

GLADE GAZETTE GLADE PTA NEWSLETTER

April 17, 2019



School Webpage [HERE](#).
Glade PTA's webpage [HERE](#)
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<https://frederickcounty.schoolcashonline.com>
[GES Parent Handbook 2018-2019](#)

School Calendar

(Dates & Times Subject to Change)

Date	Event	Time
APRIL		
20	LAST DAY TO ORDER YEARBOOKS	
18-22	Schools Closed – Spring Break	
24	PARCC Testing begins Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
29	Band/Orchestra Students – bring your instrument Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
MAY		
1	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
3	School Spirit Day Moms n' Muffins, Café 5 th Grade Panoramic Picture Gr. 1 – Wax Museum (<i>in classrooms</i>)	8:00-8:55 12:00 2:30
6	Band/Orchestra Students – bring your instrument Band Concert in school Girls on the Run	2:30 3:45-5:15
7	Teacher Appreciation Day Band Concert at WHS	7:00pm
8	Bike to School Day School Nurse Day Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
10	2-Hour Early Dismissal (<i>AM PreK 9-10:30 PM PreK 12-1:30</i>)	9:00-1:30
13	Band/Orchestra Students – bring your instrument Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
14	Field Trip – Gr. 1 – National Zoo DC	9:00-3:15
15	Field Trip – Gr. 2 – Rosehill Manor Girls on the Run	10:00-11:30 3:45-5:15
16	Kindergarten Outdoor Classroom Day	
17	Cultural Arts Program PTA Mayfair	5:30-8:00pm
20	Band/Orchestra Students – bring your instrument Girls on the Run PTA General Meeting, Media	3:45-5:15 6:30pm
21	Field Trip - Gr. 5 – DC – Museum of Natural History	9-3:15
22	Chorus Spring Concert, Café Girls on the Run	7:00pm 3:45-5:15
23	Field Trip – Gr. 3 – WJZ Field Trip Day @ Camden Yards	9:00-3:15
27	Schools Closed – Memorial Day	
29	Girls on the Run Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, Café	3:45-5:15 7:00pm
30	Kindergarten Orientation, Café	6:30-7:30
31	Dads n' Donuts, Café Field Trip – Kindergarten – Catoclin Zoo	8:00-8:55 9:15-2

	JUNE	
3	Band/Orchestra Students – bring your instrument	
5	Field Day (rain date June 6)	
7	Field Trip – Gr. 4 – Annapolis 5 th Grade Celebration, Café	9:00-3:15 12:30-2:30
13	5 th Grade Picnic, Heritage Farm Park (rain date June 14)	10:30-2:30
19	Last Day of School for Students (if no snow days) 2-Hour Early Dismissal (<i>AM PreK 9-10:30 PM PreK 12-1:30</i>) Move-Up Day 5 th Grade Tug-o-War 5 th Grade Clap-Out	9:00-1:30 9:00-10:15 10:30-10:45 1:00
20	Last day of school for teachers	

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Glade Families,

As we take a few days to reset and sharpen our collective saws, I want to take a moment to celebrate some of our progress over the first three quarters of this school year. As you well know, the success of any child depends on the close communication and support between school and home, but also on the positive messages of encouragement and support we give our students, when we celebrate their achievements and talents together, and in times of struggle, difficulty, or perceived failure.

This year, we have spent time so far developing both academic skills and social emotional skills with our students and in ourselves as teachers. We focused the school around a motto, “Work Hard, Be Kind”, with the expectation that bringing these words to life in our daily actions will ultimately lead to greater success and growth for all of us. We also focused each month on 7 Habits of Happy Kids (and adults), and have seen and heard many examples of students and adults manifesting these in daily life here at school, and I’m sure at home too. Starting with the End in Mind, Thinking Win/Win, and Putting First Things First are three of the habits that we focused on this year. The 7th habit, Sharpening the Saw, reminds us to take time to seek balance and take care of ourselves in mind, body, heart, and soul.

As you also know, progress toward any destination starts with the first step. Whether a student is “behind” or “ahead” in their learning, or their grades or performance feedback is not what they wish it to be, they must realize that they have the power and ability to grow and make progress. When you review report cards with your child, listen to what they say about their report before giving your assessment. It will tell you whether they view it as a fixed, external evaluation of their abilities or of them as a person OR whether they view it as a reflection of where they currently stand and whether they believe they have the ability or desire to improve. Where does one go from straight A’s and all 4’s at the age of 9? How does one respond to D’s and 2’s?

As parents and as educators, we have the power to foster resilience. Our students can feel empowered, confident, and optimistic. To the extent we foster this expectation of success in our students, the more likely they are to succeed not just in school, but also in reaching their life goals. To the extent we foster resilience in our students, an optimistic “can do” attitude, our students are destined to have happier and more successful lives.

I am sincerely thankful for the work and kindness of our families, teachers, and students. I wish you a restful or exciting spring break, whichever it may be, and look forward to getting back to it again on Tuesday. As we enter the last quarter of the school year, when so often the perception is that things are winding down, I want to challenge all of us to think differently, and look at the last quarter of the school year as an opportunity to finish strong and reach the goals that we have set for ourselves. Our intermediate grade students will have another opportunity to demonstrate resilience and growth when we return from break, when they participate in the PARCC assessments. If you would like to know more, [there are several useful resources here](#).

PARCC Assessments

All third, fourth and fifth grade students will take the PARCC assessments between Wednesday, April 24 through May 7. Please ensure that your student gets a good night's rest, has a healthy breakfast and arrives to school by 8:55. The assessments require students to do a substantial amount of reading, answering comprehension questions in various formats – multiple choice, short answer, as well as essay composition, and comparison of texts in various genres. In mathematics, students are required to apply skills in computation, problem-solving, and analytical thinking. The assessments are challenging, rigorous, and directly aligned with the curriculum that students are expected to master. The PARCC assessment is one measure of your child's progress in school and we encourage all students to take the work seriously and to do their very best. Stamina and perseverance are important attributes to bring to the table and are qualities that our teachers and students have been working hard on throughout the year. Parents of third, fourth and fifth grade students: Please make sure your students bring their headphones to school each day during testing.

Yearbook Reminder

Online ordering is will remain open until April 21.

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/LookupJob?jobnumber=11041919>

Take Your Child to Work Day is Thursday, April 25. Please note that FCPS does not endorse the day, meaning that as a SYSTEM we do not discourage or encourage participation. It is not listed in our Calendar Handbook, for instance. Students who participate in the day should have a note from a parent, and the absence will be excused.

FCPS Transportation Delay Board This is a way that the Transportation Department communicates with the public and schools when a bus is running 10 minutes or more late. This information can be accessed on the FCPS website at this link: <https://apps.fcps.org/transdelay/>

Yours in Education,
Mr. ÓhEithir & Mrs. Stuart

Enrollment for Pre-K and Kindergarten

We are always excited to welcome new students to our school. Please help to spread the word that registration for next year's kindergarten and pre-k students has begun. Do not wait as this helps determine our class sizes. There will be a Pre-K and Kindergarten orientation for parents of incoming students on May 30 from 6:30-7:30pm. If you or someone you know has an incoming pre-k or kindergarten student, the following link will direct you to all of the necessary information: [FCPS ENROLLMENT INFORMATION for Pre-K & Kindergarten for 2018-2019](#)

GLADE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You may register for PreK and/or Kindergarten during school hours from 9:00-3:00.

KINDERGARTEN REQUIREMENTS

- Five on or before September 1, 2019. (Born before 9/1/2014)
- Proof of date of birth: Provide one of these: birth certificate, physician's certificate, hospital certificate, baptismal/church certificate, parent's affidavit, passport/visa.
- Proof of residency : Provide one of these: current property tax bill, current rental bill, current utility bill for water, gas or electric (no phone bills)
- Immunization record

EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN

Children can be considered for early entrance to kindergarten if they're born 45 days after the regular kindergarten cutoff (10/15/2014). Applications will be accepted through May 31, 2019. Contact the school to set up an appointment.

PRE-K REQUIREMENTS: Morning Class ONLY 9:00-11:30

- Four on or before September 1, 2019.
- Proof of date of birth – (provide one of these: Birth certificate, physician's certificate, hospital certificate, baptismal or church certificate, parent's affidavit, or passport/visa)
- Proof of residency – provide one of these: current property tax bill, current rental bill, current utility bill for water, gas, or electric (no phone bills)
- Immunization record
- Copy of Independence card with documentation; W-2 form(s) from last year; three consecutive pay stubs within the last six months; a letter on letterhead from your employer stating your income or documentation if the child in your care is a foster child. **Please note: We cannot consider your application into Pre-K until ALL required documentation is completed.**

INCLUSIVE PRE-K PROGRAMS

- 14 students in both the morning (9:00-11:30) and afternoon (1:00-3:30) classes includes:
 - Three years of age on or before September 1, 2019 for AM class (2 days: Mon/Wed **or** Thu/Fri)
 - Four years of age on or before September 1, 2019 for PM class (5 days: Mon-Fri)
 - 7 students who have been identified with a disability through Child Find Services
 - 7 regular education students (may not be enrolled in another FCPS program)
- Parents must provide transportation.
- Students selected through a lottery. Applications available in the office. **Deadline - Tuesday, April 30 by 4:00pm**
- Parents will be notified by Friday, May 10.

Kindergarten Orientation for 2019-2020

What: An evening presentation for parents of incoming kindergarten students

When and where: **May 30, 6:30-7:30pm @ Glade Elementary School Cafeteria**

There will be two subsequent parent sessions aimed at providing information and guidance to parents, as they get ready for the kindergarten experience for their little one.

FCPS Invites Students Entering
2nd or 3rd Grade in the
2019-2020 School Year
to

We Are the World Summer Camp

July 8-11 (M-Th) and July 15-17 (M-W)

8:30 AM-Noon

Ballenger Creek Middle School*

\$40

Space is limited: Register early!

<https://bit.ly/wlintrosc2019>

[See the flier!](#)

**5525 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick
240-236-5700*

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FCPS Invites Students Entering
4th or 5th Grade in the
2019-2020 School Year

To 8 Days of Fun Learning at the Countywide

Spanish Immersion Summer Camp

July 8-11 and 15-18 (M-Th)

8:20 AM-2:30 PM

Ballenger Creek Middle School*

\$150 Includes lunches +

**Music, games, crafts, outdoor activities +
Lessons in Latin derivatives and etymology!**

Space is limited! Register early:

<https://bit.ly/FCPSSpanish2019>

[See the flier!](#)

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FCPS Weather Delays and Closing

As snowy weather approaches, this is an important reminder about FCPS emergency communication. We recommend that you **SAVE THIS MESSAGE** for future reference. See our **Weather Delays and Closings** video and more: <http://www.fcps.org/weather>.

See **How FCPS Decides Whether to Close or Delay Schools:**

<https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/Frederick/GetFile.aspx?DocId=5582>

After making the decision to close for snow or other emergencies, FCPS uses MANY ways to communicate! Here are places to check:

1. www.fcps.org We post alerts to appear at the very top of each webpage, with details in the home page *News and Info* section. You can access the FCPS website from many devices.
2. Comcast cable channel 18 on TV or online <http://www.fcps.org/centraloffice/fcps-television>
3. FCPS Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FCPSMaryland>
4. FCPS Twitter <https://twitter.com/fcpsmaryland>
5. FCPS FindOutFirst (FOF) www.fcps.org/fof or http://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/login_form.aspx?app=0
WITHOUT logging in, you may view published notices using the *Archive* icon on the upper black bar to the left of the *Select Language* option. From either of the above FOF links, **SIGN UP for FindOutFirst EMAIL notices and TEXT messages**. Delivery speed depends on your Internet Service Provider (for email) and your phone-service provider (for text messages), message length and other factors. FOF text messages are typically faster than email, which is slower but has room for details. Most subscribers sign up for both.
6. We notify about 30 local and regional radio and TV stations but cannot guarantee the accuracy of their messages. *There is a Frederick County Public Schools system in Virginia; make sure you're hearing information about FCPS Maryland!*

Afterschool and Weekend Activities: Generally, when schools are closed due to inclement weather, school-sponsored afterschool and evening activities are canceled or postponed. On non-school days when the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect in Frederick County, unless the Superintendent grants a waiver, all afterschool, evening and weekend programs and activities are canceled or postponed, *including events scheduled by outside user groups*. **Exceptions:** Frederick County Parks and Recreation programs operating in community gyms in FCPS schools and daycare programs operating in FCPS schools (such as YMCA before- and afterschool programs) independently make and communicate their decisions regarding schedule modifications. For **Frederick County Parks and Recreation** program updates, you may call 301-600-6291.

Snow Emergency Plan status is announced on local radio and posted on the Maryland Department of Transportation website: http://www.chart.state.md.us/StormInfo/snow_emergency_plans.asp

Parents are advised to review your [FCPS Calendar Handbook](#), page 5, especially for information about pre-k and Career and Technology Center delays.

Here are links to a flier and to FCPS Regulations with additional information:

How to Check School Status:

English: <https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/Frederick/GetFile.aspx?DocId=5581>

Spanish: <https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/Frederick/GetFile.aspx?DocId=7817>

Reg. 400-2 Closing Schools Due to Weather, Maintenance, etc:

<https://apps.fcps.org/legal/doc.php?number=400-02>

Reg. 400-42 Weather Guidelines for Outside Activities:

<https://apps.fcps.org/legal/doc.php?number=400-42>

Emergency Lunches During Inclement Weather Events:

<http://fcpsnutrition.com/?sid=1496937421390&page=784>

Here's a link to the Superintendent's blog about snow:

<http://superintendent.fcps.org>

A final note: Emergency closing notices are sent from the FCPS Central Office only, not from schools.



COUNSELOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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This month we have been focusing on our last *Leader in Me Habit SHARPEN THE SAW!* This means to find balance in the different parts of our lives (body, mind, heart and soul). If our "saw" is sharpened, we are the best we can be. To sharpen our body, we eat/drink healthy, get good sleep and exercise. In order to have a sharp mind, we may choose to read, practice our math facts, or learn a new skill. Our heart is the most sharp when we do things we love like hang with our friends, spend time with family or participate in hobbies. Which leads to our fourth area to sharpen, the soul (my favorite). These are the things we do to find peace and relax. Some students talked about coloring, listening to music, playing cards/chess or even simply breathing in fresh air. While all these are wonderful, doing too much of any one thing does not promote balance. Just like the old saying tells us...everything in moderation. If we listen to that, we will be more balanced and be better for it. Take this break to "sharpen the saw." I know I will:)

Other Important Reminders:

All absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals need a parent note or are unexcused. Be sure to include the child's first and last name and the teacher's name. Even if you have called the school to report an absence, we still require a note upon returning to school. For a copy of "A Note to School" please go to <http://ges.sites.fcps.org/attendance>. To review the entire FCPS policy, please visit page 38 of the FCPS Calendar Handbook.

Address change: Please provide a new proof of residency (a copy of a property tax bill, gas bill, electric bill, water/sewer bill or a signed current lease/rental agreement; NO phone/cable bills).

Custody change: If there is a change in child custody, please make sure you share that information with your child's teacher and the office. It is extremely important that a copy of the court document be delivered to the school and placed in the child's permanent record folder. Should the school not have this documentation, we have no recourse but to release your child to either parent upon request.

Wellness-Food Use: FCPS Wellness Regulation 400-82 states in part:

- For health and safety reasons, parents/visitors are only permitted to bring in food that is intended for consumption by their individual student.
- For health and safety reasons, students are only permitted to bring in food for personal consumption.

Weapons: Possession of any firearm or other weapon by a student on school property is strictly forbidden. This also includes look-alike weapons. The penalties for violation are detailed in the Discipline section of the FCPS handbook. Please remember it is a serious offense to possess a weapon of any kind on school property.

Bus Transportation

Students may ride only the school bus to which they are assigned. Inviting friends to ride the bus home is sometimes problematic as some busses are extremely crowded and over capacity. In an emergency situation only, both students are required to have a parent note. This note must be signed by parents. Drivers will not transport any student without a note and/or on their bus roster. Please note that some notes may not be approved due to overcrowding. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Outside Activities During Cold Weather – Elementary Guidelines:

It is difficult to set guidelines that fit every circumstance and condition with regards to outside activities during cold weather. Principals use their discretion and good judgment as to whether or not students will go outside, as well as the duration of the outside activity. Sometimes we may opt for a shorter recess period in cold temperatures or specify a temperature above 20 degrees as the cut off point for going out. Elementary students should not go outdoors for recess or physical education whenever the temperature falls below 20 degrees, including the wind chill factor. The temperature cut off at Glade is 22 degrees, so please remember to dress your student in the appropriate clothing (labeled coat, hat and gloves). We will honor parent's reasonable requests that a student be allowed to stay indoors.



MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL: ALL medications to be taken at school, whether prescription or non - prescription (over-the-counter), **must** have a Medication Authorization form completed by the child's health care provider and parent. This form is available from the Health Room Staff and at www.fcps.org. This form along with the medication, in a properly labeled prescription bottle or the original unopened over-the-counter bottle or package, must be given directly to the Health Room Staff by the parent/guardian. **FCPS Regulation 400-23 states students are not permitted to carry medications to and from school.**

When Should I keep my child home?

Please keep your child home if these symptoms present and if these symptoms persist for more than 24 hours, contact your child's health care provider. If your child comes to the health room complaining of such you will be called to possibly pick he/she up from school.

Important Signs of Illness:

- *Temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees*
- *Nausea or Vomiting*
- *Stomachache*
- *Diarrhea*
- *Pale or flush face*
- *Headache*
- *Persistent cough*
- *Earache*
- *Thick discharge from nose*
- *Sore throat*
- *Rash or skin infection*
- *Red or pink eyes*
- *Loss of appetite*
- *Loss of energy or decrease in activity*

Please keep your child home from school for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting, fever, and/or diarrhea. If these symptoms persist for more than 24 hours, you should contact your child's health care provider.