

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

April 7, 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.”

Save the Date

We are excited to share that we plan to hold an in person Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony on Friday, June 3 at 2:00. Grade 5 parents are invited to join us in the cafeteria at New Midway on this date. We kindly request that each family limit their guests to two adults. If a family has an *extenuating* circumstance, you may request additional adult guests by contacting kimberly.clifford@fcps.org. Such requests should be made in advance by May 20.

Virtual Coffee Chat

Perceptual survey results are in! Would you like to know more about how we respond as a school to survey results? Would you like to know the preliminary plans we have developed? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please join us for another virtual coffee chat on Thursday, May 26 at 9:30 AM.

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#

If you are interested in another topic for a Coffee Chat in the future, please let

kimberly.clifford@fcps.org know what topic you would like for us to cover!



Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten Enrollment

Online enrollment is now open for students NEW to Frederick County Public Schools for the 2022-23 school year! Parents may enroll their child in FCPS by clicking [here](#) in English or [here](#) in Spanish. You will be prompted to create an account prior to beginning the enrollment process.

Please note, parents/guardians of existing FCPS students who will be changing schools within the county for next school year may begin to process in-county transfers using the online portal as well.

Additional information is online at <https://www.fcps.org/student-services/enrolling-a-student>. All new enrollments, including pre-kindergarten (pre-k) and kindergarten, occur online in a secure virtual environment.

Those enrolling a child also upload required documents and photo identification online. Required enrollment documents are as follows:

- For immunization and health records, provide BOTH of the following:
 - * Department of Health and Mental Hygiene form [896 Immunization Certificate](#) and
 - * Documentation of a recent physical exam, recorded on the [Maryland Schools Record of Physical Examination](#)
- For proof of date of birth, provide ONE of the following:
 - * birth certificate
 - * physician's certificate
 - * hospital certificate

- * baptismal or church certificate
- * parent's affidavit
- * passport/visa
- For proof of residency, provide ONE of the following:
 - * current property tax bill
 - * current rental bill
 - * current utility bill for water, gas, or electric
- Also provide the parent/guardian photo ID.

Pre-kindergarten

The FCPS pre-kindergarten program is a state-funded program for 4-year-old children who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Child must be 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current school year
- Child must reside in Frederick County
- Children whose families qualify up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Limit (new)
 Children whose families qualify under the Free and Reduced-Price Meals income guidelines and children who are homeless or in foster care receive automatic placement into the pre-kindergarten program. Enrollment is still required; please use the links [here](#) for English or [here](#) for Spanish.

Otherwise, applying for an FCPS public pre-kindergarten program, regardless of the time of year, DOES NOT automatically guarantee enrollment. Every attempt is made to provide space for as many children as possible, but because of funding restrictions, spaces are limited. In order for an application to be considered, all appropriate information must be completed and accompanied by ALL required documentation. Incomplete applications will not be processed and may affect a child's placement. For more information about eligibility and applications for prekindergarten, please visit <https://www.fcps.org/academics/prekindergarten>.

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
APRIL	
Tuesday, 4/12	Spring Pictures
Friday, 4/15-Friday 4/22	Schools Closed/Spring Break
Wednesday, 4/27	Administrative Professionals Day
MAY	
May2-6	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	
Friday, 6/3	2:00 Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony
Tuesday, 6/7	Last Day of School for Students (subject to change due to inclement weather closures) 2 Hour Early Dismissal Report Cards Issued