



Bulldog Bulletin

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Classroom News

PRE-K

The mid-year PALS have been given and if you have not already received the results you should receive them soon. As you review the results, take notice of any areas of weakness and work on these at home with your child. Students will be given their final PALS during the month of May.

Students should recognize all upper- and lower-case letters. They should also know the sounds for most letters. Please encourage your child to write their entire name with spacing between their first, middle, and last names.

At this point, students should also recognize all the colors and basic shapes. Please review colors and shapes at home if you see that your child is still having difficulty.

During reading students are working on counting syllables of words and rhyming words. They will also be practicing tracking words as they read a sentence or line of a poem. When you read at home have your child point to each word as they say them.

Patterns, graphs, and sorting are the focus in math. Students are working on basic color and shape patterns. You could use coins to have them create a pattern at home.

KINDERGARTEN

We cannot believe that we are half way through the school year. Please continue to read with your child at home. During the cold months, you can read books about winter with your child. Talk about the characters and events in the story. For a math review at home you can play games that use numbers and counting. Have your child take a survey of their family's favorite dessert.

In science, you can experiment with your child at

home. A fun experiment with water while cooking is to let your child watch boiling water turn to steam or to put water in a plastic container in the freezer and allow it to

turn to ice.

FIRST GRADE

First grade has had a great start to the new year! We are working hard towards academic goals as we head into the second half of the year. We are halfway through PALS testing, and students are working hard to show what they know! Please be reminded to read with your child daily to reinforce a love for reading. Further, a few math skills you could practice at home are as follows: writing numbers 1-110, skip counting by 5s and 10s, simple addition and subtraction up to 10, simple story problems. Thank you for all the hard work you put into investing in your child's education!

SECOND GRADE

We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. Second grade has jumped right back into learning new and exciting things! We have started learning about patterns in math and magnets in science. We had a great time testing out objects in the classroom to find out what was magnetic, and what was non-magnetic. We have also been learning how to set up and write friendly letters. If you have a distant family member, encourage your student to write them a letter. Please continue encouraging your child to read every night.

THIRD GRADE

It is hard to believe we are in the second half of the school year already. With SOLS quickly approaching, third grade teachers and students are working daily to prepare. Please continue to be working with your child each night studying to memorize multiplication facts. Also, please be sure your child is reading at least 20

minutes each night. As always, if you have questions, please feel free to notify your child's teacher.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth graders are working hard in all subject areas. In math, we are learning about probability and will be moving to graphs. In Virginia Studies, we are working on the Revolutionary War. In science, we are studying the solar system.

As always, we encourage students to read nightly for at least 20 minutes. Please have your child tell you about what they have read and ask them a few questions. This will help check for understanding.

FIFTH GRADE

We hope everyone had a restful winter break! Don't forget that Spring Break is scheduled for April 15-19th! Also, 5th grade has SOLs beginning at the end of April. 5th graders are tested on reading, math, and 4th and 5th grade science skills.

In math, 5th grade learning fractions. When we finish fractions, we will move on to statistics, probability, and then measurement.

In reading we just covered poetry. We will begin main idea and summarizing in a fantasy novel study. Then we will move on to main idea and summarizing in nonfiction.

In science, we are finishing up Earth's patterns and the rock cycle. We will be learning about oceans and living organisms next. Please make sure your child is studying every night! In social studies, we will begin learning about U.S. history from the first colonies up to Westward Expansion.



Music Notes:

Spring Musical - "**Take Me Out to the Ballgame**" March 14, 2019 6:30pm performed by grades 1&2 [performers need to be in the music room by 6:15pm]



Student performers need to wear blue jeans & baseball/softball attire (jerseys are allowed & so are hats) OR a plain white tee shirt.

All County Chorus - grade 4 & 5 selected students. Practice is once a week at BES during regular resource time.

April 3 - 5th grade at RHS

April 4 - 4th grade at RHS

Fourth & Fifth grade students are full swing back into the Recorder Karate curriculum.

Please have students bring their recorders back and forth to school. Drop boxes for recorders are located outside of the music room and down at car rider drop off. Students receive extra DOJO points when they drop them off in the mornings (before class)!

Upcoming performance information & practice materials for performances and recorder can be found on the BES website (bes.campbell.k12.va.us).



Nursing Notes

Please remember that washing your hands is the best way to prevent you from getting sick and spreading germs to others.

Below is the proper way to wash your hands.

1. Wet your hands and apply soap.
2. Rub your hands together and scrub all surfaces of your hands for 20 seconds.
3. Rinse your hands and dry your hands with a clean paper towel.
4. Turn off the water with a paper towel.

February is Children's Dental Health Month. Dental hygiene is one way to keep your body healthy. Here are a few tips on dental hygiene:

- Brush your teeth at least twice a day using a fluoride toothpaste, morning and before bed.

- Floss once a day to help remove plaque and food between teeth that brushing cannot remove.
- Visit your dentist for routine dental exams.
- Eat healthy foods and drink water.



*PTA
Sweetheart
Dance*



*Date: 2/2/2019
Location: WCHS*

We have made the decision to extend the deadline to allow more families to attend this enchanting evening. All forms & money are due no later than **Friday, Jan. 25th**. The cost @ the door will be \$30 per couple and \$10 per additional person.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FUNQUEST

BES FUN QUEST NIGHT is set for March, 22nd
Cost will be \$2 per person. Come and have some bulldog fun!!



Congrats to the winners of the last collection:
1st place McQuigg 295
2nd place Ginther 130
3rd place Davis 124

Next submission is Feb. 22nd!!! Thank you so much for participating in the Boxtops for Education!



Upcoming Spirit Days

February 1 - 100th Day Celebration - Dress as a 100 year old person or make a shirt with 100 things on it!

Dr. Seuss Week!

February 25 "I'm Not Getting Out of Bed Today!" - PJ Day

February 26 "Oh the Things You Can Think" - Word on your shirt day

February 27 "Wacky Wednesday" - Wacky Tacky day

February 28 Thing 1/ Thing 2 - Twin Day

March 1 "The Cat in the Hat" - Hat Day/ Red & White Day



Please remember if schools are opening two hours late, there is no breakfast served at school. Please eat before you come.

