



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
October 5, 2018
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Calendar of Events

October 8-14	Scholastic Book Fair at SES
October 13-14	Mountain Fest at SES
Friday, October 26	Fall Family Fun Night

FCPS "Curb Appeal" Award: SES was one of 7 schools to receive the award this school year. Curb appeal is the first impression students, parents, and staff get before stepping inside our building. Factors considered include: mowed grass, trimmed edges, sprayed cracks in sidewalks/parking lots, swept walkways and curbs, clean fence lines, pruned trees, trimmed bushes, exterior paint in good shape, weeded beds, playgrounds ready for children, etc. Congratulations to Mr. Jody and Ms. Rose for all the hard work they do for our school!

Scholastic Book Fair: Our Parent Group is bringing to SES the SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR next week, October 8-12! On Monday, October 8, students will preview the Book Fair. The Book Fair will be open for purchases Tuesday-Friday 7:30-8:30 a.m. and also on Thursday evening 5:00-7:00 p.m. During Mountain Fest at SES, the Book Fair will be open to the public on Saturday, October 13, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 14, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

You can also place orders online until October 14 with free shipping to the school on the website at: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/sabillasvilleelementarysch1>.

Please note that the website provided on the flyer distributed to students last week was incorrect. Use the above website for online orders.

Mountain Fest: The 43rd Annual Mountain Fest will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14 (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) at SES. Admission and parking are free. Mountain Fest is sponsored by the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association (NWFCCA), and the proceeds benefit local schools, libraries, and fire/emergency teams in the area. Scholarships are also awarded annually to local students by the NWFCCA. For more information about the festival and the NWFCCA, contact George Kuhn at 301-241-3997. We hope to see you there. (While at Mountain Fest, you can also visit our Book Fair on Saturday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., which will be set up in the Media Center!)

Parent Teacher Conferences: All Frederick County elementary and middle public schools will be holding parent teacher conferences on November 7, 8, and 9. In the middle of October, we will be sending home a conference invitation which will reflect the date and time. Please make every effort to attend your conference, as the teachers look forward to meeting you and sharing information with you regarding your child.

Does your child qualify for free or reduced meals? Free and reduced-price meals are available to families with limited ability to pay. Eligibility is based on family size and income guidelines developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Meal Benefit Application forms were distributed to students. The forms should be returned promptly by families who wish to be considered, although applications can be completed and turned in at any time during the school year. If your family chooses to apply, please complete the application online at <https://www.heartlandapps.com/Terms.aspx?host=foodservices.fcps.heartlandapps.com&apply=1> or fill out a hard copy and hand it in. Only one Meal Benefit Application form per family is required. The forms can be obtained and returned (completed) to any school office. FCPS Food and Nutrition Services will notify families whether they qualify. Until notification, you must provide your child with a lunch or lunch money. **REMINDER: Free and Reduced Meal benefits approved for last school year will expire on October 16, 2018. If you have not reapplied for 2018-2019, your child will be charged full price beginning October 17.**

School Improvement Team: Our school Leadership Team is looking for a parent to serve on our team. Our team meets once a month from 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the conference room. Your commitment to the team is for one year only. Won't you please consider joining our team as we develop a school plan that will focus on instructional practices regarding the Common Core Curriculum? Our team also spends time analyzing data and making budget decisions. Please contact Principal Krietz if you are interested in serving on our team.

ELO: Have you heard of ELO? ELO stands for Extended Learning Opportunity. We are fortunate to be offering a variety of ELO sessions for our SES students this year. Some of the opportunities will be for students who are not currently meeting grade level standards while other sessions will enrich grade level standards. Students participating in ELO will stay after school 2 days per week from 3:05-4:00 p.m. Our sessions may include Reading or Math support, Book Clubs, or a Science Club. Stay tuned for our upcoming start date.

Safety Drills: Your child will participate in various safety drills throughout the school year. We are required to have at least one fire drill per month. Additionally, we will practice severe weather drills, reverse evacuation drills, and lockdown drills. We explain to the students that we practice our drills so that in case of an emergency we will know what to do and how to do it safely. Should an actual emergency event occur, an email from FindOutFirst and a letter will be sent home. If you are visiting our school or volunteering during one of our practice drills, please follow the teacher's instructions and participate in the drill. Each fall

and spring there are bus evacuation drills. The bus drivers will instruct students as to what to do in the event of an emergency.

Firearm and Weapons Policy: *Weapon/firearm possession-* A student found in possession of a firearm or other weapon (including look-alikes) at school or on school property will subject themselves to the consequences outlined in the FCPS Disciplinary Regulation 400-8. Our school is committed to providing our students with a safe environment, and we will do all we can to carry out that responsibility including, if necessary, conducting searches of students' belongings.

Wellness Regulation 400-82: This regulation was amended to comply with state and federal law. The updates made read in part, **"For health and safety reasons, parents/visitors are only permitted to bring in food that is intended for consumption by their individual student. For health and safety reasons, students are only permitted to bring in food for personal consumption."** This means that FCPS families are not permitted to bring foods to school to share with other students such as to celebrate a birthday. Please check with your child's teacher if you have questions about alternatives that students might appreciate. Thank you for considering the health and safety of all students.

Do you have what it takes to be a substitute teacher? FCPS is in need of substitute teachers. We find that parents make the best subs! You will love substitute teaching for these reasons:

- Flexibility: teach when, where, and how often you want.
- Money: you earn a fair hourly salary doing something you love.
- Recognition: you get honored for a job well done.
- Professionalism: you work with the FCPS teaching pros.
- Students: you change lives and make a daily difference.
- Great hours: an ideal job while your kids are in school.

You must love working with kids and have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED. Visit <https://www.applitrack.com/fcps/OnlineApp/default.aspx?Category=Substitute> to see all of the requirements and to apply online.

Exciting News from the Media Center:

Frederick County Public Libraries have partnered with FCPS and created a "Student Success Card." This card allows students to access a variety of library resources and materials from FCPL without any late fees. Students can also access eBooks and online resources as well as online journals and magazines. Be aware that not all materials are appropriate for elementary aged learners. You may want to supervise your child as they explore all the library has to offer. This does not replace a public library card, which allows you to check out up to 75 print items. Look for the Student Success Card in your child's folder. If you have further questions, you can contact Mrs. Bowen via email at Elizabeth.bowen@fcps.org or by calling 240-236-6016.