

BOOM CLAP THUNDERBIRD CHAT

November 2017

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Important Dates

Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Dec. 4, Grade 2&3 Book Club, 2:15-3pm
November 9, K-2Art Night & PTA Meeting, 5:30pm
November 10, BINGO @ Downsville Ruritan, 6:30pm
November 13, SPIRIT DAY, Western Wear
November 13-17, Scholastic Book Fair
November 14, Grandparents Day, 7:45-10am
November 29, Grade 4 Field Trip
December 4, Gertrude Chocolate Orders In
December 13, Grades 4&5 Chorus Concert, 5:30pm
December 14, Art Night, 5:30; PTA Meeting, 5:30pm
December 14, 5th Grade Band Concert, 6:00pm @ WHS
December 15, BINGO @ Downsville Ruritan, 6:30pm
December 18, SPIRIT DAY, Wear PJ's

MEET MR. CARVER! School Counselor FRE & EKD

Work history: Worked for WCPS as a paraprofessional from 2008-2017.

Education: M. Ed. School Counseling, K-12 - Shippensburg University, B.A. Psychology - East Stroudsburg University

Family: Mrs. Carver and I have 2 beautiful daughters. Adalyn is 5 and Sienna is 3. We also have a dog named Maizie.

Hobbies/Interests: I like to sleep, golf, play pickup games of volleyball/basketball, but most of all, spending time with my family.



THANK YOU COMMUNITY HELPERS! Each month we will list a few of our parents who are Community Helpers!

THANK YOU for all that you do.



Nichole Knode (William Knode) - CMT
Michelle Carosella (Avian Carosella) - Teacher
Kristen Rosenberg (Aden Whitmer, Nathan Rosenberg) - Daycare Provider

Sarah Staley (Charlotte Staley) - Registered Nurse
Kareem Blackwood (Kareem Blackwood, Jaliya Blackwood) - U.S. Army
Dana Wright (Will Wright, Annie Wright) - Judge
Jessica McDonald (Jordan Winters) - Childcare Provider/Teacher
Scott Smoot (Victoria Smoot) - Parks Supervisor



Congratulations to our Thunderbirds who participated in the WCPS Elementary School Cross Country Run, Elena Erb for her gold medal performance in the 800 Meter at States, and to Ms. Hilmoe for running in the Baltimore Running Festival!

FYI - Passing is strictly prohibited in the parent pick-up lane. You must wait for everyone to pull ahead!

This is for the safety of students and staff!

Did you know that there is a very SPECIFIC reason we don't give homework? We expect our Thunderbirds to read 15-20 minutes each night :)

Get the news you need! We have many tools for communicating with families. Please be sure to sign up for the following:

- 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.
- Instagram - #frethunderbirds
- 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!

LITERACY & PTA NEWS



THANK YOU to everyone who attended our October meeting!

FUNDRAISERS
Did you know that fundraising is NOT mandatory? We often hear that the PTA has too many fundraisers but please understand - you don't need to participate in all of them or even in any of them! The choice is up to you :) With that said... all money raised from fundraising goes back to the school to help fund events such as yearbook purchases, our awesome pavilion, cubbies, books, field trips, etc. In addition, if you do not want to sell a specific product or do not like the product you can always donate a check.

BOOKS
aren't just made of **WORDS**...
they're also filled with
PLACES to visit and
PEOPLE to meet.



Field Trip Information

Did you know that ALL monies raised from FREE BINGO go directly to pay for field trips. So you ask..... why do we charge last year for the majority of our field trips? Because they are EXPENSIVE and cost MUCH more than we will ever raise from BINGO alone!! Example - our full school field trip to the National Zoo last year cost \$2,909. Busses are expensive :) We pay both a mileage fee and almost \$20 per hour per driver. And you have to keep in mind that the mileage and drivers pay begins the minute they start the bus, even if that bus is parked in Hancock! We are hoping that we will NOT have to charge for the majority of our trips this year - fingers crossed :) It will depend on how many trips each grade plans!!

INTERMEDIATE BOOKTALK

By: Mauray Brauner

As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds is about an 11 year old boy named Genie. Genie and his brother Ernie spend the summer with their grandfather who is blind. Genie learns about his Uncle's death and why his grandfather and father don't speak. Genie learns that even though his grandfather can not see he still can do a lot of things.



My favorite part was when Genie buys a tooth from the Toothman! You'll have to read this book to find out which celebrity the tooth came from!

Check this out - it seems Ms. Lesher isn't the only one who uses the Art Room!



PRIMARY BOOKTALK

By: Sheridan Milbury



Mother Bruce by Ryan Higgins is about a bear that wanted to follow a recipe but got 4 goslings instead who thought he was their Mama. Bruce doesn't want the goslings, he wanted eggs to eat.



He tries everything to get rid of them. This book is so cool and has a lot of pages. Read the story to find out what Bruce ends up doing.

Carbon Monoxide Safety



Did you know?

More than 150 people in the U.S. die every year from accidental nonfire-related carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide or CO is a colorless and odorless gas. CO poisoning can occur when a fuel-burning appliance or machine, such as a furnace, heater or generator, is not working or vented properly. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal.

Learn what you can do to protect your family from the dangers of CO.

- ✓ Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of CO.
- ✓ Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- ✓ Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.
- ✓ Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.

For more information and free resources, visit
www.usfa.fema.gov



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U.S. Fire Administration





THREE CHEERS FOR BOX TOPS!

**AN EASY WAY TO SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT:
CLIP BOX TOPS AND SEND THEM TO YOUR CHIL-**

This image shows a worksheet designed for handwriting practice. It features a grid of 48 dashed squares arranged in six rows and eight columns. The bottom right corner of the grid is occupied by a large, dynamic illustration of a megaphone. The megaphone has a speech bubble containing the words "GO TEAM!" in a bold, outlined font. Three small five-pointed stars are scattered around the base of the megaphone.



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFF.com.

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						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 19: Presidents' Day (Schools & CES Closed)

FEBRUARY 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

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						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

MARCH 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Teachers: 21 Students: 20

20: Association Day (Schools & CES Closed)

OCTOBER 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 2: Spring Break (Schools & CES Closed)

APRIL 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- 26: Memorial Day (Schools & CES Closed)

MAY 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Teachers: 22 Students: 22

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

DECEMBER 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- 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						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Teachers: 7 Students: 6

Schools and CES Closed

End of Marking Period

Professional Learning Day

2 ½ 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.