

Bulldog Bulletin

Brookneal Elementary School

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Classroom News

Monday, September 3, 2018 Schools Closed Labor Day

Friday September 14, 2018 2 hour early dismissal

PRE-K

The Pre-K students are adjusting well to the classroom environment. During reading we are focusing on recognizing and writing our names. Please work with your child at home on writing their first name and saying each letter of their name. In math, we are working on colors, the four basic shapes, recognizing numbers 0-5, and counting to 10. Discuss colors and numbers you see on clothes or around the house. Please remember to check yellow folders each night and remove and review their papers. Be on the lookout for fall field trip information. We look forward to working with you to make this a great year!

KINDERGARTEN

We are off to a great start this school year in kindergarten. We are all enjoying this school year. We wanted to make parents aware of what their students are learning in school so far. In math, we have been working on shape and color recognition. In social studies, students have been learning about citizenship and they will soon begin learning about community helpers. We ask that you continue to read with your child daily at home. Thank you, and we are looking forward to seeing what this year holds.

FIRST GRADE

First grade is off to a great start! We have completed our first reading MAP test and will be taking our math MAP test on September 5th. PALS testing is in full swing and will continue until the week of September 10th. We are working hard to learn classroom routines, as well as, learn more about books, numbers, and good citizenship. Homework begins this month so make sure your child is practicing their word study and math each week!

SECOND GRADE

We are excited to be back in school! We've been working hard in math learning and practicing place value of numbers. In social studies, we have been discussing how to be a good citizen. Our Resource Officer is coming to speak with our students about how he wants to help them and keep them safe. Our students are practicing writing complete sentences using correct punctuation, and they are doing an awesome job! We are off to a great start and looking forward to fun things ahead!

THIRD GRADE

We are off to a terrific start in third grade. In math, we are expanding our knowledge of place value up to 6 digits. In reading, we are differentiating between fiction and nonfiction. We are learning how to be good citizens in social studies. Please make sure you have joined your child's classroom on REMIND to stay up to date with your class. Also, please make sure your child is reading for 20 minutes each night and completing math homework.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth grade students are off to a great start! Students have jumped back in to the routine and have been working hard. Please study multiplication facts with your child each night. A large part of 4th grade math deals with multiplication so they need to be fluent with their facts.

Students should read at home each night for 20 minutes. Please have your child read to you and then ask them some questions about what they have read. This will help promote fluency and comprehension.

A field trip to Jamestown is being planned for Monday, November 5, 2018. More information will be sent home soon.

FIFTH GRADE

It's hard to believe that we are in our fourth full week of school! Our fifth graders are off to a great start and we are looking forward to an amazing year with them! In math, our students will be learning to solve multi-step math word problems involving multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction. We will begin to introduce the use of a variable when solving word problems. In reading, we will be finishing up our first study of nonfiction and will move into a fiction study by beginning a novel. Be sure to ask your child about his/her reading each day. Also, your child should be filling in his/her reading log every night. These completed logs will be taken as a homework grade. In science and social studies, we will continue to review fourth grade material, as well as introducing new fifth grade material. Please make sure that your child is studying his/her study cards and study guides EVERY night.

News From Title One Reading:

Parents, please stop by our Title 1 Parent Center. It is located across from the office entrance. Here, you will find educational games, activities, books, leap pads, etc. that you may check-out to use at home with your child/children. These items can make learning fun as you spend quality time together supporting education! Please seek assistance from the office front desk. Check It Out! Let's keep reading!!!!

From Mrs. White, School Nurse:

As we start the 2018-2019 school year, here are a few reminders from the school nurse.

- If your child has any type of 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.

- Medications need to be brought in by a parent/guardian. Please do not send any medication by your child. A medication authorization form needs to be completed by the parent/guardian before medication is given.
- If your phone number has changed, please call the school or update your contact information in parent portal. It is important for the school to have updated contact information in case of an emergency.
- Continue to remind your child that hand washing is the best way to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Hand washing should be done on a regular basis. Especially, before and after eating and after using the bathroom. Some other healthy habits are getting a good night sleep, eating healthy foods, exercising and drinking plenty of water.
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- All kindergarten and third grade students will have their hearing/vision screened. The Lions Club will be partnering with the school nurse during the vision screenings. A spot vision device will be used for vision screenings. This is a simple procedure. Your child will look into a screen with lights and it will take a picture of their eyes. This will detect any deficit in your child's vision.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura White, School Nurse at 376-2042, ext. 943.

**Throughout the Year Remember Our
Theme: *Academic Excellence*
...*Under Construction!***

Music Notes:

Spooky Sing Along

Thursday, October 25, 2018

**Upcoming Spirit
Days**

“ROYGB WEEK”

September 10-14, 2018

Monday Wear Red

Tuesday Wear Orange

Wednesday Wear Yellow

Thursday Wear Green

Friday Wear Blue

PTA Family Book and Bingo Night

Friday, September 7, 2018

6:30-8:00pm

**\$2.00 includes pizza, drink, snack
and bingo cards.**

October 5, 2018

*Dress Like Your Favorite Book
Character*

Please Welcome to BES!

Mrs. Taylor Carwile-Third Grade Teacher

Ms. Robbie Manzoor—Fifth Grade Teacher

**Mrs. Karen Offenbacker—Title One
Reading Teacher**

**Ms. Jennifer Sanborn—Special Education
Teacher**

Mrs. Camellia Ancheril—Speech Therapist

Mrs. Cyndal Nash--Paraprofessional

Mrs. Dorothy Edwards—Paraprofessional

Mrs. Tally Updike—Paraprofessional

Mr. Gary Pinn—Resource Officer

Mr. Linwood Jones—Custodian

Mr. Dennis Mann--Custodian

Counselor's Corner

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Beverly Puckette, M.Ed.

Hello, it's very nice to meet you! My name is Beverly Puckette and I am so excited to begin another year, as School Counselor, at Brookneal Elementary School. I am here to help ALL students be successful socially, emotionally, and behaviorally so they may access their education without barriers.

This is what I do at our school:

- Classroom Guidance – I meet with all grades to teach social-emotional skills such as feelings, communication, problem solving and respect, as well as study skills and career development skills.
- Small Group Counseling – I facilitate small groups for students who need a little extra support in a certain area.
- Individual Counseling – I meet with students short-term to work through concerns affecting them at school.
- Consultation with Faculty and Parents – I am available to meet and talk with teachers and parents to help support students. I can provide resources and education about issues affecting children.

This is what you should know about me:

- I am one part of the team that works to help your child succeed.
- I like to get to know ALL students so they may feel connected and safe while they are in school.
- I respect your right and your child's right to privacy. Confidentiality is an important part of my job. I want students and their parents to feel confident that they can reach out to me to share.

Back To School Time Can Be Tough On Kids And Parents!

After spending summer with family, the transition back to school can feel like you are starting all over again, even if your child isn't new to the back to school routine. Try some of these tips to ease the back to school anxiety and fear:

Check your feelings at the door. If you are anxious about dropping your child off at school, your child will feel it too. Find a way to express your feelings separately.

Make your goodbyes quick. Long and repeated goodbye routines increase your child's fear about school. Let him know that you believe in him or her, with a quick hug, kiss and "have a great day".

Be careful about saying "I'll miss you." This thought may cause your child to worry about you, instead of focusing on their school day. You might say, "I can't wait to hear about your day."

Write your child an encouraging note. Packing a short note in your child's lunchbox or backpack can give him or her something to look forward to.

Great Books For Back To School!

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

Llama Llama Misses Momma by Anna Dewdney

Franklin Goes to School by Paulette Bourgeois

The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing

First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg

This School Year Will Be the BEST! By Kay Winters