



## THURMONT PRIMARY MAY/JUNE 2019

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 9 Grandparents Day for Grade 1
  - May 16 Grandparents Day for Grade 2
  - May 23 Grandparents Day for Kindergarten
  - May 2 Grade 2 Music Program , 6:30
  - May 2 Moms and Muffins, 7:15-8:00, TPS  
Gym (Park in Back of building)
  - May 6-12 Teacher Appreciation Week
  - May 24 Cultural Arts: Joe Romano
  - May 10 Two- hour early dismissal @ 1:10
  - May 27 No School – Memorial Day
  - May 30 CHS graduation
  - June 6 Quarterly  
Assemblies
  - June 10 Field Day, PK/K
  - June 11 Field Day, Gr 1-2
  - June 19 Last day  
Dismissal @ 1:10
  - Aug. 19 2019-2020 bus routes posted on FCPS  
website
  - Aug. 14 Teacher assignment letters mailed to  
families (class lists **are not** posted  
on front doors)
- Watch for details about Open House and  
Kindergarten Orientation via Find out First  
and in your child's teacher assignment letter.*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May is here! This can only mean the end of school is near. However, teachers are still teaching and students are still learning. Our TPS teachers are amazing. They make every day special for our students. Teachers maximize their teaching time with our students. Every day of school is a valuable day of teaching and learning. Please emphasize to your child that every moment counts and school and homework are just as important now as they were in September. It is like playing the Super Bowl and only playing until the 2 minute warning! A lot of progress can be made in this little bit of time. Help us make every second, minute, hour and day count. Please make school a priority when organizing your time; find time for homework and to inquire about your child's day. Daily and on time attendance is important.

### SUMMER LEARNING IDEAS

Did you know your children may lose up to 25% of their reading and math skills during summer break? While children enjoy summer break, they experience summer learning loss if they do not practice their skills! So, what can you do? Read with your child – what a perfect reason to let a child stay up a little later! Permit them to read for 5, 10, 15 minutes each night before lights out. Make trips to the library. Have your child write postcards to family and friends. Have your child read a road map during a trip. Let your child determine elapsed time from one point to the next. Have he/she estimate your grocery costs as you comparison shop. Create brochures of places you visited. There are lots of ways to keep your child learning during summer-time.



**Remember, school begins on TUES., SEPTEMBER 3!**

### TEACHER APPRECIATION

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-12. Please take time to express your thanks for the hard work and dedication of our staff.



It is mixed emotions that I am announcing my retirement. I loved being a part of the Thurmont community and will miss those smiling faces and daily hugs from the kids. I have enjoyed working with this dedicated and gifted staff. They have inspired me with their talents! I will miss the students laughter and those times that they are beaming with pride over their accomplishments. I thank the TPS families for working with me and supporting our school. I have been a part of the Catocin Feeder first as Assistant Principal at Thurmont Elementary, Principal at Sabillasville Elementary, and Principal at Thurmont Primary. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the Catocin Feeder Schools.

In my retirement, I plan to spend time relaxing at the beach, catching up on reading, and volunteering in my daughter's classroom!

Sincerely,

*Karen Locke*



## APPROPRIATE DRESS

Just a gentle reminder about student attire:

Please refrain from sending your child to school wearing:

- Belly-baring shirts or pants that are low-riders
- Shorts that are too short—fingertip length is best
- Pants that are too baggy



Clothing with inappropriate/suggestive slogans, advertise alcohol or tobacco products, or ones promoting violence are prohibited.

Wearing flip-flops is OK, but be aware children often get hurt while running or climbing during recess. Sneakers are the best option for running and playing on mulched playgrounds. Please be sure your child **wears sneakers on PE days**. Your child may want to keep a sweater or sweatshirt in their locker in case they get chilly once the A/C is turned on.

## DISMISSAL CHANGES

- ♦ Please do not call the office with dismissal changes, unless an *unexpected emergency* arises during the day.
- ♦ Dismissal changes must be in writing and signed by the parent/guardian.

## Student school transfers for 2019–2020:

Are you moving or have you moved? Please notify the school office if your child will not be returning to Thurmont Primary OR moving on to Thurmont Elementary next year. Thanks!

**HEALTH ROOM NEWS:** All medications must be picked up from the Health Room by JUNE 19. Medication cannot be kept throughout the summer. ***Medication not picked up by 4:00 on June 19 will be discarded.*** We are not permitted to send medications home with students. Each year, new doctor's orders are required for any prescription medications, or over-the-counter medications. This year's medication and/or treatment orders will expire and must be renewed for the beginning of the next school year. You can pick up the necessary forms in the Health Room when you come to pick up your medicine or you can stop by the school office during the summer (M-Th).

## SIGN UP FOR FIND OUT FIRST

Please **subscribe** to FOF to have emails and/or text messages sent to you about events and happenings as well as newsletters. Find out First is FREE! Sign up at [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org), click on get email news. It is that easy!

## TEACHER NEWS



Mrs. Karen Yoder, Literacy Specialist, was a semi-finalist for the **Frederick County Teacher of the Year**. TPS is proud of Mrs. Yoder's accomplishments.

Please join us in congratulating our Music Teacher, Mrs. Marisa Bruce, as the Lions' Club **Catoctin Teacher of the Year representative** for Thurmont Primary School.

## LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS IS JUNE 19

June 19 is the students' last day of school.  
School dismisses 2 hours early at 1:10 PM

Please check your child's backpack for next year's supply list, notes, report card, etc. Please be sure your child has all his/her belongings. Our lost and found is overflowing. Please come check it out—something may belong to you! The teachers' last day is June 20.

## PARENTS OF GRADE 2 STUDENTS

There will be a parent meeting on June 12, 6:00-7:00 at TES for parents to meet TES's Principal Mrs. O'Donnell, and to hear about Grade 3 curriculum and expectations. Refreshments will be served!