

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

March 3, 2022



OUR VISION

“All staff, students, parents and community of New Midway/Woodsboro Elementary School collaborate to foster lifelong learning and honorable character in the 21st century. We nurture diverse learners in a safe, happy and engaging environment which promotes academic excellence and encourages students to be their best and nothing less.”

Youth Art Month at FCPS

Youth Art Month is celebrated in FCPS the month of March. A free exhibit, including 383 teacher-selected student art pieces from FCPS grades PK-12, will be on display at the Delaplaine Arts Center from March 5-March 27. Two additional FCPS art displays will also be showcased at The Delaplaine during the month of March. The Unified Art display will be located near the entryway closest to Carroll Creek, and the 20 FCPS faculty art pieces will be displayed in the hallway on the 2nd floor. Visit The Delaplaine Arts Center web page for more details: www.delaplaine.org

WHS Multicultural Night: Unity through Diversity

The Walkersville High School Spanish Club and World Language Department are hosting a Multicultural Night on March 15 from 5-7 PM at Walkersville High School. This event will have food and activities celebrating different cultures, scientific achievements, women's history and more. All students and families in the Walkersville High School feeder pattern are invited to attend: [Flyer](#)

Chorus

Ms. Norris is excited to share a video of our chorus singing songs that were selected for our winter concert: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LnyC7SUxSIEqtSxwOHihJb9B4G2Bnasi/view?usp=sharing>

Virtual Coffee Chat

It is a priority that all of our students feel welcome, safe and secure. Would you like to know more about how we respond as a school in response to bullying? Would you like to know what behaviors constitute bullying? Or what to do if you believe your child has experienced bullying? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please join us for another virtual coffee chat on Monday, March 21 at 9:30 AM. We will share information regarding Regulation No. 400-48 (Bullying-Harassment-Intimidation Complaint Process for Students).

To join the Google Meet video meeting, click this link:

<https://meet.google.com/jdd-tdsw-bdi>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 815-900-2290 and enter this PIN: 909 742 771#



Are you interested in another topic for a Coffee Chat? Please let kimberly.clifford@fcps.org know what topic you would like for us to cover in April!

World Down Syndrome Day

School communities are invited to wear fun socks on Monday, March 21 to show support for World Down Syndrome Day and to share observances on social media using the hashtags @WSDatFCPS and #LotsOfSocks.

The twenty-first day of the third month was selected when the WSD was made an international observance 15 years ago to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the twenty-first chromosome, which causes Down Syndrome.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations said, "On this day, let us reaffirm that persons with Down Syndrome are entitled to the full and effective enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms. Let us each do our part to enable children and persons with Down Syndrome to participate fully in the development and life of their societies on an equal basis with others. Let us build an inclusive society for all."



It couldn't be easier.

All you need to do is choose some socks that are going to get noticed - they might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!

Get your friends, class mates and colleagues to join in too! If you're at home you can connect online via social media.

The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome".

Get yourself informed so you can tell them about Down syndrome.

Quarantine or Isolation Instruction Reminder

If your child is required to isolate, don't forget to have your child access 1) lessons, assignments and resources on Schoology 2) access live instruction and support via our [Tutoring/Synchronous Instruction Schedule](#) (please email the teacher a day in advance if you intend to have your son/daughter access live tutoring) 3) teachers may also prepare a paper packet to supplement (not replace) online resources 4) spend 15 minutes on LEXIA daily (for ELA support) and 5) spend 15 minutes on iReady (for math support) daily. These supports will help minimize disruptions to learning and help our students remain connected to their classroom while quarantining or isolating at home. Never hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher for support and/or to help prioritize assignments.

Dates to Remember

Please note that any dates scheduled for the year will be released with each Principal Newsletter for your planning purposes. Additional dates will be added to the calendar on a regular basis by staff members, thus we will update the list of dates with each newsletter. It is important to note that all dates are tentative and subject to change.

Date	Event
MARCH	
Friday, 3/4	PTA Reflections Gala, 5:00-6:30 PM at New Midway (Snow Date)- This event will be postponed.
Friday, 3/18	2 Hour Early Dismissal (addition to FCPS calendar as of 12/13)

Saturday, 3/9	Frederick County Spelling Bee @ Frederick Community College's JBK Theater (Snow Date: 3/26)
Sunday, 3/13	Registration closes for the FCPS Science and Engineering Fair: Press Release
Monday, 3/21	World Down Syndrome Day (wear fun socks to show support and raise awareness) Coffee Chat, 9:30 AM
Friday, 3/25	2-Hour Early Dismissal (addition to FCPS calendar as of 11/23)
Saturday, 3/26	Frederick County Spelling Bee @ Frederick Community College's JBK Theater (Snow Date)
Sunday, 3/27	Registered Science and Engineering Fair projects submission deadline
Monday, 3/28	Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Work Day
APRIL	
Saturday, 4/2	Virtual Annual Science and Engineering Fair
Tuesday, 4/12	Spring Pictures
Friday, 4/15-Friday 4/22	Schools Closed/Spring Break
Wednesday, 4/27	Administrative Professionals Day
MAY	
May 2-6	National Teacher Appreciation Week
Friday, 5/6	2 Hour Early Dismissal
Tuesday, 5/17	Grade 1 Field Trip, ESSL
Friday, May 20	2-Hour Early Dismissal (addition to FCPS calendar as of 12/13)
Monday, 5/30	Schools and Offices Closed
JUNE	
Wednesday, 6/1	Last Day of School for Students (subject to change due to inclement weather closures) 2 Hour Early Dismissal Report Cards Issued