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MYERSVILLE ELEMENTARY

LEARNING TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE

Principal's Newsletter

Dear Families– Thank you all so much for your donations to the Race for Education. I can't wait to have lunch with the students who raised \$400+. I was also excited to see so many families in for conferences and supporting the book fair. Hope you found some great books and heard the good news about your students. Take care.

All the best, Mrs. Swire

P.S. Mr. Miller our lead custodian, will be out for a few months. Mrs. Mills, acting lead, will be holding down the fort. If you need something, feel free to email her at Nicole.mills@fcps.org

Dates to Know

- 11/1 Fall parties; each grade has a different time; PTA sponsored dance, 6-8pm
- 11/6 PTA meeting, 6:00pm media center
- 11/7 2nd gr field trip in the morning
- 11/8 Schools closed– Teacher work day. Office open 8:30-4:00

**early notice– Picture retakes are Dec. 3

Important: Please read

Bring Your Own Device is available for grades 3-5. See link below:

<https://education.fcps.org/myes/byodforms> Parents should complete Steps 1 & 2 for Bring Your Own Device permission requirements.

- Parents for the safety of our students, we will no longer accept phone call changes for dismissal. We have a form that can be accessed from our MYES webpage, <https://education.fcps.org/myes/home>
- Click on the form “transportation changes” under the quick links section. You will need your student’s ID number. That number can be found on the welcome letter sent home this summer. If you cannot find your welcome letter, please send a letter requesting your child’s ID. We will send that home in a sealed envelope. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to ensure that students go home safely.

Safety Considerations

Cell Phones

For the safety of our students, staff and entire community...PLEASE DO NOT utilize your cell phone while driving into and out of our school grounds. We LOVE our children and IT IS THE LAW!

Arrival and Dismissal

Please follow the directions of the staff member on traffic duty for the car rider lines, bus loops and walkers. They are keeping your children safe.

Remember:

- **the bus loop is NOT open to parents/cars during the school day. Please use visitor parking on the side of the building.**
- Parents should not be parked on Main St. waiting until 3:30; you may be ticketed by local police. Dismissal, as always, will begin at 3:30. Time your arrival at the school to coincide with that time. Please ensure that you do not block the crosswalks at any time.
- You may consider parking at a local church and walk to the school to pick up your child as a walker.
- If your child(ren) normally rides a bus, please allow your child(ren) to follow that routine.
- Please do not use local businesses or homes to turn around or park during dismissal. These are private property and subject to towing or possible fines.

Absences

Changes to Reg 400-98. Available on FCPS website under Board policies/regulations

Chronic Absenteeism - The Every Student Succeeds Acts (ESSA) defines chronic absenteeism as missing 10 percent or more of the school year for any reason. All absences (illness, need to care for a family member, unexcused absences and out-of-school suspensions) are factored into attendance percentages. Students who are chronically absent are missing a significant amount of school, thus, missing out on important instruction.

The only system-wide recognition of student attendance is that of exemplary attendance.

All students with 3 or fewer days of legal absences shall be recognized as attaining exemplary attendance at the end of each school year.

a. Present - Full Day A student is counted present for a full day if the student is in attendance 4 hours or more of the school day.

b. Present - Partial Day A student is counted present for one-half day if in attendance for at least 2 hours of the school day, but less than 4 hours.