

Apple Pie Ridge Elementary School

Home of the Ravens



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December 2016

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Dec 6	Ledo Pizza Fundraiser (5-8p.m.)
Dec 7-14	Holiday Shop for Students
Dec 16	1 st Grade Field Trip (Shenandoah Discovery Museum)
Dec 19	1 st Grade Grinch Day – all 1 st graders should wear green!
Dec 21	1 st Grade Polar Express Day – all 1 st graders get to wear pajamas!
Dec 22 - Jan 3, 2017	NO SCHOOL 
Jan 2	End of 2 nd Nine Weeks/1 st Semester
Jan 4	Students Return to School
Jan 5	PTO Meeting @ 4p.m. (Library)
Jan 12	Report Cards Issued
Jan 16	NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr Day)



From the Staff at Apple Pie Ridge Elementary!!

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please be sure to contact the school whenever any of your child's contact information changes. Whenever a home, cell, or work phone number, e-mail or home address changes, please contact the school so our records can be updated. Without the correct contact information, we are not able to effectively communicate and reach you in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

ALLERGIES ALERT!!!

For the safety of our students, Apple Pie Ridge asks that outside food is not brought into our school for class consumption by parents unless directed to do so by your child's classroom teacher. Allergies are a very serious issue and outside food creates a risk to our students. This particularly could impact student birthdays, so, as a parent or guardian, you may buy a book or pencils for the class on behalf of your child on his/her special day, but cupcakes and other foods will not go into the cafeteria. Thank you in advance for keeping our students safe!



See what 1st Grade is up to in December!

December 16th : Field Trip to Shenandoah Discovery Museum to learn about force and motion

December 19th : Grinch Day- all students should wear green!

December 21st : Polar Express Day- all students get to wear their pajamas!

§ LUNCH ACCOUNTS §

To keep your student in good standing, please pay balances owed by sending cash or a check to student's school. Alternatively, you may choose to be part of the MySchoolBucks program. This program allows you to view current account balances, review recent purchases, receive low-balance alerts, and setup recurring payments on a weekly or monthly basis. VISA and MasterCard accepted 24 hours a day. **Register for MySchoolBucks on the school's website or on the FCPS homepage.**

Users need to register with a user name and password. In order to register, you will need your student's ID number which can be found on report cards or progress reports. The 9-digit student ID number is the 5-digit PIN number used in the cafeteria with the number 7000 at the beginning. All existing account balances will remain on account. Students may charge up to \$15.00 before they are served an alternative lunch.

RETURNED CHECKS

Frederick County Public Schools has an agreement with a third party administrator for the collection of all returned checks. If your check is returned by your bank, it will be automatically forwarded to a third party administrator after the first presentation. They will collect the face amount of the returned check plus the maximum collection fee allowable by law. Further action within the limits of law may be taken if you do not properly respond and Frederick County Public Schools may elect to cease accepting checks from you.

PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL 360 – VIEW STUDENT'S GRADES

Our new computer system's Parent/Student Portal 360 can be found and accessed under the "Quick Links" on our school webpage <http://apr.frederick.k12.va.us>

If you did not receive your login information through the mail or have questions about your access, please email: tylersis@fcpsk12.net

FCPS 2016 SPEAK-UP SURVEY

Frederick County Public Schools is participating in the 2016 Speak Up Survey. The brief, anonymous survey provides parents, students, educators and members of the community with the opportunity to share their views on key educational issues, particularly concerning digital learning and the use of technology in schools. Please visit <http://bit.ly/SU16survey> and take the survey. The local results will help guide decisions related to educational technology.

Peachjar – Electronic Flyer Delivery

Last school year, Frederick County Public Schools launched a new electronic flyer communication tool called "Peachjar." Parents and other members of the community are now able to view school-approved eflyers by clicking the Peachjar button on each school's homepage. No action is required on your part to receive eflyers through Peachjar, as long as you have shared an email address with APRES. If you have not and wish to view flyers that used to be sent home with your student, send in your email address to the front office. Once added, go to the APRES web page and click on the peach icon in the bottom right corner. You will then be prompted to input your email address and create a password. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure parents are well informed about school programs, activities, and events.

If you have not shared an email address with us yet, you can still view FCPS eflyers @

<https://www.peachjar.com/index.php?a=28&b=138®ion=31215>



Dear Parents and Students:

The PTO will be opening a Holiday Shop **WEDNESDAY, December 7th through WEDNESDAY, December 14th**. Each student will be given the opportunity to do Holiday shopping for their family during recess. Items range in price from 50 cents up to \$12.00, with most items being around \$5.00. If you wish for your child to shop please complete the attached envelope listing the person they will be buying for and the amount to be spent. There will be volunteers available to help the students with their shopping and to gift wrap their items.

The Holiday Shop will only be open each day during recess. Below is the schedule listing the day and time your child's class will be shopping. If your child will be shopping, please remember to send the envelope to school with your child on that day. If your child is absent on the day they are scheduled, they may shop another day during the week at their recess.

Thank you for supporting the Apple Pie Ridge PTO.

Shopping Schedule:

RECESS TIME	WED. 12/7	THURS 12/8	FRI 12/9	MON 12/12	TUES 12/13	WED 12/14
12:00-12:20	VANHORN	T. SMITH 2 ND	CABLE	BROWN		
12:15-12:35	WELSH	MAY	JOHNSON		JAGEMAN	
12:45-1:05	BITTINGER/ GASS	WHIPKEY	CROUSE	MASTROPIETRO	HOTTLE	PASQUALE /BENNER
1:00-1:20	MAYR			GILLISPIE	MOWCHAN	
1:10-1:30		TRENARY	E. SMITH 4 TH	MINDYAS	EAST	

NON-DISCRIMINATION

In compliance with the Executive Order 11246; Title II of the Education Amendments of 1976; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1972; Title IX Regulation Implementing Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and all other Federal and State laws and school policies and regulations, Frederick County Public Schools shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, political affiliation, disability, or veteran status in the education program and activities, or employment.

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John Linaburg
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1415 Amherst Street
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Section 504 Coordinator
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For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of [OCR enforcement offices](#) for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481



IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

“Research shows that attendance is critical to student success – and school success. And parents have more influence than anyone else. Remember: Attendance isn’t just about being at school. It’s also about being on time.” (Firm, Fair, & Consistent, February 2012). Here are some important attendance information to remember.

- ❖ When your child is absent, please write a note stating the specific reason that your child missed school. Any notes that do not have a specific reason are considered unexcused. Please remember to write the date the child was absent and sign it as well.
- ❖ If your child visits a doctor’s office, please remember to get an official doctor’s note to bring back to school.
- ❖ If you know that you are planning an extended weekend, or will be out of town, please make sure that you send in a note at least 24 hours in advance. All trips need to be approved in order to be excused.
- ❖ When your child reaches 5 unexcused absences, the school counselor will make a phone call asking you to send in notes for the absences.
- ❖ After 1 week, if notes haven’t been submitted a letter will go home asking for notes for the absences.
- ❖ Once your child reaches 10 total (excused or unexcused) absences, a letter will be sent home.
- ❖ Once your child reaches 20 total (excused or unexcused) absences, a letter will be sent home and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss your child’s absences.

STAY HEALTHY THROUGH COLD AND FLU SEASON

As we enter the cold and flu season, Frederick County Public Schools’ Health Services Department is offering some tips that can help you and your children stay healthy.

Get Vaccinated

- Getting an influenza vaccination is the primary method for preventing the flu for individuals over 6 months of age. Flu shots are available at the local health department, private physicians, clinics and pharmacies.

Keep Your Hands Clean

- Hand hygiene is a general term that refers to a method of removing germs from the hands so they cannot be spread to anyone else. The two most common types of hand hygiene are hand washing with soap and water and using an alcohol-based hand rub. Hand sanitizer is available in all FCPS classrooms.

Practice Good Respiratory Hygiene and Cough Etiquette

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Promptly throw away tissues after they are used.
- If a tissue is not available, cover your cough/sneeze with your elbow or sleeve, **not** your hand.
- Wash your hands after coughing or sneezing.

Stay Home if you are Sick

- If you are sick, avoid contact with other people. Do not return to work, school, or other activities until you are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Keep Your Environment Clean

- If taking care of yourself or a sick person at home, make sure that you clean and disinfect surfaces and objects (such as kitchen counters, bedside tables, children’s toys, and surfaces in the bathroom) that may become contaminated with the influenza virus.



**Please donate to the
A.P.R. Giving Tree
December 7-17, 2016**

Our community needs the following items:

Socks (all kinds)

Diapers and Wipes

Underwear (all sizes)

Hats, mittens and scarves

Thank you for your generosity!

Training our children to help their neighbors in need is a life-long lesson and promotes a healthy community in the future.



Greetings from the Counselor!

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity from the food drive to benefit the Salvation Army! Kindergarten was the overall winner and received a free spin of the wheel.

If you haven't already, please consider donating to the "Tree of Warmth" located in the front office. We are collecting NEW socks, diapers and wipes, underwear, hats, mittens, and scarves. All items collected will be given to a local organization. Donations will be collected through December 14th!



Kimberly Wilbourne
School Counselor
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***** *Information from the Gifted Education Department* *****

The Gifted Education Information Series is a series of workshops developed and facilitated by the FCPS resource teachers for gifted education to be offered throughout the school year. These workshop sessions will provide parents, teachers, and interested persons an opportunity to attend informational sessions on various topics related to the programs and services available to students eligible for gifted services in Frederick County Public Schools. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Judi Greathouse at greathoj@fcpsk12.net or 540.662.3888 (ext 88222).

Elizabeth Moore

Gifted Resource Teacher - APRES, GES, OVES



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Frederick County Public Schools in Virginia is seeking applicants for **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**. Candidates must have a good driving record, have or obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), successfully complete training, be able to maintain order and discipline and be able to calmly respond to emergency situations. A high school diploma or GED is preferred. Benefits include health insurance, sick leave, personal leave, retirement and life insurance.

Salary range \$61.97 - \$118.76 per day.

Visit our website www.frederick.k12.va.us to complete an on-line application. Click on *Jobs* and then *Alto* to fill out the application.

For more information please call
Elizabeth Keplinger,
Coordinator of School Bus
Driver Recruiting and Training
(540) 667-2770 Ext. 88410

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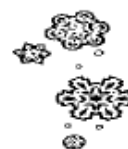
FREDERICK COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



School Meals: The Real Deal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 PORK RIB w/roll or CHICKEN NUGGETS w/roll Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD GOLDEN CORN GIGGLING GRAPES MIXED FRUIT CUP	2 PIZZA or HAM & CHEESE SUB Choose 1 or 2 TOMATO CUP LIMA BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP
5 CHICKEN PATTY on bun or FISH SQUARE on bun Choose 1 or 2 OVEN BAKED FRIES POWER PEAS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP	6 PIZZA STICKS w/sauce or SLOPPY JOE on bun Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI AUGRATIN POTATOES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP	7 TACO w/meat & cheese or HOT DOG on bun Choose 1 or 2 STEAMED CARROTS REFRIED BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE SUGAR COOKIE	8 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH or TURKEY on bun Choose 1 or 2 VEGETABLE SOUP w/crackers BAKED BEANS CRUNCHY CARROT STICKS w/dip Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT MIXED FRUIT CUP	9 CHICKEN NUGGETS w/roll or FISH SQUARE on bun Choose 1 or 2 SNAPPY GREEN BEANS SWEET POTATOES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP
12 CHEESEBURGER on bun or CHICKEN PATTY on bun Choose 1 or 2 SWEET POTATO PUFFS PINTO BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP	13 PIZZA or HAM & CHEESE SUB Choose 1 or 2 STEAMED CARROTS SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP	14 HOT DOG on bun or CHICKEN NUGGETS w/roll Choose 1 or 2 GOLDEN CORN TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE	15 ROAST TURKEY w/roll & stuffing or BAKED HAM w/roll & stuffing Choose 1 or 2 MASHED POTATOES w/gravy GREEN PEAS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT MIXED FRUIT CUP HOLIDAY CAKE	16 MACARONI AND CHEESE w/roll or FISH SQUARE on bun Choose 1 or 2 TATER TOTS BROCCOLI Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP
19 BBQ PULLED PORK on bun or CHEESEBURGER on bun Choose 1 or 2 BAKED BEANS TATER TOTS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP	20 SPAGHETTI w/cheese stick & breadstick or BIG BAD BURRITO Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD GOLDEN CORN SALSA Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP	21 PIZZA or TUNA SALAD on bun Choose 1 or 2 CRUNCHY CARROT STICKS w/dip SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLESAUCE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE	All meals are served with a variety of low fat or skim milk daily.	

***Additional Meal Choices:**
Offered Daily
Salad w/ soft pretzels or
Yogurt w soft pretzels



Note: Additional Fruits & vegetables may be offered daily. Students must select at least 1/2 cup of a fruit and/or vegetable.

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Preparing for Inclement Weather

It's getting to be that time of year again! Provided below are some excerpts from the FCPS Webpage concerning inclement weather - please familiarize yourself with the procedures followed by this county. Parents need to have a plan in place for their children for these situations and are encouraged to provide the office with your plan regarding your child's procedure for early dismissals.

Early dismissal: In the event an Early Dismissal occurs, the high schools will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m., middle schools at 12:15 p.m., and elementary schools at 1:00 p.m. When early dismissal is announced, parents may go to the schools and pick up their children. We ask your cooperation in parking to avoid dangerous situations for students and buses. During serious weather conditions, these times may be changed and announced on the identified communication channels. An announcement will be sent out on the FCPS Rapid Communications System and is communicated to radio and TV stations listed below:

Radio Station Call List

WINC 92.5FM
1400AM
WUSQ 102.5FM
WFQX 99.3FM

WZRV 95.3FM
WFTR1450AM
WKMZ 97.5FM
WEPM 1340AM
WYII 95.9FM

WRNR 740AM
WSIG 96.9FM
WBOP 106.3FM
WFTX 610AM

TV Station Call List

Cable Channel 18
WHSV Harrisonburg
Channel 25 Hagerstown

Channel 99 (WAZT)
Channel 4 (WRC-TV)
Channel 5 (WTTG-TV)

Channel 7(WJLA-ABC7)
Channel 9 (WUSA TV9)

One-hour delay: The one-hour delay schedule is employed when the weather situation is not sharply defined or when some roads are not clear and daylight will improve safety. Use of the delay means that all schedules are moved one hour later. For example, a student who usually boards a school bus at 7:30 a.m. will be picked up at 8:30 a.m. Use of the delay allows schools to operate a full day if conditions significantly improve after 6:30 a.m. On occasion, if weather conditions worsen, schools will be closed and the announcement made before 7:30 a.m

Two-hour delay: A two-hour delay may, at times, be announced. When this occurs, students will be picked up two hours later than usual, and *no breakfast will be served at school.*

2016-2017		
EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES		
APPLE PIE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
ROADS NOT TRAVELED	NEW BUS STOP <i>(Intersection unless otherwise noted)</i>	BUS #
APPLE PIE RIDGE ROAD <i>(Road traveled beyond Crimson Drive)</i>	Apple Pie Ridge & Crimson Drive	Not Traveling
BABBS MOUNTAIN ROAD	Babbs Mountain Road & Cedar Grove Road	184
	OR Babbs Mountain Road & Old Baltimore Road	
GLAIZE ORCHARD ROAD	Glaize Orchard Road & Green Spring Road	225
GOLDS HILL ROAD	Golds Hill Road & Upper Ridge Road	Not Traveling
	OR Golds Hill Road & N Frederick Pike	
McCUBBIN ROAD	McCubbin Road & Green Spring Road	Not Traveling
WINDING HILL ROAD	Winding Hill Road & Frog Hollow Road	225
	OR Winding Hill Road & Apple Pie Ridge Road	

Frederick County Public Schools also utilizes a free e-mail service that will notify parents immediately of announced school closings or opening delays. Parents with the ability to receive e-mail may register, free of charge, at www.schools-out.com. In the event of school closings or cancellations, parents who subscribe to the service will receive an e-mail message sent to the address that they specify notifying them of schedule changes.

For more information, go to the Frederick County Public Schools Webpage at:
http://www.frederick.k12.va.us/pages/Frederick_County_PS/weather_information