

Bulldog Bulletin

Claire's Gourmet

Today, students are bringing home an envelope presenting our Claire's Gourmet fundraiser. Claire's offers elegant desserts, soft pretzels, cookie doughs, and pizzas. Every single item Claire's sales is incredibly fresh and scrumptious. The items will be available for pick-up on our Fall Conference Day when you will be at school for report card conferences. If you have never tried our Claire's Gourmet products, consider purchasing just one or two items to sample. You won't be disappointed.

We do not encourage children to sell door-to-door. We suggest they simply offer the catalog to family and friends. Out-of-town relatives may wish to go to the website and order items online.

Thank you for supporting our school with all that you do!

Respect

Our Character Education focus for September is **Respect**. During the month our school will be discussing ways to show respect to ourselves, others, and the environment we live in. We can show respect with our manners, by taking turns, and by cleaning up after ourselves. These actions remind us that people and the world around us are important and we value them. Consider modeling respectful behavior and talking about respect at home.

Specials Schedule for grades K-4

September 14 – E Day
September 15 – A Day
September 16 – B Day
September 17 – C Day
September 18– Closed

School Calendar

September 18 – Fair Day; Schools closed

September 23 – Ident-a-kid service offered to parents

September 28 – Interims issued

September 30 – 2 hour Early Dismissal at 1:30. A.M. Pre-K attends 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and eats lunch at school. P.M. Pre-K does not attend school.

October 12 – Columbus Day – Schools OPEN

For Grieving Children

If your child has recently lost a loved one, please consider allowing them to attend "Camp Sunshine" and have an opportunity to experience activities tailored to the concerns and needs of grieving children. **Camp Sunshine**, of Hospice of Charles County, will function this year as a **healing camp for grieving children, ages 6-12**. The date for Camp Sunshine is Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Melwood Retreat Center in Nanjemoy, Maryland.

If you would like to receive more information or register your child to attend, please contact our School Counselor, Renee Williamson at rwilliamson@ccboe.com or 301-934-4687.

PTO and Open House

Thank you for attending our first PTO meeting and our Open House. We appreciate that you have entrusted your children to us. If you have any questions or concerns or compliments, please feel free to contact any of our staff members. We are happy to help you.

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 choose 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.
- ❖ Our cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch each day. If you want your child to eat breakfast at school, please let your child's teacher know.

2009-2010 Meal Prices

Breakfast - \$1.15

(Reduced-Price Breakfast - \$.30)

Lunch - \$2.05

(Reduced-Price Lunch - \$.40)

Milk - \$.50

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