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MYERSVILLE ELEMENTARY

LEARNING TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE

Principal's Newsletter

Dear Families– We wanted to share our school vision with you. This is something that has been in place for a few years but we wanted to be sure you knew what our long-range vision was for Myersville. We will be sharing pieces of this vision with students and may even have students share those with you. Thank you, as always, for your support!

Myersville Elementary is a place where students and staff are engaged learners. They feel safe to take risks and all contributions are valued. Here we have fun while we learn in our school community.

All the best, Mrs. Swire

Dates to Know

12.5 Choral concert, 6:00

12.9 3rd gr walking field trip

12.10 & 12.11 Hearing and vision screenings for all K and 1st gr plus new to MD

12.11, 12 and 13 Holiday gift shop run by PTA. Students have specific days/times to come

12.16 Winter band concert, MHS

12.20 two-hour early dismissal: Happy Holidays!!!!

Important: Please read

- When parents drop off lunches, they will be placed on the table outside of the office for the students to retrieve on their way to the cafeteria
- 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: PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR CAR for car rider dismissal

- **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.