



# Bulldog Bulletin

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## Classroom News

### Upcoming Events

**Schools Closed** Monday, September 5, 2016 for Labor Day

### Back to School Night and Open House

Wednesday, September 7, 2016  
5:30-6:15 PM

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, September 22, 2016, 4-6 PM.  
Please contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment. This will also be the pick-up day for the fall mums fundraiser.



**School Spirit Day - September 30**  
Wear Blue & Green or Bulldogs T-Shirt

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

We are off to a great start to a great year! Things to practice at home with your child are recognizing colors and shapes, and singing the ABC song. Also, help them say the letters of their first name as they are learning to write it. Thanks for your help! Ms. Nelson and Mrs. Stimpson

### KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten - Please continue working with your children on letter ID and letter sounds. We have begun working on sorting in math. Have your children practice sorting different items by color, shape, and size. Remember to read, read, read with your little ones!!

### FIRST GRADE

We have gotten off to a great start in 1st grade! Please work with your child on counting and writing their numbers 1-100. We will be PALS testing from September 6 - 20. Please join us for Back to School night on September 7th from 5:30 - 6:15 pm.

### SECOND GRADE

2nd grade has gotten off to a wonderful start! The students are reviewing some skills from last year and starting to push themselves forward into even more rigorous material. In math, we have already completed ordinal numbers and skip counting. Very soon we'll be moving into Fact Families! Social studies time has been a whirlwind of citizenship, American symbols, and map skills. We'll be moving into science shortly after we learn our continents and oceans! We have been making text-to-self connections during our reading time and focusing on decoding words. Please remember to read each night with your students and have them record what they read in their reading log. The more they practice, the more they'll learn!

## THIRD GRADE

Third grade is working hard in school. We are learning 4-digit addition and subtraction in Math. In Reading we are making connections and predictions. When your child is reading to you in the evenings, have them make a prediction and see if it is true or not, or have them share a connection they made with you. Even better, share a connection you made with them. We hope to see you on Back to School Night on September 7th between 5:30 and 6:15. We also have Parent /Teacher Conferences on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be on the lookout for a note from us regarding a meeting time. Thank you for your continued support!

## FOURTH GRADE

We are off to a great start in fourth grade and we are looking forward to a great year! During the remainder of the first nine weeks, we will continue to work on making predictions in reading, place value, addition, and subtraction in math. In Virginia Studies, we will focus on learning the 5 geographic regions of Virginia and will begin a unit on Virginia's Native Americans. We will focus on force, energy, and motion in science and will also begin a unit on electricity. Please make sure your child is studying all study guides that are sent home. It is very important that they study every night. If you have not signed up to receive Remind notices, please let your child's teacher know! It is a quick, easy way to stay up to date with your child's education. We are pleased with the large number of you who have already signed up to participate!



### Back to School Night and Open House

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

5:30-6:15 PM

A brief PTA Meeting followed

by short classroom visits to meet your child's teacher and hear plans for the year.

Plan on a family picnic on our playground.

The **Drug Store Grill Food Truck** will be here starting at 5:00 PM.

Adult and Children's Meals will be for sale.

Students, who attend BES, will be able to play on the playground under supervision from teachers while parents visit classrooms.



## From the Nurse

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. As we start the 2016-2017 year, here are a few reminders from the clinic.

- If your child has a medical condition (asthma, food allergies, etc.), please see the school nurse for the proper forms to be completed by your child's health care provider.
- Please bring all medications to the clinic. A medication authorization form needs to be completed by the parent/guardian before medication is given.
- Continue to remind your child that hand washing is the best way to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.
- All kindergarten and third grade students will have their hearing/vision tested. The Lions Club will be partnering with the school nurse during the vision test. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at 376-2042, ext. 8943.

### *New Additions:*

BES is proud to welcome new members to our faculty and staff. Mrs. Sharron Gunter is the new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Shannon Wilson is a new Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Shirah Brantner is in First Grade and Mrs. Kaitlyn McQuigg is a new Fourth Grade teacher. Mrs. Deborah Terry, Mrs. Tammy Williams and Mrs. Emily Hildreth will be working with Title One Reading Students. Mrs. Robyn Mason and Mrs. Jennifer Eure are Instructional Assistants and Mr. Mike Wilson is a new custodian to our building. We welcome you all to the BES Family.

  
Welcome  
To Our School



Fall Picture Day Coming Soon!

Wednesday, October 12, 2016



## Music Notes:

October 27, 2016 - **Spooky Sing-a-Long**  
(PK - 5) 6:30pm BES gym.  
Wear costumes or orange & black

November 11, 2016 - **Veteran's Day**  
Performance Fifth Grade Chorus  
1:00pm BES gym  
Wear Red, White & Blue

December 8, 2016 - **Holiday Sing-a-Long**  
(PK - 5) BES Gym  
Wear Holiday clothes/colors

### **Fourth & Fifth Grade Music:**

Please bring recorders back and forth to music EVERY DAY.



### Counselor's Corner

Back to School - Every Day Counts!

As we return to our school routine, keep in mind the importance of excellent attendance. Being in school means your child won't miss out on opportunities for learning. Missed days are never completely made up. Excellent attendance is necessary for every student, Pre- Kindergarten – Fifth Grade. To help keep your child have excellent attendance, schedule appointment and family trips outside of school hours, whenever possible. If your child asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as reading group, or PE class. Explain that school is important and being absent is not an option unless he is sick or there is a family emergency. The same is true for early dismissals. Remind your child, that the whole school day is important and you don't want him to miss anything, by picking him up early. Excellent attendance will get your child on the right track for an excellent school year.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

• September 22, 2016 **Mum Pick Up Day**

• September 30, 2016 **Back to School Movie Night**

Sans Soucy Vineyards 7PM

**Featuring :The Jungle Book**

\$5.00 per family

\$10 pre-order pizza by 9/20

• October 22, 2016 3-6 PM

**BES Fall Festival and Stew**

## HOMWORK HELPS

Develop an afternoon routine for homework:

- ✓ Specific time and area to do homework.
- ✓ Check school agendas each day for assignments.
- ✓ An early bedtime for adequate sleep
  - ✓ Visit the BES website at

<http://bes.campbell.k12.va.us/>

Here many teachers will post tips, announcements, reminders, learning outlines and homework helps for grade levels.

