

MIDDLETOWN ELEMENTARY

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December Calendar

Monday, December 4th – 8th

- Holiday Shop during recess
- Open 6-8 pm on Thursday

Thursday, December 7th

- Winter Chorus Concert at 7 pm

Thursday, December 21st

- Winter Break Begins
- Students return to school on Jan. 3rd

Winter Break

No School

December 21 – January 2

School Office Closed: December 21 – January 1



WINTER CHORUS CONCERT

December 7th – 7:00 pm

Please have all 4th/5th grade chorus students in the music room no later than 6:30.



Holiday Shop

When: December 4-8
Time: During Recess
Price Range: \$0.50 to \$10.00

Students are invited to visit our Holiday Shop to purchase gifts for their loved ones during their recess time. The Holiday Shop will have gifts ranging from \$0.50 to \$10.00 for mom, dad, grandparents, brother/sister, aunt/uncle, friends and even the family pet! Prior to the shop opening, money envelopes will be sent home with each student. Please use the envelope to help your child plan who they will be shopping for and how much they should spend on each person. This envelope will then be returned to school with the amount needed enclosed. Your student will visit the holiday shop during their recess, pick out their gifts, wrap them up and bring them home. We are very excited to offer this opportunity to our students! If you have any questions, please call the office at 540-869-4615. Thank you!

Recess Times: K-1:50-2:10, 1-11:25-11:45, 2-12:45-1:05, 3-1:05-1:25, 4-1:35-1:55, 5-11:50-12:10

We will also be open on Dec. 7th from 6-8 pm. This is the night of our chorus concert. The concert begins at 7 pm.

December				
				1 Day 5
4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5
11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5
18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21-31 No School	
January				
1 No School	2 No School	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 1
8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Day 1
15 No School	16 Day 2	17 Day 3	18 Day 4	19 Day 5
22 Day 1	23 Day 2	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5
29 No School	30 Day 1	31 Day 2		

SCHOOL NURSE



**Clinic Donation Request:
small snacks**

Please refer to our Illness Guidelines (August 2017 newsletter) as flu and cold season has begun. Please encourage the importance of handwashing to reduce the spread of germs. Also, as the weather gets colder, please make sure that students have jacket/coats and shoes for outdoor activity and PE. Please label all jackets/coats with student first name and last name.



News from the School Board Office

Speak Up, Stay Safe

We all play a part in keeping our schools safe. If you notice any suspicious activity, be prepared to give a detailed report to school staff and law enforcement. Pay close attention to things like: What, specifically, you observed; who you saw; when and where you saw it; and why it seemed suspicious. Being able to provide details of what you observed will help school staff and the authorities as they work to keep our schools and students safe. Please report any suspicious activity noted in the vicinity of schools to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 540-662-6168.

2017 Speak Up Survey

Frederick County Public Schools is encouraging students, parents, staff and members of the community to take a few minutes and complete the 2017 Speak Up Survey. The brief, anonymous survey offers the opportunity to share perspectives on key educational issues, particularly issues related to digital learning and the use of technology in schools. Please visit <https://speakup.tomorrow.org/ChooseSurvey.aspx> and take the survey. Students taking the survey will be prompted to enter the secret word- FCPSK12. The local results will help inform the creation of the 2018 Division Educational Technology Plan.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

celebrating your child's birthday at school

REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!

Baked goods and/or bakery items will not be allowed in our cafeteria or classrooms for celebration.

Ex: cupcakes, cakes, large cookie, etc.

This includes anything that is baked and/or packaged in a store or specialty shop.

There are many other options to help you recognize your child's special day:

- ★ **Donate a book to the classroom library**
- ★ **Send in a pencil or bookmark for each student**
- ★ **Send in pre-packaged fruit snacks, original/plain *Rice Krispie* treats, *Jello-O* pudding cups, etc. If you send in a pre-packaged item listed, it will be enjoyed during classroom snack time.**



Please contact the classroom teacher at least three (3) days in advance.



Please keep in mind, when hosting private birthday parties or other celebrations - students will not be allowed to distribute party invitations unless an invitation is given to each student in the class.

The only exception is if a student distributes the invitations during arrival or dismissal time; teachers will not facilitate this process. As part of school policy, we do not release names, phone numbers, or addresses of students.

In addition, Middletown Elementary is also offering a Nutritious Party menu. Please call Mrs. Harrelson, cafeteria manager, for more information (540-869-4615). Please contact her two (2) weeks in advance (due to ordering and delivery time).