describing why the student was absent. When no note is received, the absence is marked as “unexcused”. When a student reaches 10 days of unexcused absences for the marking term, they may be at risk for failure and a conference must be held with an administrator or home/school liaison. If a student exceeds 15 days of unexcused absences for the year, the school will seek court action against the parent.

Family Vacations:

At times throughout the year, parents have notified the school that they are planning a family vacation during the school year. Although the Code of Maryland Regulations states that absences due to trips or vacations are considered “unexcused” absences, the new Wicomico County Attendance Policy allows schools to consider excusing up to 3 days per year for this purpose depending on the child’s current and past attendance history.

If you are planning a vacation while school is in session, please contact Mrs. Phillips in the office for a “Parent Request for Non-Emergency Absence Form”. This form must be returned to the office for approval prior to the trip. If approval is given by the administration, students will be asked to complete a “Vacation Journal” during the trip to summarize activities done on each day. Once the journal is returned to the office following the trip, the days will be converted to “excused”.

Please note that teachers are not required to supply work during this absence but in most instances, they will work with you to give you guidelines on what topics will be covered. Because instructional plans change daily, teachers may not be able to give you worksheets, exact homework pages, etc.

Family Portal Now Open

Family Portal provides information for parents and guardians and students on grades, assignments, attendance and other details. The Family Portal is also where mid-term progress reports and report cards will be posted for downloading by families. The portal opened on Aug. 29, 2022, and will remain open until June 30, 2023, for the convenience of students and families.

A unique login ID and password are assigned to the parent/guardian. Please note that there is a new login formula for parents and guardians this year.

A login ID and password are assigned to each student.

Please note that for security reasons, all passwords from 2021-2022 have been reset.



For your convenience, we have provided the method you can use to gain access. Please contact your child’s school if you need assistance with the login ID and password or need a translated copy of the instructions.

Family Portal for Parents/Guardians (please note new formula for login):

Login ID: student’s full last name (all lower case, special characters and spaces removed, not to exceed 14 characters) + last five digits of student's local ID number (printed on schedule or report card) + first initial of student first name

Password: Student’s 5-digit lunch number (available from your student or call the school). This is temporary; the parent will choose a new password the first time they log on.

Example: Your student is John A. Smith-Jones with the local student ID number of 110098765. John’s lunch number is 23456. The login id will be smithjones98765j and the temporary password is 23456.

Grade Levels at a Glance: (Be sure to check Class Dojo on a regular basis, as some teachers send class reminders and other important information this way.)

PreK 4

During the month of December, PreK 4 will be finishing Unit 2 on the Environment. We will conclude the unit with a focus on the coral reef and will be creating a Coral Reef Environment in our classrooms.

We are continuing to work on identifying letters, letter sounds, identifying numbers, shapes, and learning about syllables & rhyming words.

Reminders & Upcoming Events:

- Return Raising a Reader Books/Bags every Thursday to get new books for the following week.
- Check and empty yellow take home folders nightly.
- Field Trip to Playseum (see classroom teacher for date)

PreK 3

Three-year-olds are learning to do many things independently. It is important that we begin to establish safe and healthy routines that they will maintain throughout their lives. Over the next few weeks, we will be talking about safety rules to help children as they make their own choices, practices that will help them stay healthy, and information about food and exercise to keep their bodies growing and strong.

Kindergarten

This month in ELA we will be exploring word parts such as syllables and onset and rime. We will read books that center around the holiday season. Students will also continue to work on writing 2-3 sentences about an object using high frequency and color words they know.

As mathematicians we will continue to explore teen numbers, addition to 10, counting forward from a given number, and counting to 100 by 10's and 1's.

For Social Studies this month we will be exploring various cultures and holidays celebrated around the world. We will continue with our civics unit.

Reminders:

- Please continue to review sight words nightly with your child.
- Please continue to send water bottles and a winter coat to school with your child.



Grade 1

ELA: This month we will continue to increase our phonics knowledge by working on r-blends and 3-letter blends. We are also working on developing our sight word vocabulary. We will continue to work on our comprehension skills through our read alouds and small group work. This month we will also learn about holiday traditions around the world through our “trip” on the Polar Express. Please continue to review your child’s weekly sight words at home and read with your child each night.

Grade 2

ELA: Second graders have explored folktales and fables with a focus on identifying the moral of the story. We have continued reading and spelling words with predictable vowel teams, and have worked with understanding words with prefixes and suffixes. We are responding to text in our readers’ notebooks, and are strengthening our skills through the iReady MyPath.

Math: We completed unit 3 and have started unit 4. In Unit 4 we will use mental math strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will tell time to the nearest 5 minutes. Students will identify the place value of numbers and we will begin measurement. Please continue to work on fact fluency at home with numbers up to 20.

Social Studies: Second grade has started our social studies unit. This unit is all about citizenship.

Media

Students have been learning about fiction and nonfiction genres, locating books in the library, character traits, and predictions.

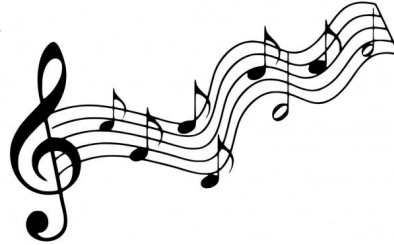
Pre-K students have been learning about shapes and holidays.

Kindergarten students have just started checking books out!

1st and 2nd grade students have started learning about coding.



Music



PreK3 and PreK4 have mastered a favorite song and dance, If You're Happy and You Know It! We have also recently added Mi Cuerpo, which means My Body in Spanish. Most were excited to learn a song in Spanish, and many were excited to recognize a song in their home language! I would like to wish everyone a festive holiday season and relaxing winter break!

The kindergarteners have been enjoying working together to make music from multiple cultures using singing, instruments, and dance. They have learned about the Grand Pause (or Grandpas as one kindergarten said) and fermatas. I would like to wish everyone a festive holiday season and relaxing winter break!

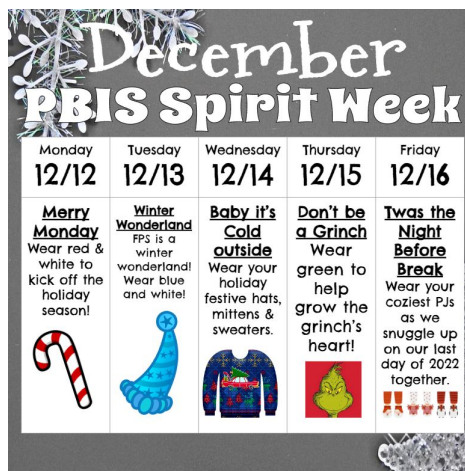
Most recently the first graders have impressed me with their ability to draw quarter notes and eighth notes on white boards! We have discussed a few musical forms (AB and ABA₁) alongside music from Native American and Hebrew cultures. I am looking forward to January when students will be working hard to compose and speak 4-beat rhythm patterns! I would like to wish everyone a festive holiday season and relaxing winter break!

Congratulations to the second graders on a fantastic performance at the Fruitland Tree Lighting! We had about 70 students in attendance – the biggest number yet! I am so proud of all the second graders for working hard to learn Must Be Santa and Jingle Bells, even if they were not able to make the performance! I would like to wish everyone a festive holiday season and relaxing winter break!

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) is used to promote and improve students' safety and behavior at school. Students participate in daily restorative circles where we review social skills, expectations, and how to be a part of a school community.

Ways to support PBIS as a parent:

- Talk with your child about how they are "Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn, and Kind."
- Use the same PBIS vocabulary with them at home--these are not just at-school behaviors, they are life-long behaviors.
- Volunteer to be a PBIS parent and help out during our next incentive or meeting by contacting Mrs Brinsfield or Miss Sann.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Dec. 12th - Parent Conference Night at Fruitland Primary

Dec. 13th - Bookmobile Visit

Dec. 19th - Jan. 1st - Winter Break

Jan. 2, 2023 - Welcome back to school!

Parent Conference Night-

We will be hosting the next Parent Conference Night at Fruitland Primary School. Teachers will be scheduling conferences with parents, with the priority on those students who did not meet success during the previous term and/or struggle in the current term. If times are available, teachers will then have open times to meet with any other remaining parents. **Our second Parent Conference Night will be held on Monday, December 12th from 4:15 – 6:15 PM at Fruitland Primary School.**



Breakfast & Lunch Program/ Healthy Snacks Program:

We are pleased to announce that we will continue our participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program this year. This program allows us to offer free breakfast and lunch for all students. Through the Healthy Snacks program, scholars will receive fruits, vegetables, and other healthy snacks in the afternoon.



<div> LUNCH </div> <div>DECEMBER 2022</div> <div>WG = Whole Grain</div>				
Wicomico County Public Schools PreK-5/MMFA Breakfast				
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	In addition to the entrée, the below breakfast items are offered daily. Fresh/Cupped or Packaged Fruit, Assorted Juice, Assorted Nonfat Milk A complete meal consists of a minimum of three items			1 WG Banana Bread
	5 WG Flavored Muffin	6 WG Cinnamon French Toast Sticks	7 Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams	2 WG Confetti Pancakes
	12 WG Chocolate Chip French Toast	13 WG Flavored Muffin	14 Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams	9 WG Pancakes
	19	20	21	16 Assorted Yogurt With Graham Crackers
26	27	28	29	30
Happy Holidays!!!				
Menu is subject to change				

<div> LUNCH </div> <div>DECEMBER 2022</div>				
Wicomico County Public Schools PreK-5 Lunch				
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Offered daily: Varieties of flavored milk such as: fat free, one percent, chocolate, and strawberry Varieties of fresh fruit such as: bananas, oranges, or apples			1 Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice Steamed Oriental Veggies Side Garden Salad Peaches
	5 Pizza Bagel Bites Seasoned Broccoli Side Garden Salad Applesauce	6 Cheeseburger Helper & Roll Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Carrots & Dip Diced Pears	7 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Cole Slaw Pineapple Tidbits	2 Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Sausage Hash Browns Fruited Jell-O
	12 Beef Hot Dog Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli & Dip Applesauce	13 Mickey's Cheese Pizza Seasoned Corn Fresh Carrots & Dip Pineapple Tidbits	14 Chicken Patty Sandwich Potato Wedges Side Garden Salad Mandarin Oranges	9 Deli Ham & Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Capri Blend Vegetables Fresh Broccoli & Dip Applesauce
	19	20	21	16 Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla Hummus & Celery Sticks Fresh Carrots & Dip Peaches
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All items on this menu meet the dietary guidelines for school nutrition as established by the United States Department of Agriculture.