

MONOCACY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Troy Barnes,
Principal

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MARK YOUR
CALENDARS

2/6: 6:00—7:30pm
Title I STEAM Night

2/7: 7:00—8:00pm
PTA Meeting

2/9: Report Cards
Sent Home

2/9: 6:30—8:30pm
PTA Father-
Daughter Dance

2/9: PTA Love of
Learning Parties

2/16: 2 Hour Early
Dismissal Day

2/19: No School

2/22: PTA Gator on
the Go

2/26: Grade 5 Artic-
ulation Night at
Middle School

2/27: Quarter 2
Awards Program

3/2: Read Across
America Day

3/2: 2 Hour Early
Dismissal

3/8 Grade 2 ESSL
Field Trip

3/9: PTA Mother
Son Event

3/13—3/15: PTA
Jump Rope Club

3/20—3/22: PTA
Jump Rope Club

3/22 + 3/23: PTA
Donuts with Dads

3/27: 6:00 Round
Table with Principal

3/28: Jump Rope
for Heart 3:45—
5:00pm

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Monocacy Newsletter

QUARTER 3

FEBRUARY 2018

Monocacy Gator Families

Dear Gator Families,

It is hard to believe we are already closing the chapter on the first half of the school year. We have had many accomplishments throughout the first two quarters, and times when our school community has had to pull together in support of one another. It is through the celebrations, trials, and tribulations that our TEAM grows stronger. I am honored to be a part of such a wonderful school and community!

As we move into the second half of the school year, please take time to communicate with your child's teacher to determine areas of strength and where additional support is needed. Help to develop a plan with your child's teacher, so that we can provide every student with the essential skills and learning that they need to be successful this year and in the years to come.

The second half of the school year focuses on progressing through the grade level standards and preparation for the essential knowledge needed to be successful in the upcoming school year. The work we do now will lay the foundation for continued success. Thank you for your ongoing support as we help all students reach their maximum potential.

Sincerely,

Troy Barnes

Principal



Early Childhood Registration

Pre-K and K registration begins Monday March 19th each day between 10 and 2 in the front office.

Pre-K Registration student needs to be 4 by Sept. 1, 2018.

Birth Certificate

Current Proof of Residency (Electric, Gas or Water Bill)

Immunizations

Food Stamp or TCA Letter or

Proof of Income---W 2's or the last 3 current and consecutive pay stubs

K student needs to be 5 by Sept. 1, 2018. K Registration

Birth Certificate

Current Proof of Residency (Electric, Gas or Water Bill)

Immunizations





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 3/29: Career Day
- 3/30—4/2: School Closed
- 4/3: Joe Corbi Fundraiser Kicks Off-YUM
- 4/9: End Q3
- 4/10: No School
- 4/11: Q4 Begins
- 4/13: Spring Picture Day

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TESTING

Please mark the following dates on your calendars. Be sure your child gets a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and is prepared to do their best work!

MISA Testing (Grade 5 Science): March 5th through March 9th

3rd Grade PARCC ELA (reading/writing): April 23rd through April 25th

3rd Grade PARCC Math: May 2nd through May 7th

4th Grade PARCC ELA: April 23rd through April 25th

4th Grade PARCC Math: May 2nd through May 7th

5th Grade PARCC ELA: April 27th through May 1st

5th Grade PARCC Math: May 8th through May 11th

Attendance

Our goal is to have students in school everyday. Students who miss days of school fall behind socially, emotionally, and academically from their peers. We want all of our students to achieve at a high level and to excel beyond our walls.

Please make sure that your child is ready for school every morning and comes to school on time. We want to surpass a 96% attendance rate for our entire school (no more than 8 days absent). In order to do so we need your help and support!

If your child is absent due to an illness, please contact your child's teacher for make-up work and send in a signed parent/guardian letter or note from a physician. You may also email a note of absence to Mrs. O'Connor at Michele.OConner@fcps.org.

We appreciate your help in getting your child to school every day and on time.

STEAM Night

*Monocacy Elementary
STEAMing into Wellness
Art Show & Science Fair*

Please join us on Tuesday, February 6,

2018

6:00 to 7:30

Community organizations will be available including Scouts, Dance, State/County Parks, YMCA, EN-Net Littlebits Coding, and various local sporting organizations, Golf, Tennis, Baseball/Softball, Gymnastics, Lacrosse and more.....

Please call the school at 240-236-1400, if you need assistance attending this event. Por favor llame a la escuela al 240-236-1400 si necesita asistencia a este evento



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Career Day

Career Day at Monocacy Elementary School will be Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 9:30-11:00 am and 2:00-3:30 pm. This event will be for grades Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. There will be three 30 minute sessions in the morning and three 30 minute sessions in the afternoon. We are searching for parents, staff and community volunteers who would be willing to participate and present in our school wide Career Day.

We are looking for all types of professions. Some professions I know Monocacy students are interested in include a pilot, chef, artist, politician, actor/actress, dancer, meteorologist, radio/TV announcer, doctors, nurses, professional sports players, veterinarian, police officer/detective, engineer, mechanic, salesperson, and more.

If you would be interested in speaking with or presenting to our students, or if you know someone who would like to do so, please complete and return the form below by February 28, 2018 or call/email Christy DeFrance, our school counselor, at christina.defrance@fcps.org, 240-236-1363.

Title I

Title 1 Compact's were passed out this year at our Block Party and our Evenings in the Park. If you did not receive one, please let us know and we will be happy to provide one to you. The compact provides information regarding our Continuous Strategic Improvement Plan, our goals for shared ownership of the educational process between students, parents and staff and our plans for increasing family involvement. Copies can be provided in both English and Spanish.



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From the Front Office

Find Out First Sign-Up (Best way to stay connected and updated with MOES Info)

Go to www.fcps.org

Click on-Find Out First

Fill out requested information

Make sure to add Monocacy Elementary as a school you want to receive school information

2 Hour Early Dismissal Dates:

February 16

May 11

June 15

2 Hour Early Dismissal Half Day Pre-K schedule:

AM PRE-K- 11:00 am- 12:30 pm

PM PRE-K- 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Lost & Found:

With the fluctuating weather that we've had this winter season

PLEASE remind your child to make sure they have their coats/jackets/gloves with them before they leave the building to go home. Our Lost & Found table has grown A LOT and, once the season's change, any coats that are left on the table will be DONATED.

Change of Clothes:

Reminder: Please remember to put an extra set of clothes into the bottom of your child's back pack for accidents ie: Bathroom, recess dirt/mud, lunch messes ect.

Free/Reduced Lunches:

If at ANYTIME during the school year your income changes and you feel that you may qualify for Free or Reduced lunches, you can find the application on line at fcps.org., in the front office, or call Mrs. Arnold confidentially at 240-236-1367.

Absent Notes:

Absent and doctor notes can be sent in with the student or emailed to michele.oconnor@fcps.org

Early Dismissal Notes:

Early Dismissal Notes should be sent in with the student the morning of the change or called in To the front office at 240-236-1400. **Please do not email dismissal changes.**

Have you moved? Has your lease expired?

Please make sure the front office has any new contact information including a new proof of residency if you have moved so that we can update our records.

Additional Information



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*Sign up for Find Out First to receive email/text updates and pertinent information:
www.fcps.org/fof/moes

*Follow us on Twitter: @MOES_Principal and @MonocacyElem

*Students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten should have a bag of clean clothes in case of accidents. Please update as your child's size and the seasons change.

*Breakfast is provided FREE of charge to all students. We encourage all students to take a breakfast. We are working hard to increase the number of breakfasts received by students this year.

*Meal Accounts: <https://frederickcounty.schoolcashonline.com/>. Please sign up online to check your child's balance and to add money to their lunch accounts.

MoES Vision Statement

Collaborative and team approach involving all stakeholders to close achievement gaps, promote leadership, and to provide an excellent, well-rounded program for all GATORS.

