



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
October 19, 2018
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Calendar of Events: Oct. 22-26 **Red Ribbon Week**
Oct. 29-Nov. 2 **National Character Counts! Week**

Mon., October 22 Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 to Summers Farm
Fri., October 26 Fall Family Fun Night, 6-7:30pm
Fri., November 2 End of Term 1
Mon., November 5 School closed-Teacher Work Day
Tues., November 6 School closed-Election Day
Wed., November 7 Parent Conferences - school opens 4 hrs. late
Thurs., November 8 Parent Conferences - school opens 4 hrs. late
Fri., November 9 Parent Conferences - school dismisses 3½ hrs. early

Parent Teacher Conferences: All Frederick County elementary and middle public schools will be holding parent teacher conferences on November 7, 8, and 9. Conference invitations, which will reflect the date and time were sent home with students yesterday. Please make every effort to attend your conference, as the teachers look forward to meeting you and sharing information with you regarding your child.

FCPS invites you to:

- Preview the NEW state-issued school report cards
- Learn about the NEW school-accountability standards
- Find out about NEW state-issued star ratings for schools

Meetings are at 7-8 p.m. There are 4 location options:

Frederick High	Catoctin High
Monday, Oct. 29	Thursday, Nov. 1
650 Carroll Parkway	14745 Sabillasville Rd.
Frederick, MD	Thurmont, MD

Brunswick High	Middletown High
Monday, Nov. 12	Monday, Nov. 19
101 Cummings Dr.	200 Schoolhouse Dr.
Brunswick, MD	Middletown, MD

Transportation Changes: Please remember that if your child is going home with another student, we **MUST** have notes from parents of all students involved. This is our way of making sure that your child is going to a destination approved by all parties.

The importance of good attendance: Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize that some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. However, we also know that when students miss too much school - regardless of the reason - it can cause them to fall behind academically. As a reminder, when students are absent, they are noted "unlawful" in the attendance database until a note from a parent/guardian is received.

Media Exposure: At the beginning of the school year, each student brought home their *Confidential Student Information Card* for parents to review and verify the information. A section of the card asked parents whether or not they wanted their student's information released to Media. We do have students whose information is not to be released. Therefore, cameras are restricted from the classrooms. (FCPS cannot control media coverage of events that are open to the public.)

FCPS Curriculum NOW: Common standards help ensure that students receive a rigorous, high-quality education that is consistent from school to school and state to state. Common Core Standards are guidelines that we are using in Frederick County to help write our curriculum. The new standards do not tell our teachers what or how to teach; they simply outline the skills that all students should master. FCPS teachers and curriculum writers are using those standards to help ensure that all our students continue to be ready for college and a career. Curriculum NOW is the FCPS curriculum that we prepared for meeting the state standards. Find out more at: <http://www.fcps.org/academics/curriculum-now>.

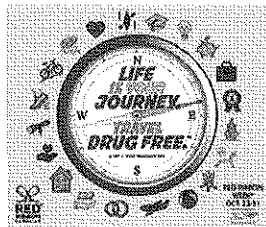
Computer Lab Headsets: Every student at SES is provided at no cost a set of headphones/earbuds for use in the computer lab. The headphones/earbuds will remain in the computer lab. If your child requires a replacement, there will be a fee of \$3.

Toys, Cards, Games, Cell Phones, Hats, and Bandanas, etc.: Please know that any type of toy, game (including cards), cell phones and head gear are not permitted in school. They can disrupt the classroom and learning environment. Please support us in our attempt to eliminate these items coming into the school building. If your child needs to bring a cell phone to school for emergency reasons, we ask that they keep them in their book bags and remain off during the school day.

MySchoolBucks: This service allows you to pay for your student's school meals online, create low balance alerts, track and review purchase history, and set up automatic and recurring payments. Enrollment is easy. The student's name and ID number are required. Go to www.myschoolbucks.com to register for an account. You can prepay with your credit, debit, or electronic check. A small service fee may apply.

FindOutFirst: Another source of communication and information that you can sign up for is **FindOutFirst**. The link to sign up is www.fcps.org/fof/ses. You will receive news before other sources; but in emergencies, please check any reliable source. Sometimes Channel 18, radio stations, **FindOutFirst** phone-text messages or www.fcps.org post news faster than Internet Service Providers deliver to the **FindOutFirst** email. In addition to receiving emergency notices, you can receive the following: calendar updates, event reminders, news releases, testing info, policy/procedure changes, proposed boundary/attendance areas, BOE agendas and channel 18 schedules. If your email address has recently changed, be sure to provide the new address to Mrs. Savage in the front office. FindOutFirst uses the email address from the student system.

“Red Ribbon Week Celebration” - October 22 – 26, 2018:



Sabillasville Elementary is taking part in a weeklong program called Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week was designed to create an awareness concerning problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. The Red Ribbon Campaign® is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week® each year. It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. The national theme this year is “Life is Your Journey. Travel Drug Free®.”

Activities for Red Ribbon Week are below

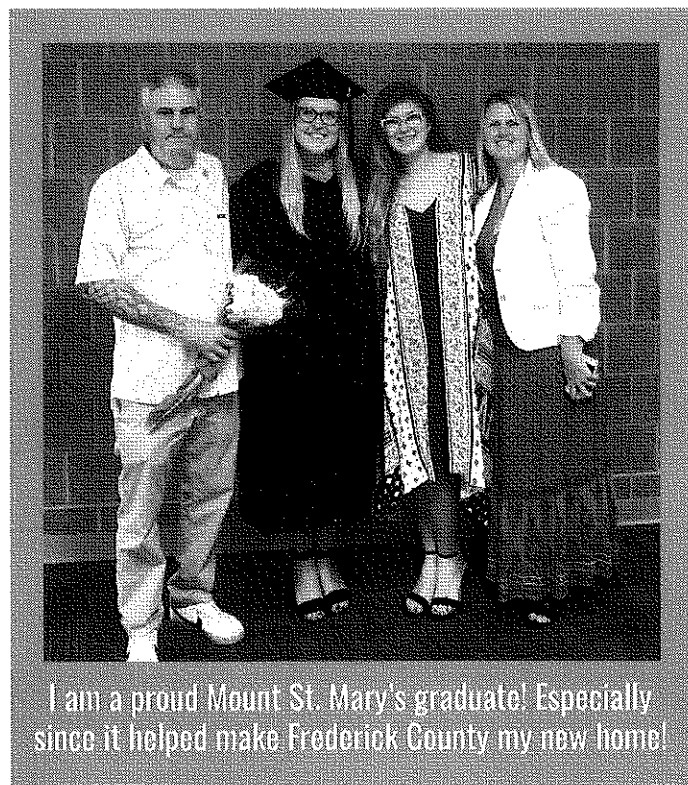
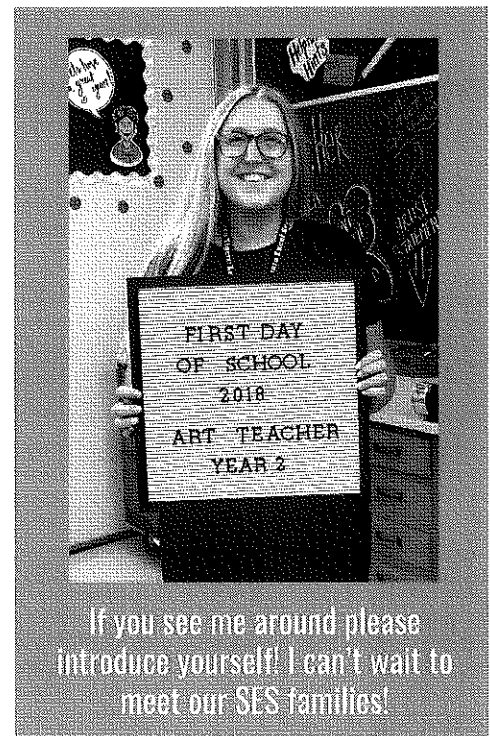
Date	Activity
Mon., Oct. 22	Paws-itively Drug Free - wear your SES spirit wear.
Tues., Oct. 23	Don't get Criss-Crossed into Drugs - wear 90's attire.
Wed., Oct. 24	Being Drug Free is Tubular - wear 80's attire. It is also Unity Day. Unity Day is a special day where we can all wear ORANGE to show that we are against bullying!
Thurs., Oct. 25	Be Groovy, and Don't Do Drugs! - wear 70's attire.
Fri., Oct. 26	Pledge to Be Drug Free - wear RED.

ART

with Ms. Forrest

Hello everyone! Let me begin by saying that I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to join the SES community and am looking forward to this experience! I feel very lucky to be able to interact with such a wonderful staff and group of students!

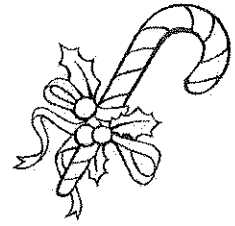
A few things about me... I received my BA in Fine Arts from Mount St. Mary's University and just completed my Masters of Arts in Teaching with a concentration in Art Education in December. I have seen some great artwork and a lot of talent in my little time here at SES and am excited to see what can be accomplished this year!



We began the year with some “Getting to Know You” themed projects that are now adorning the school’s hallway. It was a great way to learn more about our students’ interests, talents, and unique characteristics. As I have expressed to all of the students, communication is key! We must work together for a successful and positive art room environment.

I look forward to becoming a part of the SES community and already feel so welcomed! Even though I only see your kiddos on Thursday and Friday, I am always available through email to chat. Don't hesitate to reach out to jordan.forrest@fcps.org.

October 15, 2018



Dear Sabillasville Elementary Families,

The holidays will be here before we know it and we, at Sabillasville Elementary School, would like to help ensure that you and your family have a wonderful holiday season.

If your family is in need of holiday assistance, please fill out the form below and return it to school or you can contact me, the school counselor, Niki Kayser at Janet.Kayser@fcps.org or 240-236-6019.

We have different organizations that would love to provide families with some help for the holidays! Please return forms or let me know no later than **Wednesday, November 7**. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Niki Kayser
School Counselor

Yes, our family would like some holiday assistance.

Name:

Phone

Email Address

Student(s) Name and Grade

Number of Family Members

Please return to the counseling office. Thank you!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Sabillasville Elementary will once again host a holiday lunch for students and their families. On Monday, November 12, we are inviting parents/guardians of students to dine with us.

We are asking that you purchase a prepaid lunch ticket for adults and for any children (siblings) that are not enrolled here at SES. The adult meal costs \$4.25 and child's meal costs \$2.65. Please make your checks payable to SES Cafeteria. You will pick up your prepaid ticket(s) when you sign in on November 12. This prepayment allows for us to plan more accurately.

Parents may not use money from their child's account to pay for any adult meals or for the meals of any siblings. Students (those children that attend SES) should pay for their own lunches as they do every school day!! We appreciate your support. Thank you for joining us for lunch! Students will be eating at the following times:

LUNCH SCHEDULE

Kindergarten	10:45-11:05
Grade 1	11:00-11:20
Grade 2	11:15-11:35
Grade 3	11:25-11:45
Grade 4	11:35-11:55
Grade 5	11:45-12:05

MENU:

Roasted turkey with a biscuit, mashed potatoes with gravy,
Green beans, assorted fresh fruit, applesauce, and milk
or 4-Meat pizza or Cheese pizza

Please help us to get an accurate count for the number of meals we must provide. Complete and return the attached reservation form with payment (*checks made to SES Cafeteria*) to school by Friday, November 2. Remember, do not include students that attend SES. They should purchase their lunch as they normally do.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Parent's Name(s) _____

Plan to join my child _____ in grade _____

For the Holiday Lunch on Monday, November 12.

I have enclosed payment for (make checks payable to SES Cafeteria):

_____ Adult meals @\$4.25 each.

_____ Child's meal (sibling NOT enrolled at SES) @ \$2.65 each.

Students enrolled at SES will pay for their own lunches as they do every day, *so do not include them on this reservation form.*