

# GLADE GAZETTE GLADE PTA NEWSLETTER

May 16, 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
<b>MAY</b>		
21	Field Trip - Gr. 5 – DC – Museum of Natural History	9-3:15
22	Chorus Concert for students Chorus Spring Concert, Café Girls on the Run	2:30 7:00pm 3:45-5:15
23	Field Trip – Gr. 3 – WJZ Field Trip Day @ Camden Yards Market Day (Gr.5)	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
<b>JUNE</b>		
3	Band/Orchestra Students – bring your instrument	
5	Field Day (rain date June 6)	
7	Field Trip – Gr. 4 – Annapolis 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, Café	9:00-3:15 12:30-2:30
10	Keys Game (chorus sings National Anthem)	7:00 pm
13	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic, Heritage Farm Park (rain date June 14)	10:30-2:30
19	Last Day of School for Students 2-Hour Early Dismissal <i>(AM PreK 9-10:30 PM PreK 12-1:30)</i> Move-Up Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tug-O-War 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Clap-Out	9:00-1:30 9:00-10:15 10:30-10:45 1:00
20	Last day of school for staff	

# ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Glade Families,

## **Grouping for the 2019-20 School Year**

We are currently working on grouping classes for the 2019-20 school year for the past month. There are many factors that affect the process: student academic needs within a group; designing Math and Language Arts instructional groups within a classroom that allow flexibility in challenging students as they are ready and also slowing down when it is best for a child; consideration of the blend of boys and girls in a classroom; allowing for scheduling of both in class and outside of class interventions; delivery of Special Education services in a least restrictive environment; consideration for a match of learning and teaching styles, and so on.

I am very happy to discuss placement for the coming year with any parent. However, I cannot honor specific teacher requests, as I believe that every teacher in our school is equally capable of providing the very best of instruction and a positive learning environment for each child.

Your student will have their teacher assignment for next year on their report card on the last day of school. That morning they will also meet with their next year's teacher as possible during our Move-up Day activity. For students who will be moving on to other schools next year, they to participate in an alternative activity so that they are included and their feelings are respected.

***\*We will have one more newsletter on Thursday, June 6 which will contain all year-end information.***

Yours in Education,  
Mr. ÓhEithir & Mrs. Stuart

## **PTA Members 2019-20**

Huge congratulations to our new PTA Executive Board Members for next year: President - John Dye; Vice President for Social Programs - Lauren Shrader; Vice President for Academic Programs - Yanina Cutsail; Treasurer - Brittany Snyder Clay; and Secretary - Laura Malec. We are so excited to see where this group of leaders will take us!!

Additionally, a huge *THANK YOU* to our current PTA Board Members: President - Beth Herndon; VP Social Programs - Lauren Shrader; VP Academic Programs - Wendy Cutsail; Treasurer - Joy Sayles Klauder; Secretary - Sarah Marie Hopkins. Thank you for all you have done this year to serve our amazing school.

## **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.

## 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

### 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.**



## MEDIA NEWS

Mona Weinberg, Library Media Specialist  
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### Book Swap

The Glade Book Swap is coming to the library in June during the students' regular library time. Please donation one or more books that your child has already read and that is like-new/good shape and put them in the designated box in the school library before June 1. These books will be swapped for another book they haven't read. Even if your child doesn't bring in a book, they will have the opportunity to go to the book swap!

### Library Books

If your child has any library books at home, please return them by Friday, May 31 so that they may be inventoried. Those students who still have books out will bring home an overdue notice. If you have any questions about missing books, please contact Mona Weinberg.



## COUNSELOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Nikki Ramsay, School Counselor  
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240-236-2114

The week of May 6-10 we celebrated Children's Mental Health Matters! It's easy to know your child needs help dealing with a fever or a broken bone, but mental health problems can be harder to identify. You may be surprised to learn that 1 in 5 children experience a diagnosable mental health disorder each year, yet only 20% are identified and receive treatment. The tricky part of parenting is knowing the kinds of behaviors and moods that are usual for the stage of development your child is in – and when your child needs help. Visit [www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org](http://www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org) to learn more.

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If you or someone you know needs help with school supplies for next year, the Glade Valley Community Services will be distributing school supplies for students in our feeder on Sunday, August 18, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Walkersville Town Hall (2nd floor). No registration is necessary, but parents/guardians will need to bring the student's report card for identification purposes.

If anyone would like to donate items/supplies, they will be accepted at the Walkersville Food Bank on August 10 and 11 from 10:00 am - noon. For more information call 301-845-0213.

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

**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**  
*5525 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick 240-236-5700*  
\$40

**Space is limited: Register early!**  
<https://bit.ly/wlintrosc2019>  
[See the flier!](#)

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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**  
*5525 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick 240-236-5700*  
\$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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**REGISTRATION is OPEN NOW for**  
**Summer Camps at the ESSL**  
**FCPS EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE LAB!**

- Monday-Thursday, July 15-18 **Art of Science** (entering grades 3-5)
- Monday-Thursday, July 15-18 **Summer Scientist** (entering grades 2-3)
- Monday-Thursday, July 22-25 **Shark Week** (entering grades 3-5)
- Monday-Thursday, July 22-25 **Summer Scientist** (entering grades 2-3)
- Monday-Thursday, July 29-August 1 **Lego Mindstorms Robotics** (entering grades 3-6)
- Monday-Thursday, July 29-August 1 **Makerspace Madness** (entering grades 3-5)
- Monday-Thursday, August 5-8 **Summer Scientist** (entering grades 2-3)
- Monday-Thursday, August 5-8 **Lego Mindstorms Robotics** (entering grades 3-6)
- Monday-Thursday, August 12-15 **Summer Star Institute** (entering grades 6-8)

**Enrollment is limited to 20 students per camp.**  
**All sessions are taught by certified teachers.**  
[See important information and register here!](#)  
[Download the flyer.](#)

## **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](http://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](http://www.fcps.org/fof) or [http://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/login\\_form.aspx?app=0](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](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.*

### **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.

**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/>

### **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](http://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.