

Fairfield Elementary School



NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember...

- February 6th- Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff
- February 7th- 5th Grade to MRMS
- February 9th- Interim Reports
- February 15th- MRMS Curriculum Information Night, 6:00 PM
- February 23rd- Jump Rope for Heart Event

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Did you know that each day over 25 million students rely on a bus to get them to school and back home safely? While riding a bus to school is safer than other forms of transportation, I wanted to share some tips to ensure that our students are safe bus riders:

- Be courteous and respectful to your driver. Follow directions.
- Stay a safe distance from the street and don't play around while waiting for the bus.
- Stay 10 giant steps away from the outside of the bus while the bus is pulling up so the driver can see you.
- Hold the handrail going up and down the stairwell so you don't trip.

- Find a seat and sit down as soon as you're on the bus.
- Don't put your head, arms, papers, or anything out the window.
- Wait to cross the street until the driver lets you know it's OK.
- Stay away from the bus wheels at all times- the driver cannot see you.
- Keep aisles clear of books and bags
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat.
- Never pick up anything from under the bus.

Fairfield would like to thank our parents, guardians, and families for reminding our students the importance of following bus rules to ensure the safety of our students.

Information for 5th Grade Parents

- Fairfield Elementary School 5th graders will visit Maury River Middle School on Tuesday, February 7th.
- Maury River Middle School will hold its Curriculum Information Night on Thursday, February 15, at 6pm at Maury River Middle School. This event is for current fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students and parents to learn about course opportunities for next year. Students will begin signing up for classes in mid-February. If you have any questions, you should contact your child's school counselor.

Winter Weather

If you have question you can rely on the following media sources.

Radio-

WREL(AM 1450),3WZ(FM96.7),
WXLK(FM92.3),WFIR(AM960),WSLC(FM94.9),
WSLQ(FM99.1),WVBE(FM100.1),WKDW(AM900),
WKCI(AM970),WSVO(FM93.1),WYYD(FM107.9),
WROV(FM96.3),WSVA(AM550),WQPO(FM100.7),
WMRA(FM89.9)

Television-

WDBJ(Channel7),WSLS(Channel10),WHSV(Channel 3),WSET(Channel13)

Websites-

www.rockbridge.k12.va.us
www.thenews-gazette



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Thank you for...

- Getting your child to school before the tardy bell rings at 7:55.
- Sending a note with your child when there is a transportation change.
- Calling by 9:00 a.m. if your child is absent to let us know the reason. Also, for sending a note the next day.
- Checking into the office when visiting our school.
- Dropping your child off after 7:35 in the morning.
- Sending in medications only after completing the appropriate paperwork.
- Calling us when we have done something right and when we can do something better.
- Sending in box tops!
- Being great parents and great students.

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Congratulations

Fairfield Elementary School would like to congratulate Maddie Jackson and Sofia Smith for their accomplishments in the Lexington Women's Club writing contest. Maddie placed first in the poetry selection and Sofia placed second in the essay contest. We are very proud of both of these students!



The importance of School Attendance

At FES we all want our students to be safe and successful. One of the most powerful ways we can promote student success is to ensure they attend school regularly. Attendance data provides support that when students are in school they are more likely to enjoy school and develop positive habits. Students that develop good attendance habits in the early grades will be more likely to continue those habits throughout their school years, as well as in their chosen careers.

A study conducted by the Rodel Community Scholars at Arizona State University that tracked students from kindergarten through high school found that dropout patterns were linked with poor attendance, beginning in kindergarten. Gregory Hickman, director of the Rodel Community Scholars program and former director of the Arizona Dropout Initiative, note that they discovered that as early as kindergarten, behavioral differences are apparent between those who go on to graduate and those who drop out, with dropouts missing an average of 124 days by eighth grade.

You can find additional information on attendance expectation for Rockbridge County Public Schools by visiting <https://www.rockbridge.k12.va.us>.



The third, fourth, and fifth grade students at Fairfield Elementary School will have the opportunity to participate in a Jump Rope for Heart event. Our kick off for the event will be on Tuesday, February 6th and run through Tuesday, February 13th. All students collecting \$5.00 or more will be invited to participate in a celebration on Friday, February 23rd. This is a great opportunity to exercise, have fun, and support a great cause.

Tips to Fight Against the Flu

- Keep your distance if someone is sick
- Wash your hands
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow — not into your hands.
- Stay home when you are sick
- Practice other good health habits
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth

