

The Last Bulldog Express



Invitations are being sent out to select students that would benefit from summer school enrichment program. The Bulldog Camp, a free Reading and Math program this summer! The program will be held at A.G. Richardson Elementary School June 3 -June 27, on Monday -Thursday mornings from 8:30-11:30AM. Please contact the school at 540-825-0616 if you are interested in summer school enrichment for your child.

Second Grade News

There's much excitement in the air as we wind down our year in second grade. We all enjoyed our field trip to Washington National Zoo and saw many exciting things. We were very happy about the book fair last month and can't wait to read all our new books. We eagerly look forward to many fun end of year activities to celebrate our wonderful year.

In social studies for the final marking period, we will learn about economics and review all the important Americans we have studied this year. We will also finish up our study of life cycles in science. Learning about the chicken life cycle while we hatched chicks was very exciting.

In math, we will finish up the year doing some fun activities while learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes, probability and graphing. We will continue to review skills taught throughout the year to prepare for the end of year math test. We will also continue to learn skills in Language Arts while we prepare for the end of year reading test. We have enjoyed working with your children this year. Please remind them to continue to work hard for the remainder of the school year to learn the many important things that they will need to know for third grade. Don't forget that our Culpeper County library offers a fun reading program to help students continue to read throughout the summer vacation.



Fourth Grade News

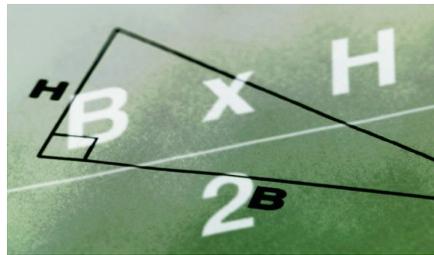
Fourth Grade Families, It is so hard to believe that the end of the school year is here already! We have had such a wonderful year watching your children learn and grow. We are truly going to miss them when they go on to be Fabulous Fifth Graders! In the meantime, we want our students to finish 4th grade strong! To do this, we need your help! Please remember to encourage your children to stay focused in school, especially with our SOLs coming up. Please continue to work with them on completing the SOL Homework binders as well. The night before our test, they should get a good night's sleep, stay calm and relaxed, and have a good, healthy breakfast the morning of the test. Thank you for all of your help in making this the #BestYearEver! Have a wonderful summer!



Fifth Grade Preparing for Sixth Grade

The end of this school year is fast approaching and it seems like we're flying at warp speed to get all material covered and reviewed before S.O.L.s. In May we will be tying up loose ends with any math concepts. The students will enjoy taking part in some hands-on activities as we review everything we have learned this year. Please encourage your son/daughter to review their multiplication skills each night and talk about how math relates to their everyday lives. The more practice we have the better prepared we will be! As always, we encourage students to keep reading nightly to improve their reading com-

prehension. We know there is a lot going on at this time of the year, and the last thing the students want to be doing is school work of any kind, but please continue to check agendas and make sure that your son/daughter is completing his/her homework each night. We want to make the end of the year a great one! Sixth grade, FTBMS, and CMS are right around the corner!



Kindergarten News

Our last month of school is going to be a busy one in Kindergarten. Kindergarten will host their Mother's Day Tea on Friday, May 10th at 9:30 in their classroom. In preparation for the end of the year assessments the students will engage in various language, rhyming, letter sounds, comprehension, and math games. Kindergarten is busy learning about plants and life cycles. The children have made so much progress in math, writing, and reading this year. It is important that your child read EVERY day over the summer. We will send home some activities to reinforce math and writing skills. Thank you for your support this school year!

First Grade News

The end of the year is right around the corner! Ever heard of the "summer slide"? It is so important that your child continue to read over the summer to avoid sliding backwards on their reading level. Think of it like exercise. If you stop exercising and try to resume again a few months later, you are not as fit as you were when you were exercising daily. Reading is the SAME for your child! Reading every day will keep your child fit and prepared for the next school year. Visit the Culpeper County Library each week to pick up some new books for your child to read!

In math, we will be finishing up measurement and continuing to practice recall of addition facts and subtraction facts to 10.

We suggest that you have your child practice math flash cards each evening. Make a game out of it! This is a good activity to continue over the summer as well.

Tuesday, May, 21th is Field Day for Kindergarten and First grade. Mr. Downs will be sending home information soon. Parents are always encouraged to attend and help run the different stations. If you are interested, please e-mail Mr. Downs.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 23rd at 9:00am. We will have our end of the year awards assembly. Every child will receive an award. Parents are invited! Please come share this special day with your child.

We wish all of the students a great summer and success next year!



Greetings from the Music Department

Here we are, nearing the end of the school year! Good luck to all the students taking their SOL's.

Have a safe rest of the school year and a wonderful summer!

Early Dismissal Days

Mark your calendars for the following early dismissal days —

May 24th 12:45 PM

May 28th 12:45 PM

May 29th 12:45 PM

Have a Great Summer!

SOL TESTING SCHEDULE

- May 7 - 4th/5th Grade Reading
- May 8 - 3rd Grade Reading
- May 14- 4th/5th Grade Math
- May 15th-3rd Grade Math
- May 16 - 4th Virginia Studies
- May 16- 5th Grade Science

P. E. News

Field Days will be held on May 20th and 21th, 2019. If it is raining, we will just adjust the times slightly and hold it indoors.

Volunteers will be needed to run our centers on all days. If you want to be with your child's class, please consider signing up to help one of the other Field Days. It is our goal to have at least 1 adult at each center to make everything run smoothly. A sign up letter for volunteers will be coming home soon in Thursday folders.

FITNESSGRAM FITNESS REPORTS:

All 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will receive a report showing their fitness scores for this school year. The report will also list ways to improve each test. 4th and 5th graders can earn Virginia and Presidential Fitness Awards.



Greetings from the Library!

AGR just wrapped up another successful book fair!

We were able to purchase new books for our library with Scholastic Dollars from our book fair. Students are so excited to check out the new books. PLEASE take the time to look under your bed, under the seats of your cars/trucks/vans and under your couch for those books that were checked out and you have not been able to find.

Make it a top priority to either find and return the books (which is always our preference) or pay the amount that shows on your overdue slip.

Thank you all for making my first year as an elementary librarian so delightful.

I hope you all have a great summer!!



Countdown to SOL Testing in Third Grade!

May finds the third grade diligently preparing for the upcoming SOL tests in reading (May 8rd) and math (May 15th). Students are encouraged to go over the material sent home each night to prepare for these tests. Reviewing will not only help improve your child's test score, but

will also boost their confidence going into the test! In social studies, we will be working through our geography and economics units. Following these units, we will be learning about matter in science.

The third grade team would like to thank

our parents for all the help and support that have been given to us this year – especially from our parent partners. We appreciate all you have done and wish you a relaxing summer.

Good Practices for the SOL Tests

- Get plenty of rest the night before the test
- Eat a good breakfast
- Come to school on time!
- Study
- Strive for success
- Remember good test taking skills
- Re-read for clarity and understanding



Notes from the Office

The school year is coming to a close and here are a few reminders from the office.



Please remember to send a note with your child if his/her transportation changes during the day; especially if your child needs to be picked up early for dismissal.

Wednesday, May 1 Bulldog "Book Out" for grades 3-5 (outdoor Reading celebration)

1st grade Music program, "Three of a Kind", 1:30PM

Thursday, May 2 Bulldog "Book Out" for grades PK-2 (outdoor Reading celebration)

Monday, May 6 SOL Pep Rally for grades 3-5, 1:30PM

Tuesday, May 7 4th and 5th grade Reading SOL Assessments, 9:00AM

Wednesday, May 8 3rd grade Reading SOL Assessment, 9:00AM

Thursday, May 9 PTO meeting, 6:00PM, Library

Friday, May 10 Kindergarten Mother's Day Teas, 9:30AM

Tuesday, May 14 4th and 5th grade Math SOL Assessment, 9:00AM

Wednesday, May 15 3rd grade Math SOL Assessment, 9:00AM

Thursday, May 16 5th grade Science & 4th grade VA Studies SOL Assessments, 9:00AM

EVHS "Senior Walk", 1:15PM

Friday, May 17 PK Downtown Culpeper field trip

Monday, May 20 3rd-5th grade field day, starting at 9:00AM

Tuesday, May 21 PK-2 grade field day, starting at 9:00AM

Wednesday, May 22 All-A Luncheon at Chili's (grades 3-5), 11:00AM

Thursday, May 23 K/1st grade Awards Assembly, 9:00AM

2nd grade Awards Assembly, 10:00AM

5th grade field trip to Mountain Run Bowling, 10:45-1:45

AGR Spirit Night at Dairy Queen, 5-8PM

Friday, May 24 3rd/4th grade Awards Assembly, 9:00AM

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day Holiday – School closed

Tuesday, May 28 5th grade Awards Assembly, 9:00AM

5th grade Bulldog Bash, 2:00-3:30PM

Wednesday, May 29 Preschool graduation, 9:00AM



Gifted News

All ACE classes will complete units before SOL testing begins. Classes will meet on a modified schedule beginning the week of May 6th. The spring gifted program parent information meeting will be held on May 6 at 4:00. The meeting is open to all interested parents and will be held in Room 609.

News from Reading Resource

Research shows that most students fall behind 2.5 months during the summer. This “slide” means that teachers must review many of last year’s skills in the fall rather than begin new skills. The “slide” is compounded, so that by middle school, many students have lost several years’ worth of skills. The “slide” can be prevented! A Sizzlin’ Summer Literacy Bag will come home with each child. Look for it, use it, and try the following suggestions: Expect your child to read a few minutes everyday. Sign up for the Culpeper County Library Summer Reading Program. There are prizes and activities planned for children of all ages. Encourage your child to keep a summer scrapbook. Tape/glue in souvenirs of your family’s summer activities, postcards, ticket stub, photos. Have your child write the captions and journal about your family’s adventures. A journal will be provided in each literacy bag. Suggest reading books on which movies are based. Read the book, watch the movie, and then discusses the differences between the two, with your child. Take an audio book on vacation. The local library has many older children’s books that come in an audio version. Children can listen to the story and read along in the book (if it doesn’t make them car sick) as you drive. The main idea is to make sure that your child is reading during the summer break so that they are ready for the new school year in August.



**4 SIMPLE STEPS FOR
SUMMER READING
SUCCESS**

Every year children are susceptible to losing educational gains because they are not reading during the summer.

- 1 HAVE BOOKS AVAILABLE**
Provide books in your home for your children or go to the library.
- 2 SHOW INTEREST IN WHAT YOUR CHILD IS READING**
Show interest even if you have never read the book.
- 3 READ ALOUD TO YOUR KIDS**
Take some extra time to read aloud with your children
- 4 PROVIDE MOTIVATORS**
Allow children to read what interests them. If you give prizes, make them related to reading.

SCA News

The SCA would like to thank the AG Richardson student body, along with their parents, for their outpouring support this 2018-2019 school year. The SCA would also like to thank the SCA officers for their dedication to making this school year a successful one. The S.C.A. would like to thank the students and parents for helping us raise a total of \$851.87 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. It will truly make a difference. The SCA wishes all our Bulldogs a safe and happy summer!

Grant Development Input Requested

School personnel are seeking input in the development of the upcoming 2019-2020 grant applications.

Title I grant funds are used to improve basic programs operated by Local Educational Agencies. The proceeds from this grant also supplement early intervention programs for at-risk students.

Title II-A grant funds are currently used to fund math specialist positions which provide additional support to students. Specialists also provide concentrated professional development to support teachers.

Title III grant funds support language instruction for English learners and immigrant students

Title IV grant proceeds support students and academic enrichment. These funds are also used for supplemental health curriculums designed to teach students strategies to cope with stress and anxiety.

If you would like more information on the grant application process or wish to provide input, please contact Carla Finefrock (540-445-5025; cfinefrock@ccpsweb.org) or Julie Koontz (540-825-3677; jkoontz@ccpsweb.org). Your feedback is encouraged and

REMEMBER IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN PLEASE DO SO NOW.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED:

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

PROOF OF ADDRESS

CURRENT SHOT AND PHYSICAL FORMS

CUSTODY PAPERS IF APPLICABLE

All medications in the clinic will need to be picked up by the end of the school day on May 29th or they will be discarded per school policy.