



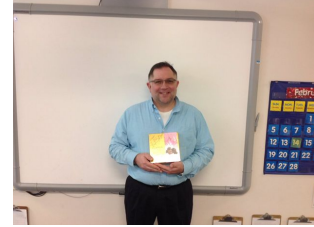
OWL NEWS

February 16,
2017

Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
1/31-3/1	Magnet nomination packets will be received by the front office through March 1
2/16	Cultural Arts Program - Bach to Rock - Grades 3-4
2/17	Spirit Day - Crazy Hair Day
2/20	Schools and Offices Closed: Presidents' Day
2/21	Schools Closed for Students: Professional Development Day
2/22	Parent information session at TJMS, 6:00 PM (snow date scheduled for 2/23)
2/27	2 Hour Early Dismissal for Students: Teacher Work Session Chorus 8:00 - 8:45 AM Elementary Interims Issued / Mid Term OES Bowling Invitational - 2:30-4:00 PM
3/3	PTA International Night
3/4	World Language Day, Tuscarora High School, 11:30-2:00
3/10	Complete entry form for OES science/social studies fair https://goo.gl/forms/5f5trmQH0uQ4NZC73
3/14	Spring pictures Girls on the Run, 3:45-5:00
3/16	Girls on the Run, 3:45-5:00
3/17	Science/social studies fair projects should be set up in media center, 8:45-9:15
3/21	Girls on the Run, 3:45-5:00
3/23	OES science/social studies fair, 6:00-7:30 (projects go home with students at 7:30 PM) Girls on the Run, 3:45-5:00
3/24	All remaining science/social studies fair projects go home with students
3/28	Girls on the Run, 3:45-5:00
3/30	Girls on the Run, 3:45-5:00

Celebrating our Staff

- We are proud to share that we have so many outstanding teachers that we are nominating not one, but three of our certificated staff for the FCPS Teacher of the Year Award! Congratulations to Kim Brandenburg, Steve Sahli and Michelle Torres for this very deserving honor.
- Congratulations is also extended to Rich DeVincentis and Mel White who have both been nominated for the Support Staff Employee of the Year Award!
- The great news continues! Our very own Lou Delphey has been nominated for the 'Janitor of the Year' contest sponsored by Cintas (FCPS uniform vendor).



We wish all of these staff members the best of luck as they move forward with their nomination process. We couldn't be more proud of all that these individuals contribute to our school. They make Oakdale a better place by choosing to be part of this wonderful community.

Girls on the Run

We are pleased to share that the response to Girls on the Run was so overwhelming that we will now have two teams! Girls on the Run's mission is to 'inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.' Thank you to the following coaches for making this possible: Kelly Crum, Brian McEntire, Janel Stokes and Alyssa Vance!

Kindergarten and Pre-K Registration

FCPS kindergarten and pre-k registration begin Monday, March 13! We strongly encourage early registration so we have time to predict accurate class size and hire adequate staff.

To enter kindergarten in the fall 2017, a child must be five on or before September 1, 2017. Those registering will need the child's:

- immunization record
- proof of birth date
- proof of residency

Priority Based Pre-K

FCPS kindergarten and pre-k registration begin Monday, March 13! To enter our priority based pre-kindergarten in fall 2017, a child must be four on or before September 1, 2017. Students are selected based on criteria such as eligibility for free or reduced-price meals or factors that increase a child's risk of not being successful in school. Proof of eligibility is required. For pre-k applications, provide the child's immunization record, proof of birth date and proof of residency.

If planning to have the child enter pre-k with automatic priority status based on free or reduced-price meal eligibility, also provide the following:

*3 consecutive pay stubs from the past 6 months or

*a W2 form showing 2015 earnings or

*a letter from an employer on letterhead stating the applicant's family income, social services agency or foster care determination

If the child has a documented special need, please provide a copy of the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Special Education Inclusive Pre-Kindergarten

We are excited to announce that next school year we will continue to provide a morning and afternoon session of special education inclusive pre-kindergarten. This program provides integrated supports for students with a variety of developmental disabilities in a small structured classroom. Students are taught communication, self-help, social, and academic skills in preparation for participation in kindergarten. Opportunities for inclusion with non-disabled peers are a priority.

From March 13-March 30, we will begin accepting applications for our special education inclusive PK program, which allows us to enroll 14 neuro-typical peers in our class (seven three year old students to attend in the morning, and seven four year old students in the afternoon in addition to seven students with developmental disabilities in each session). Children who enroll for this PK program must meet the following requirements:

- Age 3 by September 1, 2017 for the AM session, and age 4 by September 1, 2017 for the PM session
- No identified special needs services (ChildFind, speech or OT/PT)
- Must be transported to and from school by a parent/guardian daily
- May not already be enrolled in another FCPS PK program
- Live in the OES boundary area – out of district placements are not considered for typical peer placement in PK

Special education inclusive Pre-K packets must be submitted by Thursday, March 30. A lottery system will be used to select neuro-typical peers to participate in this program from complete applications that have been submitted by March 30. Families will be notified of their special education inclusive PK placements by April 28.

Recycling Poster Design Contest

Local residents and students have an opportunity to showcase their artistic talent and their support of recycling by participating in the Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) Recycling Poster Contest. The program, which runs through March 27, asks participants to create artwork that provides education on or promotion of the topic of recycling. Prizes will be awarded and selected entries will be featured online, in DSWM publications, and reprinted as posters to be distributed locally. "For recycling to be successful, we rely on the participation and understanding of our local community," notes Recycling Program Manager Cindy Johnson. "This contest is a great opportunity for fans of

recycling to share their enthusiasm and understanding of how the program works!" With that in mind, entrants are asked to create a design that helps increase awareness of, participation in or understanding of recycling. Designs should reflect one or more of the following themes: communicate what is and is not recyclable in Frederick County, demonstrate the ease of recycling, draw attention to the value of recycling and show that recycling is an important part of the community. Entries may be in any medium (drawing, painting, digital illustration, etc.) but must be solely the work of the entrant and not incorporate or copy the work of other artists. Selected entries will be reproduced in a poster format, so artwork should be designed with that goal in mind. Participants may enter up to two submissions and all entries must be accompanied by an official entry form. Artwork can be uploaded to the contest website (www.frederickcountymd.gov/PosterContest), emailed to ACreamer@FrederickCountyMD.gov or delivered/mailed to: DSWM Poster Contest, 9031 Reichs Ford Road, Frederick, MD 21704. Entries must be received by Monday, March 27, 2017. County staff will select one Grand Prize Winner to receive a \$150 award and four K-12 students to each receive \$75 awards. Voting on Facebook will select a "Community Choice" winner to receive an additional \$100 award. Funding for contest prizes has been made possible by a grant from Waste Management Recycle America. The announcement of contest winners will be made in conjunction with the County's acknowledgement of "Earth Day," the week of April 22. Printed posters reproduced from participants' artwork will be available for distribution at DSWM and community events. This contest is part of the Department of Solid Waste Management's ongoing efforts to bring attention to waste and recycling issues in Frederick County. For information on this program and other outreach offerings, please visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Recycle.

FCPS Improves Out-of-District Transfer Process Reminder

A full description of all changes, along with a FAQ about the new procedures, links to the regulations that contain the new procedures, the out-of-district transfer application form itself, and other helpful material for families is available online at: fcps.org. The out-of-district transfer form is also available at all local public schools or at the FCPS Student Services office, 191 South East Street, Frederick, 21701. The Student Services Office will accept new requests from April 1 to May 31, 2017. **Those seeking to renew a request approved for the current school year must re-apply by Monday, May 1 and you will be notified of the decision by Thursday, June 1, 2017.**

FCPS Elementary Science, Social Studies and Engineering Fair Reminder

Frederick County's annual Elementary Science & Engineering Fair and Social Studies Fair registration is now open online for students to register:

Elementary Science <http://education.fcps.org/scienceelem/sciencefair>

Elementary Social Studies <https://sites.google.com/fcps.org/ssfair>

The fair will be held on Saturday, April 1 at Tuscarora High School. It's a great opportunity for students to learn and grow as well as see other students' projects!

School Spirit Dates Reminder

February 17- Crazy Hair Day

March 17- Hat Day

April 28- Go Green Day

May 19- OES Spirit Day

June 9- Beach Day (no bathing suits please!)

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