



# New Market Elementary School January Newsletter

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Remember to check the FCPS Calendar Handbook, Channel 18, FOF, and the NMES website <http://education.fcps.org/nmes> for school news.

Date	Event	Time
Fri 1/11	Spirit Day- Dress as your favorite book character	
Mon 1/21	Schools Closed	
Fri 1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Term 2 Ends</li><li>• First day of Pennies for Patients</li></ul>	
Mon 1/28	Schools Closed- Teacher Work Day	

### ***Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award Nominee***

We would like to congratulate 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Carly Moyer who will be recognized as our NMES Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award nominee. She will join other nominees on stage at the county celebration on January 10<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Johnson High School. Way to go, Carly!

### ***Pennies for Patients***

Our annual Pennies for Patients campaign will kick off at the end of January. We will start collecting pennies on January 25<sup>th</sup> and we will finish on February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information about Pennies for Patients, please contact our Guidance Counselor, Keeley Carl, at [keeley.carl@fcps.org](mailto:keeley.carl@fcps.org).

### ***Media Center Volunteers Needed!***

The media center is looking for volunteers for the winter and spring months! If you are interested, you may sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fabaf2aaaf58-media>. If the listed time frames don't match your availability, please contact Mrs. Siderius at [jennifer.siderius@fcps.org](mailto:jennifer.siderius@fcps.org). Thank you so much!

### ***Winter Break Reading Bingo***

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our Winter Break Reading Bingo! Mrs. Siderius is so proud of our students who continued reading over

the break. All students who participated were entered into a raffle for gift cards to our spring book fair and 10 lucky students each won a \$5 gift card.

### ***A Message from Our Health Room***

**Hearing and Vision Screening** will take place January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for all students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten (if not previously screened upon entry in FCPS Pre-K), 1<sup>st</sup> grade and any new enterers to the Maryland public school system. Maryland State Law mandates this screening. Parents/guardians who have an objection to this screening based on the tenets and/or practice of their church or religion must submit a request for their child to be exempt from screening. All written requests must be submitted to the health room by January 16th. **Please make sure if your child wears glasses or contacts that they have them on the screening days.** If you have any questions please contact the health room at (240) 236-1310.

~Lora McQuitty, RN, BSN

### ***Magnet Program Nomination Information***

The magnet program is designed for academically gifted students in grades 3 – 5 with superior performance in both language arts and mathematics. Nomination booklets, which will be available beginning January 25, 2019, may be obtained from the school office, the FCPS Office of Advanced Academics or online at <http://www.fcps.org/advacademics> under Elementary Magnet Program. Beginning January 25, 2019, the Office of Advanced Academics will be accepting nominations of present second through fourth grade students for possible placement in the magnet program for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Students may be nominated for the magnet program by school staff, parents or jointly. Parents and teachers are encouraged to review information, including some characteristics of gifted students, that is posted at <http://www.fcps.org/advacademics>. Teacher nominations, parent nominations and a completed *Parent/Guardian Rating Form* are due in the school office by February 28, 2019, so that information required to complete the nomination packet may be gathered by school staff.

A Magnet Program Overview for parents interested in nominating their child will be held on January 24, 2019, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Office (191 South East Street). Parking is available in the East All Saints Street parking deck or in the parking lot located next to the Central Office off of East All Saints Street. Accessible parking is located in the Commerce Street lot located behind the Central Office. Enter the Board Room at the front of the building. The overview will include components of the magnet program and the processes leading to placement. Please note that this meeting is designed for parents, not students. The snow date for this meeting

is January 31, 2019 at the same time and location. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Advanced Academics at 301-696-6891.

### ***Weather Guidelines & Outdoor Recess***

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 NMES is 20 degrees, so please remember to dress your student in the appropriate clothing (labeled coat, hat, and gloves).

### ***School Closures and Delays***

Occasionally, inclement weather and other safety or health conditions require FCPS to close, delay opening or dismiss early. Closing and delay decisions involve careful evaluation of a variety of factors in a short time period. Whenever possible, decisions are made by 5 a.m. for morning closings and delays and by 10 a.m. for early closings, and announced soon after. Because weather can change quickly and forecasts aren't always certain, it's rarely possible to determine delays or closings the night before. However, we always make the decision as soon as we can be sure of the weather and travel conditions, and we begin communicating the decision right away.

FCPS doesn't usually announce that schools are open or operating on schedule, only that they are closed, delayed or dismissing early. If we haven't announced otherwise, schools are open on time. Regardless of what FCPS decides, if you believe weather conditions are hazardous or unsafe, you have the right to keep your child home from school. Student absences because of hazardous weather conditions are lawful and excused.

#### **HOW TO FIND OUT**

FCPS notifies about 30 local and regional TV and radio stations plus our own media outlets about system-wide school delays and closings. It is not possible to guarantee that the news media will announce this information promptly or accurately. For the fastest, most reliable information, check the following:

- [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org)
- Social Media: FCPS on Twitter and FCPS on Facebook
- Email/Text Messages: Sign up for Find Out First email and emergency-only text messages
- FCPS TV: Comcast Channel 18 (Frederick area)
- Mobile App: FCPS, free via Google play or App store

