



Bulldog Bulletin

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Classroom News

Mark Your Calendars:

Thursday, February 9, 2017—2 hour early dismissal and student progress notes come home.

Thursday, February 16, 2017
(4PM-6PM) Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 20, March 24 and April 7 are now regular school days to make up for snow days of Jan. 9-11.

KINDERGARTEN

We are learning many new skills in kindergarten. We are exploring fractions and the water cycle. In reading, we are using the wondering strategy to help us comprehend our stories. We are writing stories and making sure they have a beginning, middle and ending. Please continue to read at home with your child.

FIRST GRADE

First graders continue to work hard on reading and writing. Please be sure your child reads each night and fill out the Book-It Calendar. In math, we will be working on addition and subtraction. Please have your child practice writing numbers and counting to 100.

SECOND GRADE

As always, our second graders are continuing to work hard. We are finishing up fractions and probability and starting to learn to count money (up to \$2). Keep reviewing double digit addition and subtraction at home. We are diving headfirst into nonfiction with a focus on wondering and predictions. As your child reads each night, ask questions like "why do you think that?" Or "can you point to the page that that happened?" this will help your child find evidence. Our magnet unit was a huge success! Keep an eye out for upcoming science and social studies activities! Keep up the hard work!

THIRD GRADE

Third graders are finishing their work with fractions and moving next to counting money and measurement. In social studies, we are completing our study on ancient civilizations. In science, we are culminating our study on the water cycle/sources. In reading, we are beginning to understand main idea/detail of a reading passage. In writing, we continue to strive for legible handwriting and correctly punctuated sentences. We are continuing to use dictionaries/thesauruses to help us expand our word knowledge. Please continue to check weekly papers and review mistakes with your child. Make sure your child reads every evening. As you review handwriting, check for spacing, usage of capital letters, punctuation, and spelling. We appreciate being able to work so closely with you and your child.

FOURTH GRADE

Wow! It's hard to believe that January has already passed. Our students have been working hard. We have started our unit on the Civil War and we will begin learning about the Reconstruction Period. In reading, we will continue to learn and implement new reading strategies. Please make sure your child is reading every night. In math, we will continue to work with like and unlike fractions, and will begin learning elapsed time. In science, we will complete our unit on weather and will begin a unit on plants

FIFTH GRADE

Every day, our job during reading instruction is to work at becoming a better reader. This is a process that never stops even as adults. Here are some things to remember to do when you pick up a book with your child: (1) Preview the book and talk about what you think the book might be about with your child before you read it, (2) As you read, stop and talk about, not only what is happening in the story, but what experiences in your life makes you think that, and (3) when you are done, talk about what you liked about the book and what you did not. These comprehension skills can carry over into family discussions. If you are reading and talking, you can't be doing it wrong!

Counselor's Corner



Family Life Education

Students in third, fourth and fifth grades will receive instruction in the sensitive objectives of The Family Life Education Curriculum during second semester. This curriculum is available for preview at the school. If, after viewing the curriculum, a parent does not wish for their child to participate in these classes, he/she may request to opt-out his/her child using the Campbell County Opt-Out Form, available at the school. This process must be repeated each year that the parent wants the child to opt out. Please contact the school counselor, Mrs. Puckette, for additional information, if needed.



Upcoming Performances:

Springtime with Disney

March 16, 2017 6:30pm (students need to be in the music room by 6:15pm)
Performed by the first & second graders



All County Chorus:

students need to be at Rustburg High School by 6:30pm.
Fifth grade: April 5, 2017
Fourth grade: April 6, 2017

PTA News:

PTA Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction



Saturday, March 4, 2017 @ Brookneal Volunteer Fire Department

5-7 pm

Adults: \$8.00 per person

Children (10 & Under): \$4.00 per person

Dine in or carryout

Special Raffle of American Girl Doll – Josefina (proposed by William Fannon and Jackson Wilson), **all proceeds of this raffle will be given to the family of Kadriana Lane**

Regular raffle of 25+ items including gift baskets, small and large gifts and much more!



Save the Date!

BES PTA Daddy-Daughter Dance 2017

"Love You to the Moon and Back!"

Saturday, May 6th 6-9 pm

Glendale Manor

2681 Swinging Bridge Rd. Brookneal

