

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we move through the winter season, we often have interruptions due to weather or illness. While we want to see your child in school as much as possible, we appreciate it when you keep a sick child home to recover. This helps your child get well and helps prevent the spread of illness to others.

Through winter interruptions, please remember the importance of consistently practicing academics. Students get better at what they practice, and we ask your help in keeping them on track. Here are some ways you can help:

Please have your child read, or read with your child every day.

Help your child work on his/her reading goals for the month. The students love to be recognized in the SOAR program or as a Red Carpet Reader!

Please have your child practice his/her math every day. The better they get at basic math facts and skills, the easier math will be as they move through school.

Help your child work on his/her current math goal.

Make sure your child completes homework when it is assigned.

If your child is absent, please be in contact with the teacher or school to get make up work so he/she can stay caught up.

Maintain regular contact with the classroom teacher. We want to work with you to help your child do their very best!

Sharon Cooley, Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

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News from the Literacy Committee

Indian Hollow will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day the week of Feb. 26 to Mar. 2. Every day during our week-long celebration we will be dressing up to honor some classic Dr. Seuss books.

Monday, Feb. 26- Wear Green for Green Eggs and Ham

Tuesday, Feb. 27- Wear Crazy Socks for Fox in Socks

Wednesday, Feb. 28- Wear a hat for The Cat in the Hat

Thursday, March 1- Wear a mustache for The Lorax

Friday- March 2- Wear pajamas for Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book

Also on Friday, March 2 (Read Across America Day), we would like to have parent volunteers come in to read Dr. Seuss books to classrooms. **If you are interested in being a reader, please email our literacy coach, Mrs. Rudolph, at rudolpas@fcpsk12.net with when you are available on March 2.**

Each month, we will be posting a chart with strategies to help your child with specific literacy skills. Ask your child about their school reading goal and use these strategies to help support them at home! These strategies will also appear on the school's Facebook page. This month, the strategy is interpretation.

Interpretation

- While reading a story, create questions that start with the question stem, "Why did the character..." Have your child answer your questions using what you know from what you've read.
- As the character changes in the story you're reading, have your child explain how you know the character has changed and what changed the character. Have your child write a paragraph about this.
- Think about what the text says combined with what you think and draw a conclusion you can use the graphic organizer: <http://www.readingrockets.org/pdfs/inference-graphic-organizer.pdf>

Speak Up, Stay Safe

We all play a role in keeping our schools safe and secure. If you notice any suspicious activity, be prepared to give a detailed report to school staff and the authorities. 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.

Student-Led Conferences

During the spring semester, we are trying something new. We will be offering Student-Led Conferences, where your student will share information about his/her progress with you in a meeting with the teacher. Please stay tuned to your classroom newsletters for information about this wonderful opportunity for your child to share his/her learning with you.

Incident Weather

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. A decision on this must be also be made by 5:30 a.m. Use of the delay means that all schedules are moved an hour later. For example, a student who usually boards a school bus at 7:30a.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.

Early Dismissal

A storm can develop or conditions become hazardous at anytime in the morning necessitating an early closing. If this occurs, the high schools will be dismissed at 12 p.m., middle schools at 12:15 p.m. and elementary schools at 1 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings and Weather Delays

If you have meetings scheduled at school and there is a delay or closure, please call ahead to check on your meeting. It may need to be rescheduled.

No club meeting will be held when there is a schedule delay.

Kindergarten/Preschool Registration

Frederick County Public School will conduct kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year during the week of March 5-9, from 9:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. This includes registration for our income based preschool. Indian Hollow Elementary School's evening registration will be March 6 from 5-7 p.m. and March 8 from 4-6:00p.m. Parents registering children to enter school for the first time for the Fall of 2018 should go to the elementary school that serves as their current school zone. All children, who will be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2018, must be registered for kindergarten. Parents wishing to delay their child's attendance for a year must request permission, in writing, from the superintendent of school.

Parents registering a child are required by Virginia Law to present a certified copy of the pupil's birth record: a certificate of physical examination from a physician or a health department: and a certificate with complete dates for DPT or Tdap, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, and Chickenpox immunizations from a physician or a health department. A complete series of 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine is required for all children. All susceptible born on and after January 1, 1997, shall be required to have a dose of chickenpox vaccine not earlier than the age 12 months (365). Measles, mumps, and rebecca vaccine must have been administered at 12 months of age or older. A second measles immunization is required prior to enrollment. The parent should register the child even if all the above have not yet been obtained.



Dear Families,

We are rolling out the red carpet for our final Red Carpet Reader Skill! The strategy this month is Summarizing. Your child will be practicing this skill and completing a graphic organizer in their classroom (attached is a copy of it) **You do not need to return it to school** this month, but you can use this to guide your conversations at home while reading.



Summarizing means to use your own words to retell the most important parts of a text in the correct order. In stories we summarize the most important parts from the beginning, middle, and end. This usually includes the characters, setting, the problem in the story, important events, and the solution to the story's problem. In nonfiction or informational reading, we summarize the main idea and the most important information the text gives. The reading character that will be introduced at school is "Sammy the Summarizer". He is a cowboy that rounds up all the most important details with his lasso.

When you are reading together at home, stop frequently and have your child summarize what you or they have read. Use words like, "This part is about", "First", "Next", "Then", "Finally", "This text was mostly about", and "An important detail is"

Reading at home is essential to success in school. When skills learned at school are reinforced at home, it is powerful! Thank you for being a part of your child's education.

-The Literacy Committee

The Fab Four:



Congratulations!!

Each week 1 classroom in each grade level is awarded the Golden Spatula for being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn in the cafeteria. Please join us in celebrating these weekly winners!



Dec. 18 - Dec. 20 : 5th- Sites, 4th- Blatney,
3rd- Fick, 2nd- Willis, 1st- Renninger, K-
Geris

Jan. 8 - Jan. 12 : 5th- Brennan,
4th- Blatney, 3rd- Fick, 2nd- Cammer,
1st- Cornwell, K- Barry

Jan. 16 - Jan. 19 : 5th- Sites, 4th- M-T,
3rd- Zerull, 2nd- none, 1st- Carney,
K- Kessel

Thank you to everyone that donated to the SCA Raffle! Congratulations to Landen Hawes for winning, and choosing to donate our funds to **Ruff Ranch Sanctuary**, located in Middletown. It is run by veterans that take in animals in need of a new loving home.

Our annual **Career Day** will take place here at Indian Hollow on **Friday, April 20**. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will get to hear from volunteer presenters about their career!

If you are interested in volunteering to present at Career Day, you can send a note addressed to Mrs. Welsh or Ms. Mavrellis. We will get back to you with more information. You must be on the approved volunteer list to participate.

Upcoming News:

Next meeting - Tuesday, February 13th at 1 pm in the Art Room

Career Day - Friday, April 20th

Spirit Days:

February 2nd - Sports Day! To celebrate Super Bowl weekend, come dressed in your sports gear! No cleats, please.

Thank you!

Indian Hollow SCA
Ms. Welsh & Ms. Mavrellis

The Buzz on the Spelling Bee!!

Indian Hollow held its annual Fifth Grade Spelling Bee on January 12. Congratulations to our winner Cole McDonald and alternate Olivia Milton. Cole will represent our school at the Frederick County Spelling Bee on February 1, 7 p.m. at James Wood Middle School.



Cold Weather and Recess

When outdoor temperatures allow, our students often play or walk outside for a few minutes each day, and they need to be dressed warmly. If a child is not properly dressed for such outdoor activity, he/she will have to remain inside. If a child has been sick and needs to stay inside, please send a note, and special arrangements will be made for him/her to visit another classroom. Please be assured that the comfort and safety of our students is very important, and we do not intend to expose them to severe weather for long periods of time.

Nurse's Corner

Attention: Fifth Grade Students
Immunization Update!

It is now required that all students entering sixth grade have a tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap), booster vaccination, if none has been received in the last five years. Vaccinations may be received from a doctor's office or the health department. When the vaccination is received, please bring official documentation to the school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 540-877-2283. Thank you! Lori Zollinger, R.N,

Greetings from the PTO!

We would like to give a huge shout out to everyone that came out and supported Indian Hollow Elementary at our January Spirit Day at Buffalo Wild Wings! We had an amazing turnout and we couldn't be more excited about all of the support you guys have shown!

Mark your calendars for our February Spirit Night, which will be at Chuck E Cheese on Friday, February 2, 2018 from 3:00pm until closing. Chuck E Cheese will be donating 25% of all sales throughout the evening to IHES, so don't forget to mention that you're there to support Indian Hollow Elementary School.

Mark your calendars now for this year's Battle of the Birds!! IHES will be taking on Orchard View Elementary on Friday, April 13th @ 6:00pm. The game will be held at James Wood High School and there will be food and spirit items for sale before and during the game. Let's get that school spirit ready for our biggest and most popular event of the year!!

The PTO will be sponsoring and hosting a teacher/staff breakfast on February 15th to show them our appreciation. If you would like to volunteer to help set up, pick up food, or tear down, please email the PTO at iheshawkspto@gmail.com.

Have you been wanting to get more involved in your child's school but weren't sure how? Do you want to make a difference in your child's school? Do you have an extra hour or two each month? The PTO is going to have FOUR open positions next year that will need to be filled. We're looking for parents who want to be involved in making Indian Hollow better than ever! Think this is for you? Come to our next PTO meeting on February 20, 2018 @ 4:30pm and see what we're all about! We look forward to seeing you there!

Hawks Nest

PARENTS WELCOME ANYTIME! We welcome everyone to join their child's lunch any day of the year. Please notify the Hawk's Nest Café that you are coming. You can send a note with your child, call into the school or simply send a quick email to Donna Slater, Cafeteria Manager at slaterd@fcpsk12.net. Simply state your child's teacher, the date you will be joining us, and which lunch choice you prefer.

Adult Lunch is \$3.55.

Parents' meals cannot be charged. A child's account can be used only if funds are available. We are not able to accept credit or debit cards. Please no bills larger than \$5.00. The exact amount is appreciated.

Please remember when you pack your child's lunch send them a drink. If your child has money on their account, they may buy a drink. If they have no money, we will give your child a cup to get water from the fountain. If your child receives free or reduced lunch, they packed and need milk, they must take three items to receive the milk for free. One of the items must be a fruit or vegetable to count as a reimbursable meal.

We also have a free bin placed in the cafeteria every day. Any unopened sealed items that children do not want can be put in the bin for others on a first come first serve basis.

The Hawk's Nest is still offering Breakfast Grab 'n Go Bags students may take to their classroom or stay at the Nest for a hot entrée item. This is one less thing to worry about in your already busy morning schedule.

Student Breakfast \$1.40

Reduced Price \$0.30

Please remember children that receive free or reduced lunch also get free and reduced breakfast.

Yearbooks are on sale as of October 1st.
The cost will be \$14.00 if pre-ordered from
October 2, 2017 – March 1, 2018. After
March 1 the cost will be \$16.00.

Payment Options:

- Online to Strawbridge
- Online at My School Bucks
- Check payable to I.H.E.S.
- Cash (exact change is appreciated)

- If you do not pre-order a yearbook, a small quantity will be available for purchase at the end of the school year for \$16.00.

President's Day - No School
February 19, 2018



INDIAN HOLLOW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 1 Spelling Bee – JWMS, 7-8p.m.
- 2 Sports Day
- 2 PTO Spirit Day, Chuck E. Cheese, 3 p.m. until closing
- 6 Classroom Group, Club and New Hawks Pictures
- 16 No School – Professional Day
- 19 No School President Day – Admin. Offices Closed
- 20 PTO Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 26 Green Day – wear green
- 27 Crazy Sock Day
- 27 Just Say No Club, 3:45-4:45 p.m.
- 28 Hat Day

March

- 1 1st Grade Smile Program, 7 p.m.
- 1 5th Grade Field Trip – FCMS, 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., REAMS, 9 - 12:15 p.m.
- 1 Mustache Day
- 2 Pajama Day
- 5-9 Kindergarten Registration
- March 6, 5-7p.m
- March 8, 4-6 p.m.
- 7 Author Jerry Pallotta
- 7 1st Grade Field Trip – Discovery Museum
- 13 Spring Pictures
- 15 End of Third Nine Weeks
- 15 2nd Grade Smile Program, 7p.m.
- 16 No School – Teacher Flexible Work Day
- 19 No School – Professional Development Day
- 20 PTO Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 26-28 Book Fair
- 27 Just Say No Club, 3:45-4:45 p.m.
- 27 Literacy Night/Book Fair, 6-8:00 p.m.
- 28 Report Cards Issued
- 30-31 No School – Spring Break

April

- 1-3 No School – Spring Break
- 13 Battle of the Birds, JWHS, 6p.m.
- 17 PTO Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 20 Career Day
- 24 Just Say No Club, 3:45-4:45p.m.