

Bulldog Bulletin

Just Say No

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Every October we celebrate with a School Spirit Week to remind ourselves that we have better things to do than use drugs and alcohol.

Our Red Ribbon Week will be held October 26-30. All students are invited to join us in our School Spirit Week. Please remember to celebrate safely.

Monday, 10/26
Sports Day

Tuesday, 10/27
Patriotic Day (red, white and blue)

Wednesday, 10/28
Mix and Match Day

Thursday, 10/29
Crazy Hat/Hair Day

Friday, 10/30
Costume Day
(bring costume to school in a bag)

Specials Schedule for grades K-4

October 26 – C Day
October 27 – D Day
October 28 – E Day
October 29 – A Day
October 30 – B Day

School Calendar

October 22 – Sally Foster Fundraiser orders were due

October 28 – End of 1st quarter

October 29 – 2 hour early dismissal at 1:30. Morning Pre-K attends school and brings lunch.

October 30 – PTO's Fall Festival from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

November 5 – Schools closed; Report Card Conferences

November 6 – NO PRE-K; parent conferences

November 30 – Makeup Day for Fall Photographs

Costume Parade

Our school is holding a costume parade on Friday, October 30, at 2:15 p.m. All students are invited to participate. Please bring costumes to school in a labeled bag. Children should be able to change into their costumes independently. Immediately after the parade, children will change back into their clothes and will prepare for dismissal.

Please remember that our school is full of children and some are as young as age four. Costumes should not include weapons (real or make-believe) and they should be family-friendly and modest. This is not the occasion for bloody masks, amputated limbs or see-through clothing.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ Parents/guardians may visit the classroom (including the playground) at the school's request or request to make a formal observation. Making an appointment with the school at least two school days in advance of an observation is not only a courtesy and a requirement by the Superintendent, but enables the parent/guardian to schedule the observation for the maximum benefit. Teachers cannot stop teaching to confer with the parents/guardians who stop by without an appointment. Parents/guardians may schedule up to two classroom observations of up to forty-five minutes in duration each grading period. Staff accompanies visitors to the classroom. Siblings should not attend. Teachers will be happy to discuss the observation at a mutually convenient time. Parents/guardians are welcome at any time to visit the cafeteria and eat lunch with their child.
- ❖ Absences from school are considered lawful only if they are accompanied by a medical note. This can be a doctor's note indicating an illness or a medical appointment. It would also be considered a medical absence if the school nurse sends a child home from school.
- ❖ School system policy states that students in elementary school with eight unlawful absences might be considered for retention.
- ❖ Regular, structured homework assignments are an extension of classroom instruction. Elementary students usually spend ten minutes on homework in first grade and up to an hour in fifth grade.
- ❖ Elementary school students may not possess cell phones at school.
- ❖ Valuable items (including games and toys) and large sums of money should not be brought to school. We do not take responsibility for valuables brought to school.
- ❖ Fifth graders choose their music class: band, chorus or orchestra. Fifth graders cannot change their musical preference during the year.
- ❖ The goal of Charles County Public Schools is to provide a quality educational program for all students in an environment that is conducive to learning. There are times, however, when an individual may have a concern. The first step in resolving a concern is to address it with the teacher or staff member who is most closely and directly involved. Please contact the school and schedule an appointment.
- ❖ Please remember that children under the age of 18 may not transport medication to and from school. Only adults may transport medication. This includes prescription medications, pain relievers (Advil/Tylenol), cough syrup, cough drops, and medicated lotions/creams. All medicated items must stay locked in our school Health Room.

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