

# MIDDLETOWN ELEMENTARY

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## March Calendar

### Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

- Kindergarten Registration Week
- 9 am – 3 pm daily
- 9 am – 7 pm Thursday only

### Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

- Resource Night 6:00-7:30 pm

### Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

- No School

### Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

No School

### Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Spring Picture Day
- Pictures do not need to be purchased until the preview photos come home with your student.

### Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

- Jump Rope for Heart

### Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Spring Break
- See you on April 4<sup>th</sup>!

## March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30 pm

**Music** – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Performances

- 6:00 – 6:30

**P.E.** - Dancing in the Gym

- Grades K-2 6:30-7:00 pm
- Grades 3-5 7:00-7:30 pm

**Art** – Artwork displayed in the halls/art room  
Mona Lisa selfie station

**Library** – Activities with Witherspoon

- Grades K-2 7:00-7:30 pm
- Grades 3-5 6:30-7:00 pm



You are invited to bring a donation for our Family Promise Supply Drive-see page 3

**BUY YOUR**  
*Yearbook*

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Envelopes will be going home with students this week.

If you wish to order online visit:

[www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net)

choose pay or order online  
enter code 101142  
select yearbook from the list  
follow the prompts given



The Jump Rope for Heart school event will be on Friday,  
March 29<sup>th</sup> with the  
**Mighty Mustang Jump Rope Team**  
performing at 2:30 pm

Doors will open for seating at 2:00 pm due to lunch schedules and set up.  
Parents are welcome to record the event, if they wish.

## March

5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 1	9 Day 2
12 Day 3	13 Day 4	14 Day 5	15 Day 1	16 No School
19 No School	20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22 Day 4	23 Day 5
26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year will take place March 5-9. All children who will be five years of age on or before September 30 must register for kindergarten. Parents registering children to enter school for the first time in August 2018 should complete the registration process at the elementary school their child will attend. Parents will need to present a photo ID, the student's birth certificate, proof of county residency, a physical form and immunization records at the time of registration.

You can still register your child if they haven't had their kindergarten physical yet, but that will need to be completed before the start of the school year in August. Visit [www.frederick.k12.va.us](http://www.frederick.k12.va.us) for more information.



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. 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.

### Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are required by Virginia law to have tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster vaccine prior to entry into middle school next fall. In order for your child to enter sixth grade in August, you will need to provide the vaccination documentation to your child's 2017-18 elementary school or 2018-19 middle school prior to the opening of school. Please see your pediatrician or local health department for updating your child's immunizations.

Parents can send a copy of the immunization record to school or contact your physician/health provider to request a faxed copy (MES fax# 540-869-5150).

Tdap vaccinations can be obtained thru Health care provide, Health Dept (Appt only - 722-3470). Also available at CVS, Rite Aide, Walgreens and Walmart Pharmacies.



# News from the School Board Office

### Speak Up, Stay Safe

Everyone plays a part in keeping our schools safe and secure. If you see suspicious activity in the vicinity of our school, report it to school staff and the authorities. Suspicious activity may include: a vehicle or individual in an odd or concealed location; an unattended package or backpack; individuals seeking information about a school, its operations or security procedures beyond mere curiosity; or unusual, repeated or prolonged observation of school buildings, bus stops or students. Contact the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 540-662-6168 if you observe any suspicious activity.

### Preschool Registration Open March 5-April 6

Thanks to a grant from the Virginia Department of Education, Frederick County Public Schools will be offering a pilot preschool program during the 2018-19 school year for selected four-year-olds residing in the Apple Pie Ridge, Gainesboro, Indian Hollow, Redbud Run and Stonewall elementary school attendance zones. The program will focus on literacy and other core subject areas as well as physical, motor, personal and social development. Preliminary applications for the program will be accepted from Monday, March 5 through Friday, April 6. Applications should be completed and submitted at the preschool student's base school. For additional information regarding the registration process, visit [www.frederick.k12.va.us](http://www.frederick.k12.va.us) or contact Preschool Coordinator Angie White at 540-662-3888.

### Take the FCPS School Quality and Perceptions Survey

Everyone has a voice in Frederick County Public Schools. That's why we're asking parents and guardians, school-based staff, and students in grades 5-12 to share their candid feedback through our School Quality and Perceptions Survey which will be conducted March 19-April 6.

The survey will ask for feedback on school quality, student and academic support, safety and behavior, school leadership, family involvement, and more. The results will help us determine how well we have addressed the areas for improvement identified through the 2016 School Quality and Perceptions Survey as well as our current strengths and areas in need of focus.

Frederick County Public Schools has partnered with independent research and communications firm K12 *Insight* to administer the survey and compile the results. Your responses are strictly confidential and anonymous.

Please check your email for an invitation and link to the survey later this month. You will also be able to access the survey through the school division's website. Students will take the survey at school. Paper surveys will be available in the school office.



# Family Promise<sup>®</sup>

## SUPPLY DRIVE

MES Student Council is requesting donations to benefit Family Promise as part of their spring community service project. Family Promise is a family shelter in Shenandoah County. Their goal is to help families by providing support finding homes, jobs, and necessary resources. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Donations accepted from:

**MARCH 1 -  
MARCH 23**

### Requested Items:

- Shampoo
- Clorox Wipes
- Windex (parent drop off only)
- Liquid floor cleaner (parent drop off only)
- Liquid dish detergent
- Hair Brushes
- Body Wash (men/women)
- Shaving Cream (men/women)
- Laundry Detergent (parent drop off only)
- Spray & Wash (parent drop off only)
- Postage Stamps
- Pillows (new)
- Towels & Washcloths (new)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner (parent drop off only)
- Spray Surface Cleaner (parent drop off only)
- Conditioner
- Deodorant (men/women)
- Fabric Softener (liquid/dryer sheets) (liquid-parent drop off only)
- Liquid Soap
- Diapers (newborn, size 4/5/6)
- #10 Business Envelopes
- Twin Sheet Sets (new)

*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).**