



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
December 7, 2018
<http://education.fcps.org/ses>

Calendar of Events:

Tues., December 11	Grade 2 field trip to ESSL 2:15 & 6:00pm, Winter Program (Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd)
Fri., December 14	Mid-term 2-hour early dismissal (teacher work session)
December 17-21	Holiday Spirit Week
Fri., December 21	8:00am, Music in the cafeteria
Dec. 24-Jan. 1	Winter Break
Wed., January 2	Grade 1 field trip to ESSL

WINTER MUSIC PROGRAM: Students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades will be performing on Tuesday, December 11 at 2:15 p.m. (dress rehearsal) and 6:00 p.m. We hope many of you will come to hear our primary grade students perform their holiday music.

BELIEVE AND MIXED BAG FUNDRAISER PICK UP: Fundraiser pick up is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 7:00-7:30 p.m. immediately following the Winter Concert. The orders will be located in the Literacy Room (across from the Media Center). If you are unable to pick up your items on December 11, please email sesparentgroup@yahoo.com.

CAROLING AT SES: Thanks to Mr. Irons, Ms. Summers and Mr. Nigh, some of our instrumental students will be performing in the SES cafeteria on Friday, December 21. They will play from 8:00 until 8:25 a.m. Please come and enjoy the wonderful holiday sounds.

SMILE MARYLAND DENTIST IS COMING TO SES FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019: If you would like your child to receive dental services at school, please complete the permission form and return it to school no later than Monday, December 10. Forms were sent home last week. If you need another permission form, please contact the school office at 240-236-6000. You can also sign up online at www.MySchoolDentist.com. If you have any questions, you can call 1-855-481-8639 or go online at www.mobiledentists.com.

LOST AND FOUND: Is your child missing a coat, hat, or maybe a lunchbox? These are just a few of the many items that are accumulating in our lost and found. Please encourage your child to look through the items for anything that they may have lost. Anything that is not claimed by winter break will be donated to Goodwill.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION: Please note that student absences are recorded as "unlawful" in our computer system until a note from a parent or guardian is received in the front office. You may send the note to the classroom teacher upon return to school, and it will be forwarded to the front office. Please be sure and put your child's first and last name and the teacher's name on all notes. Thank you for your support!

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING will take place on Wednesday, January 16, for all students in kindergarten (if not previously screened upon entry in FCPS Pre-K), 1st grade and any new enterers to the Maryland public school system. Maryland State Law mandates this screening. Parents/guardians who have an objection to this screening based on the tenets and/or practice of their church or religion must submit a request for their child to be exempt from screening. **All written requests must be submitted to the health room by Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Please make sure if your child wears glasses or contacts that they have them on the screening days.** If you have any questions, please contact the health room at 240-236-6003.

ATTENDING A SCHOOL OUTSIDE YOUR ATTENDANCE AREA: Dates for applying to attend a school outside the usual attendance area are **January 2-March 1.*** FCPS will post the out-of-district application online on January 2 in the section "For Families and Students" at www.fcps.org. Those needing assistance may call 240-236-2493 after January 2. Schools projected to be over capacity in the coming school year are closed to out-of-district students. FCPS will post the list of restricted schools online in December. For details, please see the updated Assignment and Transfer of Students Regulation 400-15:

<https://apps.fcps.org/legal/doc.php?number=400-15>

**In the prior version of the regulation in place last year, the application window was April 1-May 31. In 2019, FCPS will post applications January 2, due by March 1.*

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER OR AN EMERGENCY SITUATION ... HERE'S HOW TO CHECK SCHOOL STATUS:

Occasionally inclement weather or other safety or health conditions require FCPS to cancel, delay or otherwise change school routines or schedules. Typically, cancellation and delay decisions are made by 5 AM that day and announced soon after. If weather becomes a factor after school is in session, a decision to close early is made, whenever possible, by 10 AM that day. Please know school personnel *cannot* call families to let them know that school is dismissing early due to weather or other emergencies (such as no heat, water, or electricity). Very rarely, FCPS may be required to take student safety precautions immediately, with little or no notice. Although we notify numerous regional news outlets, we encourage parents and guardians to use the following sources for the fastest, most reliable school status information:

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