

BOOM CLAP THUNDERBIRD CHAT

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THIS WILL BE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR! WE WILL SEND HOME A WHAT WE ARE DOING SHEET FOR MAY & JUNE BUT NOT A FULL NEWSLETTER! THE BOOM CLAP THUNDERBIRD CHAT IS OFFICIALLY RETIRED FOR THE 17-18 SY!

Important Dates

April 12, PTA Meeting, 5:30pm
April 13, BINGO @ Downsville Ruritan, 6:30pm
April 16, SPIRIT DAY - Wear PJ's
April 16-27, Spring Flower Sale, Pick-up Date TBD
April 20, Spring Fling, 5:30-7pm
April 27, SPIRIT DAY - Wear Superhero Attire
April 27, K to the Planetarium
May 7-11, Teacher Appreciation Week
May 23, Grades K&1 Chorus Concert, 5:30pm
May 15-18, Book Fair
May 16, Parent's Day, 7:45-10am
May 23, Grades K&1 Chorus Concert, 5:30pm
May 24, 4th grade Band Concert 5:30 pm at Williamsport HS
May 24, 5th grade Band Concert 6:30 pm at Williamsport HS
May 30, Book Swap, 5:30-6:45pm
May 30, Grade 3 Field Trip
June 6, Field Day, 8:30-10:30am
June 7, 5th Grade Celebration, 9am
June 15, Last Day of School, Kindergarten Celebration, 9am

Did you know that **World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)** was observed on March 21? On this day, people with Down syndrome and those who live and work with them throughout the world organize and participate in activities and events to raise public awareness and create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome.



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- Connect 5 - Phone calls and Thursday emails. Please make sure we have your correct number and email on file.
- Facebook - www.facebook.com/Fountain-Rock-Elementary-100345960393387/
- FRE website - www.fountainrock.weebly.com. We post pictures from events here, staff emails are here, etc.!
- Parent & Student Vue - Gradebook & Attendance Information. Please contact the front office if you are having trouble logging in.
- Remind - This is the system we use for full school field trips & after school activities. Again, we need your correct email address or cell number on file!

WHAT WE ARE DOING!



What's Going on in Kindergarten

English - Main Idea and Key Details in NonFiction Text, compare/contrast NonFiction text, compare/contrast adventures & experiences of characters in fiction text
Writing - Opinion Pieces, Demonstrate the command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Social Studies - Economics

Math - 3D Shapes Continued & Math Facts Begin

What's Going on in Fourth Grade
Reading/Writing - Poetry & Opinion Writing

Math - Conversion of Measurements, Symmetry, and Review of Prior Concepts
Science - Continue the Study of Animals, Plants & How their Structures Help them Survive

What's Going on in First Grade

Writing - Applying writing and reading strategies to create opinion writing pieces.

Math - Constructing and interpreting graphs.

Reading - Improving informational and literary strategies while developing and understanding of how animals/plants are like their parents but different and how they adapt.

What's Going on in Fifth Grade

Math: Volume, Ordered Pairs and Coordinate Planes
ELA/SS: Research and Opinion Writing & Citizenship
Science: Ecosystems and the Flow of Energy

What is Going on in Second Grade

Math - Solve word problems involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, using \$ and ¢ symbols appropriately. Example: If you have 2 dimes and 3 pennies, how many cents do you have? Recognize and draw shapes having specified attributes, such as a given number of angles or a given number of equal faces. Identify triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, and cubes.

Reading - Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.

What's Going on in Enrichment

4th and 5th Grade will be working on learning to code as well as using their creativity to complete challenges using our Little Bits. 2nd and 3rd Grade is finishing up their reports on famous failures and then will begin to focus more on types of questions as well as being perceptive. K and 1 will begin to study space.

What's Going on in Third Grade
Reading - Using Illustrations to Demonstrate Understanding of Text & Comparing & Contrasting Two Tests on the Same Topic

Writing - Informative/Explanatory Texts, Begin Nonfiction Research Project

Math - Measurement & Geometry

Social Studies - Economics & Financial Literacy

Science - Life Cycles & Traits

Ideas for "Homework" - ALWAYS READ FOR 20 MINUTES

K - Practice 0, 1, 2 math facts (ex. $1+1$, $2+0$) (Math fact cards coming home mid-April), Poetry Journals

Gr. 1 - Challenge your child to add three numbers up to 9 (example: $4 + 5 + 8 = 17$)

Gr. 2 - Money!! Have your child play with money! Can they add and subtract your coins?

Gr. 3 - Practice multiplication facts & two step word problems (This site has multi-step problems - <http://www.commoncoresheets.com/Multistep.php>)

Gr. 4 - Complete optional math challenges that come weekly. Students who complete this get to attend lunch bunch :)

Gr. 5 - Continue completing math worksheets that are sent home as review.

LITERACY & PTA NEWS

Intermediate Book Talk
By Savannah Ogle



The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle

This book is told through Mason, a young boy who has learning disabilities but always tells the truth and is loyal to all those he cares about. We learn Mason's best friend Benny dies in Mason's family orchard and we are told parts of the story leading up to Benny's death. The story comes alive when Mason's current friend Calvin goes missing and how several events after gives the reader the answer to Benny's death.



ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

When reading with your child, check for understanding by asking questions. Don't just ask questions at the end, it's important to check for understanding before, during and after reading. Here are some questions to ask!

BEFORE

- What do you think will happen in this story?
- What might be the problem?
- Where may be the setting of the story?
- What do you know about this topic?
- What does this story make you think of?
- What are you wondering?
- What does the title tell you?

DURING

- What do you think will happen next?
- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- How do you feel about the story so far?
- What questions do you have?
- Why do you think the character did that?
- What would you have done?

AFTER

- What was the title?
- What was the problem/solution in the story?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What was your favorite/least favorite part?
- What would you change about the story?
- What will happen next?

Summer School Information!

Be on the lookout for summer school paperwork coming home in the next few weeks. All students in grades K-4 reading on or below grade level will be invited. Summer school will again operate on a four day work week - no school on Friday (August 6 - August 23). The student day will run from 8-2pm - breakfast and lunch will be served. Incoming kindergartners will also be invited this year! The only difference is that their program will run from 8-12.

PTA NEWS! IT'S NOMINATION TIME! PAPERWORK HAS GONE HOME :) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS PTA PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, OR TREASURER PLEASE TURN IN THE NOMINATION FORM. THANK YOU!!

Adult Book Recommendation STILL ME by JoJo Moyes

If you read Me Before You this is a MUST!



Louisa Clark arrives in New York ready to start a new life, confident that she can embrace this new adventure and keep her relationship with Ambulance Sam alive across several thousand miles. She steps into the world of the superrich, working for Leonard Gopnik and his much younger second wife, Agnes. Lou is determined to get the most out of the experience and throws herself into her new job and New York life.



As she begins to mix in New York high society, Lou meets Joshua Ryan, a man who brings with him a whisper of her past. Before long, Lou finds herself torn between Fifth Avenue where she works and the treasure-filled vintage clothing store where she actually feels at home. And when matters come to a head, she has to ask herself: Who is Louisa Clark? And how do you reconcile a heart that lives in two places?

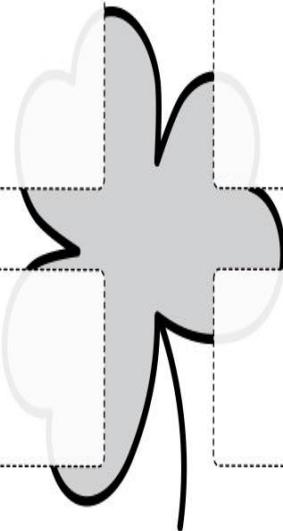
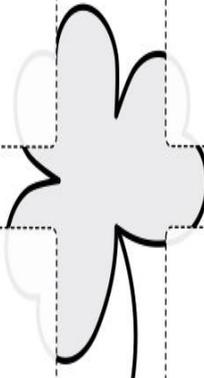
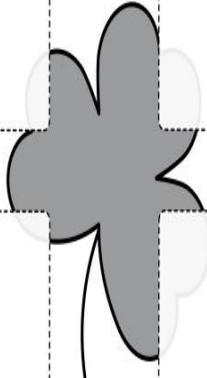
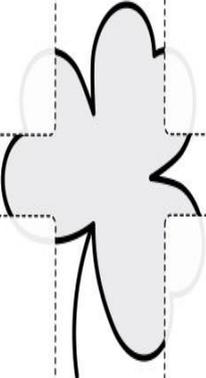
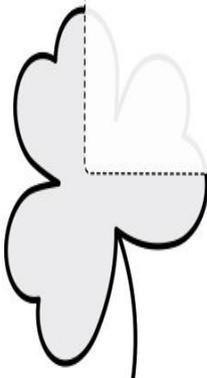


Funny, romantic, and poignant, Still Me follows Lou as she navigates how to stay true to herself, while pushing to live boldly in her brave new world.



BOX TOPS SHAM-ROCKS!



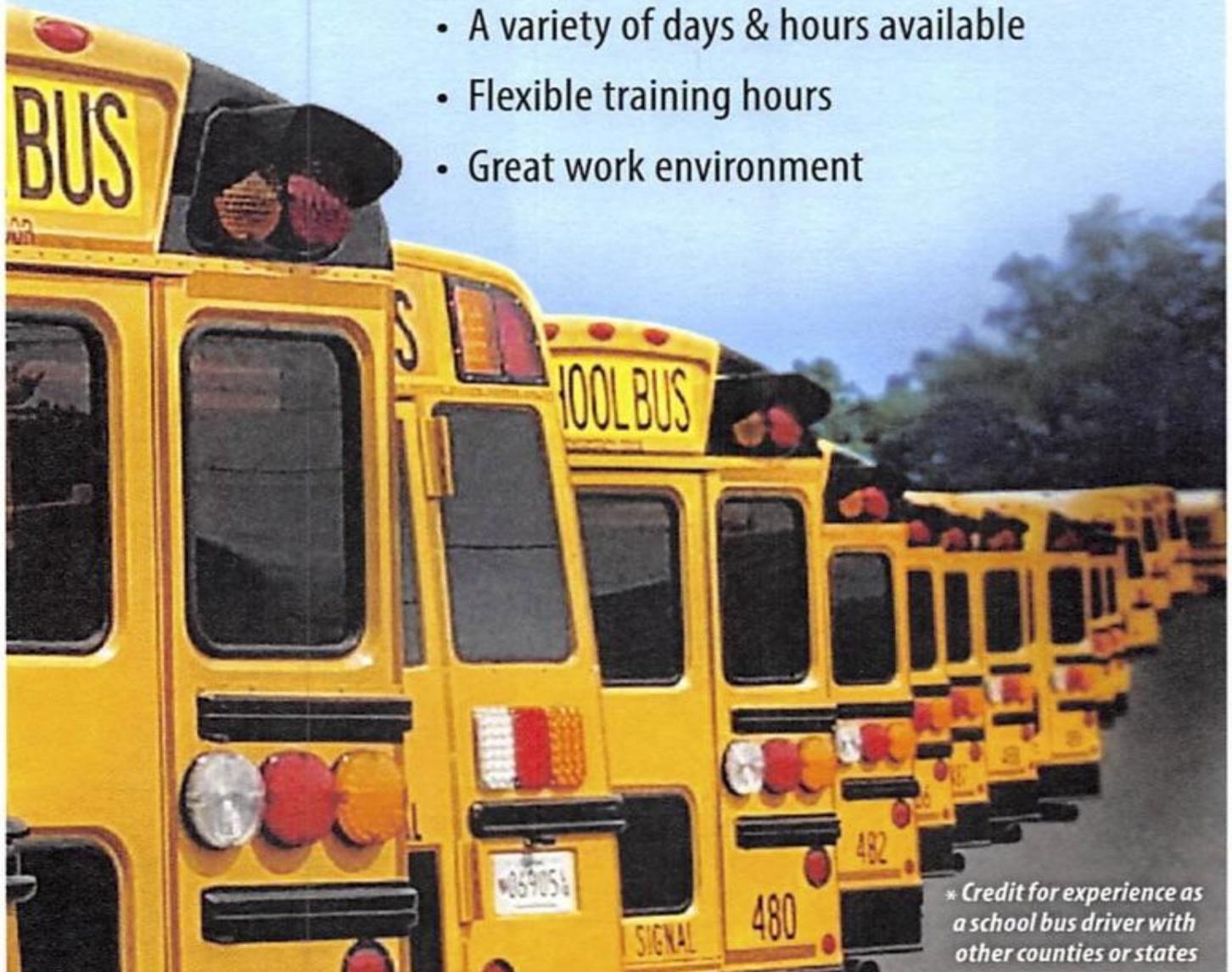
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Maryland State Firemen's Association

Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee

TIP Sheet: Scald & Burn Safety



Scalds and Burns – Home check Sheet

The Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee extends to you a simple check sheet so that you can go around your home and look for hidden hazards that can lead to burns and scalds.



Preventing burns and scalds

Many severe burns and scalds affect babies and young children. Examples of things you can do to help reduce the chances of your child having a serious accident at home include:

- Keeping your child out of the kitchen whenever possible.
- Testing the temperature of bath water using your elbow before you put your baby or toddler in the bath.
- Keeping matches, lighters and lit candles out of young children's sight and reach.
- Keeping hot drinks well away from young children.

Cooking Safety

Cooking burns are listed as one of the most seen burns in the Emergency Room. Steam burns are very common in children.

- KEEP CHILDREN 3 FEET (**SAFE ZONE**) AWAY from the stove.
- WHEN using the stove top turn all handles away from the edge to prevent hot spills.
- ALWAYS keep items away from little hands.
- WHEN using a microwave be very careful when opening the container that was used to heat up your food. Steam burns are the most common burn found when using microwaves.

HOW to check your Water Temperature

Hot Water Heaters: Over time your heater will age and if you do not monitor the device the temperature can fluctuate. Follow these steps to check and lower the water temperature in your home. Then, be sure to test it every year.

- RUN the hot water from any faucet for 1 minute FILL a large cup with the hot water. CHECK the water temperature with a cooking or meat thermometer that goes up to 120 degrees.
- IF the temperature reads hotter than 120 degrees turn down the dial on your hot water heater. If you have an electrical hot water heater you should call an electrician to verify the unit because it is not safe to adjust an electric hot water heater by yourself.
- WAIT one hour and check the water again. IF you still see that the unit is demonstrating higher than normal temperatures you will need to contact a plumber because there could be a problem.
- INSTALL anti-scald devices on water faucets and shower heads, which will stop the flow of water if the temperature gets too hot.

Electrical Outlets

- When you're not using an electrical outlet unplug the device. Place an outlet cover over the sockets so that little hands can stay safe.

WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2017-2018 Academic Year Calendar

Summer: Schools and Center for Education Services (CES) Closed Fridays
4: Independence Day (Schools & CES Closed)

JULY 2017						
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30	31					

1: New Year's Holiday (Schools & CES Closed)
15: Martin Luther King's Birthday (Schools & CES Closed)
25: End of Second Marking Period (43 Days)
26: Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)

JANUARY 2018						
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Teachers: 21 Students: 20

Summer: Schools & CES Closed Fridays
21-23: New Teacher Induction Days
28-31: Professional Learning Days for Teachers (No Students)

AUGUST 2017						
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Teachers: 4 Students: 0

19: President's Day (Schools & CES Closed)

FEBRUARY 2018						
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Teachers: 19 Students: 19

1: Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
4: Labor Day (Schools and CES Closed)
5: School Begins for Students

SEPTEMBER 2017						
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Teachers: 20 Students: 19

28: End of Third Marking Period (42 Days)
29: Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
30: Spring Break (Schools & CES Closed)

MARCH 2018						
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Teachers: 21 Students: 20

20: Association Day (Schools & CES Closed)

OCTOBER 2017						
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Teachers: 21 Students: 21

2: Spring Break (Schools & CES Closed)

APRIL 2018						
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Teachers: 20 Students: 20

9: End of First Marking Period (47 Days)
10: Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
22: Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
23-24: Thanksgiving Break (Schools & CES Closed)

NOVEMBER 2017						
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Teachers: 20 Students: 18

26: Memorial Day (Schools & CES Closed)

MAY 2018						
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Teachers: 22 Students: 22

22: Winter Break (Schools & CES Closed)
25-29: Winter Break (Schools & CES Closed)

DECEMBER 2017						
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Teachers: 15 Students: 15

6-8: Evening Graduations
8: Last Day for Students -
• Assuming No Inclement Weather
• 2½ Hour Early Dismissal - No Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten
• End of Fourth Marking Period (48 Days)
11: Last Day for Teachers
• Assuming No Inclement Weather
• Professional Learning Day for Teachers

JUNE 2018						
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Teachers: 7 Students: 6

Schools and CES Closed End of Marking Period Professional Learning Day 2½ Hour Early Dismissal New Teacher Induction Day

The Board of Education reserves the right to alter the calendar to include inclement weather make-up days on June 11, 12, 13, 14, and other changes as necessary.