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Report cards will be available on Monday, November 14th via our Family Portal Site. More information is listed in this newsletter as to how to access the site. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding this report.

Early Dismissal Days

Parents are reminded that November 7th, February 17th, and March 17th are early dismissal days for students. Dismissal will begin at 12:45 pm on early dismissal days.

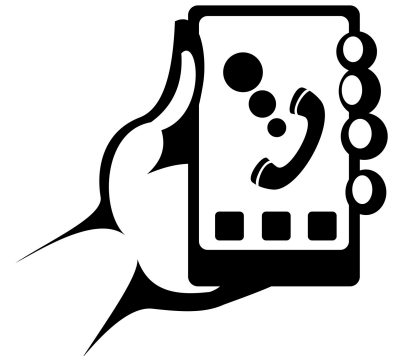
Student Pick Up Clarification:

We have had a few questions regarding students being picked up by friends or family members at the end of the day. Our policy has always been that students will only be dismissed to a non-custodial parent or relative/friend if a note is sent into school by the custodial parent. Phone call requests are not accepted. Students will not be dismissed to "emergency contacts" listed on the Personal Data Form at the end of the day if no note is produced. Adults listed as "emergency contacts" are only contacted if a student is sick or injured during the school day and parents cannot be contacted.

School Messenger Phone System

Each week, you will receive phone calls from our administrators and/or teachers using our automated calling system. The technology used to make those calls is called School Messenger. School messenger is a web-based notification service used by the Board of Education to deliver messages in a matter of minutes. The type of messages that can be sent are endless but include absence notifications, reminders, fog delays, school closings, and other general information. This system is also in place to notify parents in the unfortunate event of an emergency or lock-down at the school.

To be included in the calls, we must have an updated primary phone number at school. If your phone number changes throughout the year, please send in a note to the office so we can update our records.





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.

Parent University: Family Portal Workshop

Report Cards will be posted in Family Portal on Monday, November 14th. This information will tell you how your student is doing in school. Join our workshop on Wednesday, November 16th at the Newton Street Community Center to learn how you can see your student’s report card and progress in school by using your cell phone. You can attend at 9:30 - 11:00am or 12:30 - 2:00pm. The Newton Street Community Center is located at 306 Newton Street: Salisbury, MD 21801. You can either park in the grass lot (look for orange cones) or on the limited street parking. Spanish and Haitian Creole interpreters will be available.

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

Dear Families,

The World is filled with amazing colors and shapes of all sizes.

Over the next several weeks, children will be noticing and labeling the colors, shapes, and sizes of things around them.

They will learn to sort and categorize objects by these attributes.



Kindergarten

Dear Kindergarten Families,

- This month in ELA we will begin reading seasonal favorites. As readers we will discuss the characters in a story as well as retell key details in stories we have read together.
- Please continue to review letters and sounds with your child. We are starting to practice stretching out CVC words (consonant - vowel - consonant). Students should be able to identify upper and lowercase letters as well as their corresponding sound.
- As mathematicians, we will continue to explore 2D and 3D shapes, addition and subtraction number stories, and continue to practice writing our numbers 1-20. Please practice counting to 100 with your child by 10's and 1's.
- In science we are exploring weather patterns and hazardous weather. We will also take a trip to the Salisbury University Ward Museum to learn about our local watershed.
- In the month of November, we will write and talk about things we are thankful for.

Reminders:

- Please check your child's take-home folder nightly & review work with your child.
- As the weather begins to get colder, we will continue to go outside for recess. Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat on these days.

SKIPPERS in the Classroom

I Am... Respectful

- ☐ Listen carefully
- ☐ Raise your hand
- ☐ Use kind words
- ☐ Keep my hands and feet to myself

Responsible

- ☐ Put things back where you found them
- ☐ Follow directions
- ☐ Keep your area neat and tidy

Ready to Learn

- ☐ Be prepared
- ☐ Do your best work

Kind

- ☐ Smile
- ☐ Help a friend in need
- ☐ Say please and thank you
- ☐ Say something kind to someone

Grade 1

Math: Students will continue to use addition and subtraction to model and solve number stories. Students will also connect counting to addition and subtraction.

Social Studies: Students shall inquire about the historical development of the fundamental concepts and processes of authority, power, and influence with particular emphasis on civic reasoning in order to become informed, responsible citizens, engage in the political process, and contribute to society.

Reading: Throughout November we will continue to work on building our foundational phonics skills with a focus on initial and final blends. We will revisit these skills in small groups in addition to our 95% Phonics program. We will also continue to develop our vocabulary and reading comprehension skills through the use of Interactive Read Alouds, Shared Readings, and poetry. We will utilize small groups to develop these skills as well. We will also continue working on developing our sight word knowledge to help build reading fluency. Students will also have the opportunity to write narrative and informational pieces.

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Grade 2

ELA: During the past month, the boys and girls have worked on narrative writing and revising and editing. They have enjoyed stories about family, happy memories, living and working together and other fiction and nonfiction texts. They have learned about story characters, story structure and story setting. The students have worked with initial and final blends, digraphs, silent e, the floss rule and syllables. The students have learned how to share their reading in their readers' notebooks.

Math: We have been very busy in math this past month. Our focus has been on different math strategies, such as making combinations of 10, skip counting, exploring base ten blocks, making doubles and near doubles. Students also practiced making number stories (word problems), counting money and comparing numbers using the greater than, less than, and equal to symbols. Please continue to practice math facts at home with your child.

Science: In science students have investigated matter (solid and liquid) and have identified the different properties of matter. Students completed experiments on reversible and irreversible change with melting crayons and cooking pasta.

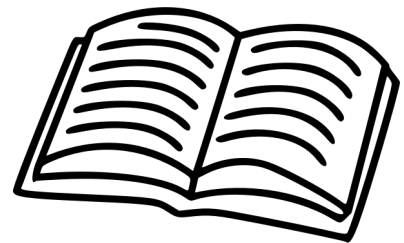
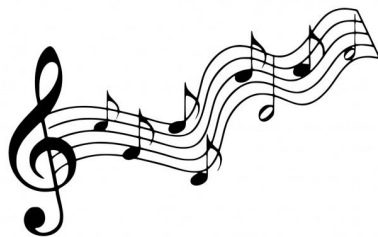
Second graders have enjoyed character day, a field trip to The Children's Concert and a PBIS incentive.

Media

Students have been learning about taking care of books, fiction and nonfiction genres, and locating books in the library. 1st and 2nd grade have done great jobs checking out and returning books so far this year. Kindergarten students are getting ready to start checking out books this month!

Our fall Book Fair just ended and it was an enormous success! Thank you to all who helped and supported it.

Music



PreK3 and PreK4 Musicians are quickly adding to their music vocabulary and experiences. Recently, they have been learning to move, play, and identify fast/slow music and high/low music. In addition to their ears, they have been using instruments and their bodies to play and move to the steady beat.

Kindergarten Musicians have made a lot of growth in the past few weeks. They have finished singing and playing a new instrument with each animal on the music farm. They have also been practicing using their bodies to move safely in the music room. I am so proud of the improvements I have observed and heard in their classrooms!

First Grade Musicians have been focused on their singing voices and soon will be moving onto rhythm. They have been using instruments and their bodies to keep the steady beat, and sang short solos for the class using puppets. I am proud of the continued improvements I observed in their steady beat performance!

Second Grade Musicians reviewed moving and playing a steady beat, and it was fun watching them use their skills to bounce the steady beat with a playground ball. They have now jumped into rhythm reading by speaking and playing rhythms with quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests. I am looking forward to hearing them continue singing and learning how to compose their own rhythms!

Book Fair!

Our Book Fair ends Nov. 4th in the school, but you can still order online until Nov. 10th!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fruitlandprisch>

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Oct. 31st - Nov. 4th - Book fair at school (online ordering is open until Nov. 10th!)

Nov. 7th - Early Dismissal Day (12:45)

Nov. 7th - End of Marking Period 1

Nov. 7th - Make Ups for Picture Day

Nov. 8th - Election Day, Schools Closed

Nov. 14th - Report Cards Posted on Family Portal

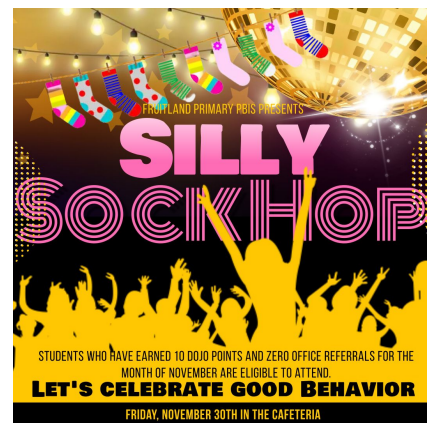
Nov. 15th - Bookmobile Visit

Nov. 23rd - Nov. 25th - Schools Closed for Thanksgiving 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.



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.

BREAKFAST

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

NOVEMBER 2022

Wicomico County Public Schools K-5 Breakfast

WG = Whole Grain

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HAPPY THANKSGIVING	1 WG Cinnamon French Toast Sticks	2 Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams	3 WG Maple Waffles	4 WG Pancakes
7 WG Chocolate Chip French Toast	8 NO SCHOOL	9 Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams	10 WG Banana Bread	11 Assorted Yogurt With Graham Crackers
14 WG Confetti Pancakes	15 WG Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bread	16 Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams	17 Egg and Cheese on a WG English Muffin	18 WG Maple Waffles
21 WG Strawberry Bagel-ful	22 WG Cinnamon Waffles	23 Happy Thanksgiving!!!	24	25
28 WG Vanilla Waffles	29 Assorted Yogurt With Graham Crackers	30 Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams		

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.

Menu is subject to change

LUNCH

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NOVEMBER 2022

Wicomico County Public Schools PreK-5 Lunch

Menu is subject to change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HAPPY THANKSGIVING	1 Cheeseburger Helper & Roll Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Carrots & Dip Diced Pears	2 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Cole Slaw Pineapple Tidbits	3 Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/ Cheddar Cheese Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Corn Side Garden Salad Peaches	4 Deli Ham & Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Capri Blend Vegetables Fresh Broccoli & Dip Applesauce
7 Early Dismissal Manager's Choice Fresh Carrots & Dip Applesauce	8 No School	9 Chicken Patty Sandwich Potato Wedges Side Garden Salad Mandarin Oranges	10 Cheeseburger Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Broccoli & Dip Diced Pears	11 Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla Hummus & Pepper Strips Fresh Carrots & Dip Peaches
14 Meatball Sub Seasoned Corn Fresh Broccoli & Dip Pineapple Tidbits	15 Orange Chicken Over Rice Roasted Broccoli Fresh Carrots & Dip Applesauce	16 Popcorn Chicken & Roll Crispy Tater Tots Side Garden Salad Mandarin Oranges	17 Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes or Stuffing Gravy Seasoned Green Beans Fruited Jell-O	18 Corn Dog Nuggets & Roll Baked Beans Fresh Carrots & Dip Diced Pears
21 BBQ Boneless Wings & Roll Seasoned Green Beans Side Garden Salad Pineapple Tidbits	22 Pizza Crunchers & Sauce California Blend Vegetables Fresh Carrots & Dip Apple Crisp	23 Happy Thanksgiving!!!	24	25
28 Chicken Patty Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Broccoli & Dip Mandarin Oranges	29 Mickey's Cheese Pizza Seasoned Corn Fresh Carrots & Dip Pineapple Tidbits	30 Beef Hot Dog Baked Beans Side Garden Salad Diced Pears		

All items on this menu meet the dietary guidelines for school nutrition as established by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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