

Fruitland Primary School

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Midterm Progress Reports will be available on Wednesday, October 5th 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 October 20th, February 17th, and March 17th are early dismissal days for students. Dismissal will begin at 12:45 pm on early dismissal days.

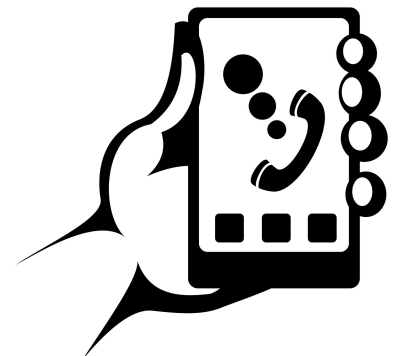
Student Pick Up Clarification:

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.

Lost and Found

ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLAIMED BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th--ANY REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE DONATED.

Cooler weather is here in the morning and our school’s lost is filling up. Please remember to write your child’s name, or even last name on personal belongings and inside of their jackets or on the tag so it does not end up here. Staff members look for names and will return items to students if their name is in the jacket instead of it just getting hung up. None of these jackets and items are labeled.

If your child is missing a coat, jacket, sweater, lunch box or water bottle please DOJO the classroom teacher so they can assist in getting the item returned to your child.



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

Our Pre-Kindergarten students are well on their way to success! On October 19th we will visit The Pumpkin Patch at Adkins Market, so please be on the lookout for permission slips and please turn them in promptly. Our new theme is, "Connecting with School and Friends". We will be learning about our senses, and our friends. In addition, we will continue to learn how to write our name, the letters of the alphabet, the sounds they make, and how to write them correctly. We will also practice retelling and discussing the text. For math, we will continue to be learning about shapes and verbally counting to 10 with one-to-one correspondence.



Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students had a great first month in September learning all about our rules and routines. We are so excited to see each student learn and explore this year! In October, Kindergarten students will listen to stories about the alphabet and begin identifying letter names and their sounds. We will focus on having each child learn the letters in their name and be able to write their name independently. Please make sure to encourage name writing at home as well. For Phonics, we are working daily on rhyming words, identifying beginning sounds, identifying ending sounds, and blending/segmenting words. In math, students will learn and explore more about numbers and how to count to find "how many." We will also work on identifying 2D shapes and discuss their attributes: sides and vertices. Continue to encourage students to count objects at home and identifying real world shapes at home or outside. Our first field trip to the Pumpkin Patch at Wright's Market will be on October 14th. Please be on the lookout for permission slips with more information. Be sure to send in signed permission slips and money on a timely manner.

Grade 1

We are off to a great start this year in first grade! Students have been learning their classroom routines, making friends, and reviewing our Skipper Pledge. In reading students have been working on listening and engaging with interactive read aloud in addition to reading age-appropriate texts. Students have been exposed to both nonfiction and fiction. We have been actively identifying the setting, characters, and plot in texts as well as how characters feel and change in a story. In phonics we have been reading and writing short vowel words and in writing, students have been able to sketch and write stories about themselves. In math students have been working to decompose the number ten. Students are comparing numbers and representing numbers in different ways. Students have learned many new strategies for addition and subtraction. We have been using pictures, the number line, counting on and the turnaround rule. Please reinforce these strategies when working with your child at home.

SKIPPERS

in the Classroom

I Am...

Respectful

Responsible

Ready to Learn

Kind

☐ Listen carefully

☐ Raise your hand

☐ Use kind words

☐ Keep my hands and feet to myself

☐ Put things back where you found them

☐ Follow directions

☐ Keep your area neat and tidy

☐ Be prepared

☐ Do your best work

☐ Smile

☐ Help a friend in need

☐ Say please and thank you

☐ Say something kind to someone



Grade 2

Second Grade is off to a wonderful start! The first weeks of school found us busy establishing routines, procedures and expectations along with making new friends. In reading, we have enjoyed many back to school stories and shared our own favorite summer stories with new friends. We have jumped right into our phonics curriculum and have been working with blends and digraphs. Please encourage your students to read every night at home. This practice strengthens their reading skills and allows them more opportunities to practice the skills they learn in school! In math, we have been getting our “math brains” in gear by practicing fact fluency, skip counting, using number lines, and number grids. Students have been engaged in daily math conversations and learning during our math meetings and number talks. They have already shared so many great math strategies! We are asking that you continue to encourage your child to practice their math facts and counting strategies at home. Thank you to all the families that attended our Back-to-School Open House. We were pleased to see so many of you eager to make your child’s transition to second grade a success. We look forward to having a very successful and rewarding year in second grade!

Integrated Pest Management Program

The Integrated Pest Management Program forms is located on the Wicomico County Public Schools, home page under forms and notices.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/19/2022

TO: Parents, Teachers and Employees

FROM: Fruitland Primary School
301 N. Division Street, Fruitland, MD 21826

RE: Availability of Asbestos Management Plan

In October 1986, the U.S. Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to address asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. These regulations require most schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely manner.

These regulations assign schools many new responsibilities. Our program for fulfilling these responsibilities is outlined in our asbestos management plan. This plan contains information on our inspections, reinspections, response actions and post-response action activities, including periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

You can review this plan during normal business hours without cost or restriction.

If you have any questions about reviewing our management plan please contact:

Blair Todd at (410) 677-4411
(WCBOE Designated Person for AHERA)

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Wicomico County Board of Education:

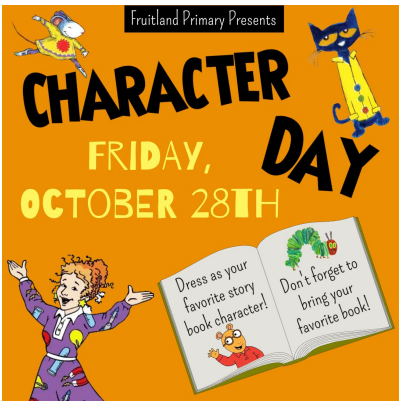
Wicomico Board of Education will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 in the Board of Education Auditorium at 101 Long Ave., Salisbury.

Pre-register Oct. 4-10 to give public comments at the meeting:

https://board_public_comments.wcboe.org.

Spirit Day

Our first school spirit day will be Book Character Day on October 28th! Come to school dressed as a book character, and don't forget to bring the book too!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

5PM – 7PM

FRUITLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school wide Book Character Day is Friday, October 28th.

Come back to school that night wearing your **book character costume** and join us for some books and treats!

Shop at the book fair and then walk through the bus loop for some goodies.

Book or Treat

October 28th will also begin our school's book fair. Come back to school at 5pm with your book character costume, shop at the book fair, and then get some goodies in the bus loop!

The book fair will continue to be open to students Oct. 31st through Nov. 4th. Find out more information about the book fair here -

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

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> BREAKFAST </div> <div> OCTOBER 2022 Wicomico County Public Schools MMFA Breakfast </div> <div> WG= Whole Grain </div>				
<small>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</small>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WG Chocolate Chip French Toast ³	WG Flavored Muffin ⁴	Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams ⁵	WG Banana Bread ⁶	Assorted Yogurt With Graham Crackers ⁷
WG Confetti Pancakes ¹⁰	WG Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bread ¹¹	Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams ¹²	WG Cinnamon Roll ¹³	WG Maple Waffles ¹⁴
WG Strawberry Bagel-ful ¹⁷	WG Cinnamon Waffles ¹⁸	Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams ¹⁹	Assorted Yogurt With Graham Crackers ²⁰	NO SCHOOL ²¹
WG Vanilla Waffles ²⁴	Assorted Yogurt With Graham Crackers ²⁵	Assorted WG Cereal With WG Grahams ²⁶	WG Banana Bread ²⁷	WG Confetti Pancakes ²⁸
WG Flavored Muffin ³¹	<div>Menu is subject to change</div>			

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.

<div> LUNCH </div> <div> OCTOBER 2022 Wicomico County Public Schools PreK-5 Lunch </div> <div> Menu is subject to change. </div>				
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Hot Dog Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli & Dip Applesauce ³	Mickys Cheese Pizza Seasoned Corn Fresh Carrots & Dip Pineapple Tidbits ⁴	Chicken Patty Sandwich Potato Wedges Side Garden Salad Mandarin Oranges ⁵	Cheeseburger Seasoned Green Beans Side Garden Salad Diced Peaches ⁶	Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla Hummus & Pretzels Fresh Carrots & Dip Peaches ⁷
Meatball Sub Seasoned Corn Fresh Broccoli & Dip Pineapple Tidbits ¹⁰	Corn Dog Nuggets & Roll Baked Beans Side Garden Salad Applesauce ¹¹	Popcorn Chicken & Roll Crispy Tater Tots Fresh Carrots & Dip Mandarin Oranges ¹²	Cheese Calzone Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Broccoli & Dip Applesauce ¹³	Orange Chicken Over Rice Roasted Broccoli Fresh Carrots & Dip Mandarin Oranges ¹⁴
BBQ Boneless Wings & Roll Seasoned Green Beans Side Garden Salad Applesauce ¹⁷	Pizza Crunchers & Roll Seasoned Peas Seasoned Carrots & Dip Apple Crisp ¹⁸	Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Seasoned Green Beans Side Garden Salad Peaches ¹⁹	Early Dismissal Managers Choice Fresh Broccoli & Dip Fruited Jell-O ²⁰	No School ²¹
Chicken Patty Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Broccoli & Dip Mandarin Oranges ²⁴	Mickys Cheese Pizza Seasoned Corn Fresh Carrots & Dip Pineapple Tidbits ²⁵	Beef Hot Dog Baked Beans Side Garden Salad Diced Peaches ²⁶	Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice Steamed Oriental Veggies Side Garden Salad Peaches ²⁷	Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Sausage Hash Browns Fruited Jell-O ²⁸
Pizza Bagel Bites Seasoned Broccoli Side Garden Salad Applesauce ³¹	<div> 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 </div>			