



Moorefield Station Elementary School
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October 2017

A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Dear Families:

Welcome back to Moorefield Station! The Moorefield Sharks are excited to "dive" into learning during the 2017-2018 school year. We were "chomping" at the bit to get back into the swing of things. I want to take a minute to thank the PTO for all their help getting us ready to start the year, I also want to thank Laurie Ford and her church, as well as, the Moorefield community for the day of service on September 23rd. The outside of our building has not looked this nice since the year we opened.

The first month of school has come and gone and your children have jumped right back into the swing of things. It is hard to believe that October is already here. We welcomed just over 900 students on the first day of school. Teachers and staff are excited to be back at school and working with your children.

I want to remind parents to check our website often for upcoming events, as well as, the PTO website and weekly updates. We have been working with our PTO to plan some great events for this first half of the year. We have a PTO board that is working hard to plan fun and exciting events for our Moorefield students, so please consider joining and supporting our PTO. I hope you had a chance to sign your child up for the many ASEP classes offered. We are looking forward to the Fun Run that will take place during the school day on October 6th!!

As a reminder, we are always looking for volunteers to help make our school great, so please consider volunteering in your child's class. Every parent can help make a positive impact on a child's life. Please contact your child's teacher to find out how you can make a difference.

If you have any comments or questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 571.252.2380 or email me at Karen.Roche@lcps.org. Thank you for helping us have a fantastic opening to this school year.

Karen D. Roche
Principal

Important Events for October:

- Oct 4 – Interims Sent Home
- Oct 5 – Boosterthon Fundraiser Ends
- Oct 6 – Fun Run! for all grades
- Oct 9 – Columbus Day Holiday, No School
- Oct 11 – Moveable Monday
- Oct 17 – Fall Photo Make-up Day
- Oct 18 – "Orange Out Day" - wear orange for "bully prevention"
- Oct 20 – Fall Book Fair Begins
- Oct 20 – PTO Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat, 5pm
- Oct 23 – Student Holiday, Teacher Workday
- Oct 24 – Fourth Gr Field Trip (Clarke, DeLuca, Hoffman, & McIntosh)
- Oct 24 – PTO Meeting, 6:30pm
- Oct 25 – Fourth Gr Field Trip (Aubin, Dennison, & Vaughn)
- Oct 26 – Moveable Monday
- Oct 31 – Kdg Fall Parties: AM Kdg at 9:30am and Full Day & PM Kdg at 12:30pm
- Nov 3 – Code to the Future Epic Build
- Nov 3 – End of Grading Period
- Nov 5 – Daylight Savings Time
- Nov 6-7 – Student Holiday, Teacher Workdays
- Nov 8-9 – Second Gr Field Trip
- Nov 10 – Third Gr Musical Daytime Performance ONLY
- Nov 11 – "Lace Up for Learning" Fundraiser



A MEMO FROM MUSIC:

We are excited and busy getting our Chorus season underway. The Fourth and Fifth graders have just begun rehearsing on Monday mornings, or Thursday afternoons, for their December 14 Winter Program. If your child is participating in chorus, we have decided to make t-shirts available for members to purchase and wear to the



performance. The link to order a chorus shirt for your child and/or yourself is on the music website. The deadline to purchase a shirt in time for the winter concert is Friday, October 20th. All orders must go through the website.

Third grade has begun working on a very special musical tribute to all of the MSE military families for Veterans Day. We would like to honor all of our veterans on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 9am in the Multipurpose Room (Gym). If a member of your family has served, or is currently serving in one of the branches of our military, please let us know by completing the Veterans RSVP survey on the music website. The deadline to complete this survey is Tuesday, October 31st at 3pm. There is also an interest survey on the website for any Third grade student interested in a memorized speaking part for this performance. The deadline for that survey is Friday, October 6, 2017 at 3pm. Please visit our website for more information about this exciting performance.

Fourth graders have begun to play the soprano recorder. Encourage them to play for you some of the songs we are working on in class and to practice good habits at home! They need to have their recorders with them each day that they have music class. If, it is forgotten, parents will receive an "Oops" email. Your child's grade will be effected after the third "Oops" email.

If you have a First or Second grade student in your house, have them share our month song with you each month. A recording is located on the website along with words to sing along!

The music website is updated regularly to keep you informed of upcoming musical events during the school year. Also included on the website will be any extra materials your child needs to prepare for musicals, as they occur throughout the year. If you'd like to find out more about what we are doing in class, ask your child! It's a great topic for dinnertime discussions! Encourage your child to sing to you and your family whenever possible to keep those musical minds growing!

SNIPPETS FROM SEARCH:

We are off to a great start in SEARCH this school year! I'm excited to begin the year on such a positive note.

In the month of September, kindergarten students were introduced to The Thinking Keys. In addition, we reviewed our five senses using the wonderfully-illustrated book Rain and participating in a matching activity on the promethean board. Our 1st grade students learned how to be "creative

thinkers" with a little help from our "unimaginary" friend, Beekle. 1st graders also practiced matching attributes in a fun card game called Blink. In 2nd grade, students used their Perceiving Thinking Key and visualization to draw How Would That Look. Students also figured out the connection between some unlikely pairs of artwork. Third grade students relied on their spatial reasoning skills to solve tangram puzzles, and fourth graders were introduced to the idea of growth mindset – thinking I can do it and embracing challenges versus thinking I can't do it and giving up. They put this idea to the test as they utilized their spatial reasoning skills and perseverance in a challenging activity called Go Getters. Both 3rd and 4th grade students used anthropomorphism (ask your child what it means!) as they enjoyed writing from a different point of view in the lesson The Day the Crayons Quit.

In October, kindergarteners will learn about attributes and classifying in our Pumpkin Heads and Sally and the Purple Socks lessons. First graders will be introduced to the word "permutation" and see how many ways they can dress a scarecrow. Students will then use their Reasoning Thinking Key and clues to figure out what monsters are hiding under the bed in our Monster Math lesson. Students in 2nd grade will work cooperatively and use manipulatives to solve Pebble Math problems. Then, 2nd graders will practice being creative thinkers in our funny lesson Animals should definitely not wear clothing. To begin the month, third graders will take the NNAT2, while 4th grade students will use the four creative thinking strategies in our Creativity with X and O lesson. Both grades will wrap up the month with a creative writing activity.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year working with your children!

Please check my website for NNAT2 testing dates and test information as well as the most updated information on LCPS Gifted services, eligibility criteria, and important dates and deadlines. The site is located on our school page under Specialists.

ART E-FACTS:



Students in grades first through fifth have been hard at work on drawing lessons for the Art to Remember fund-raiser. The full-day kindergarten classes are working hard on



creating frogs from simple lines and shapes. While, first grade is creating beautiful lighthouses while focusing on the use of line and pattern. The second grade class is creating wonderful bug portraits with the focus being symmetry. The third graders are currently finishing up on their bird paintings. They reviewed how to use basic shapes to create their birds. The fourth grade classes are creating amazing flower compositions. The students experimented with blending warm and cool colors using colored pencils. Lastly, sea creatures are the subject for the fifth grade drawings. The fifth graders practiced blending colors to create gradients, as well as, adding shadows and highlights.

Also throughout the month of October, the students will continue using the elements of design in their artwork, along with learning new "art words." We will be learning about new artists and works of art. In addition, we will be integrating art with cultures learned in the classroom.

BITS AND BYTES FROM THE LAB:

This year we have hit the ground running with technology. In May, Moorefield Station was one of three schools selected in the county to implement the "Code to the Future" program. To support this program, we have received a lot of new technology. In grades K-3, students now have a ratio 2:1 when using technology and in grades 4-5 every student was given a laptop. Each class is learning grade appropriate coding lessons at least 30 minutes per day. Students learn coding through a program called Scratch. Scratch is a programming language and an online community where children can program and share interactive media such as stories, games, and animation with people from all over the world. As children create with Scratch, they learn to think creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically. Students are learning to write code as they work towards a final project called an "Epic Build". It has been an exciting start to the year for both teachers and students.



LINK TO THE LIBRARY:

Please visit the Library page on our school's website. You'll find important information regarding general procedures and circulation policies for the library as well as what students are learning during weekly library lessons.



WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE!

Already this school year, we have had several library books damaged due to water bottles spilling in the backpack. Please help us by reminding your children to be careful with their books. Every class has already had lessons on how to care for books this year. If a book gets wet, remind your student to bring it to the library right away. Sometimes we can dry it and flatten the pages so that it can go back into circulation. Other times, when a book has been wet, then it grows mold and we cannot keep it in our collection. We appreciate your help and support as we do not want to have any damaged books. Books that are damaged have to be paid for by students so that we can replace them in our collection.

VOLUNTEERS:

Thanks to our current parent volunteers who have been helping to shelve books and prepare for the book fair. We are so grateful to have you! If you would like to help, please find the link to sign up on the library's webpage. We currently have a general sign up for the first quarter as well as a specific one for book fair. Whether on a regular basis or just once in a while – we are happy to have you any time.

DID YOU KNOW?

*Our school library has over 1,000 ebooks! And you can access these for free from our database, MackinVIA .

*LCPS subscribes to many online databases – encyclopedias and search engines – all of which can be accessed from anywhere! These include great alternatives to searching other.

*Students can access our online library catalog, Follett Destiny, from home (or anywhere) – this may help them decide ahead of time what they may want to check out on their library day.

***Access to all of these online resources are available through LCPS Go. Your student knows how to login – there is a link for it on the Resources tab on our school's webpage. Once logged in, they should go to Library Resources and then find what they need.

BOOK FAIR:

Our first BOOK FAIR is October 24 - 27. This is the library's largest fundraiser! We earn a percentage of total sales in the



form of books and cash. The book fair is most successful with the help of many, many volunteers. Please consider volunteering – even if it's just one day for a couple of hours. We need help to set up and pack up the fair. We need help during the school day – helping students browse the fair (writing wish lists) and shop at the fair (finding books, counting money) as well as with our evening event. All volunteers get 10% off their book fair purchases! Please look for an email coming soon with a link to sign up.

BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE:

October 19: Set-Up 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

October 19: Browsing for students 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

October 20: Browsing for students 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

October 24 - 27: Open for sales 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

October 25: Family Night, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All classes will browse the book fair and make wish lists on October 19 - 20. This will allow families to have an idea of students' interests and the costs of the books.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

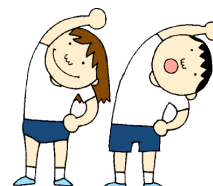


Happy Fall! We hope that all our Shark friends were ready to return to school and are getting adjusted in their new classrooms. Both Mrs. Riedel and Mrs. Fernandez are returning as the school counselors. Mrs. Riedel will be working primarily with kindergarten, second, and fourth grade students this year. Mrs. Fernandez will be working primarily with the first, third, and fifth grades. We are excited to introduce a new face in the Counseling Department for this semester. Ms. Joseph is our school counseling intern and will be working at MSE on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. She has already begun meeting with students and participating in classroom lessons and is a great asset to our Counseling team. We are fortunate to have her.

For the month of October, the Counseling office will be focusing on Bullying Prevention and Being an "Upstander." This will be the central theme for guidance lessons, and bullying prevention activities will be planned, including an "Orange Out Day" where students and staff will be asked to wear the color orange to support our bullying prevention program. More information on that will be forthcoming. Also, small groups involving new school transitions, family

changes, and coping with health conditions will be starting up this month.

We look forward to working with your students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (571) 252-2380.



GYM SHORTS:

In PE we have been learning about the five components of fitness. These are cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition. During the month of October, we will focus specifically on muscular strength and muscular endurance. Students in grades 3-5 will learn basic football skills/small scale games, while those in grades K-2 will be focusing on tossing, throwing and catching games. During this time we will also be introducing various body weight exercises and functional equipment (dumbbells and resistance bands). Ask your child if they can give you examples of activities that require muscular endurance and muscular strength!

Some PE Reminders:

Shoes- Please be sure to send you child with appropriate footwear on PE days. These should be comfortable sneakers with a rubber sole that cover the toe and heel. Please, no boots!

Medical Excuses- When students have a medical concern that requires them to sit out for one week or less, a parent's written note is sufficient. For injuries requiring students to sit out for more than one week, a doctor's note is required. If your child is able to perform some activity in class (ie: walking, stretching, etc), please have the doctor include that in his/her note. A checklist of approved activities is helpful. Students may not return to full participation in PE until the specified date on their note, or until a follow up note is provided by the doctor.





TIME FOR A STORY:

Help build your child's reading skills and develop a love for books. Here is a reading recipe for success.

Add 10-15 minutes every day to read with your child.

Take turns choosing books. Beginning readers may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and a variety of genres.

Let your child participate by turning the pages, alternate reading pages or fill in known words.

Read the pictures. Take time to look at the illustrations and discuss what is happening.

Be playful. Use different voices for different characters. Try substituting your child's name for characters to feel connected with the story.

Older children love to see that you are a reader too. Designate a family time for reading newspapers, magazines, recipes, etc.



SAFETY FIRST:

All visitors to schools will be required to verify their identification with school personnel prior to entry; regardless of the frequency they may visit an individual school.

To Request Entry:

- Have Photo Identification Ready
- Stand on the yellow footprints
- Push and release button
- Present photo id when asked
- Please go directly to the office to sign in and obtain a visitor's pass

All exterior doors will be closed and locked at the beginning of school and remain so until students are released for the day. Using the AIPHONE will be the only way visitors will be admitted to the school.

These security practices are intended to assure parents, students and staff of the school's commitment to safety and security, balancing both the needs of the public with reasonable security provisions.

VOLUNTEER NOTICE:



Don't forget that Loudoun County has a policy that all volunteers must submit a "volunteer form" to the elementary. If you are planning on volunteering at Moorefield Station, please submit this form to our office staff. A copy of the form can be found on our school's website on the right side bar.



HEALTH ROOM NEWS:

Thank you to all of the volunteers, teachers and teacher assistants who helped during the annual Vision and Hearing Screening in September for all Kindergarteners, third graders and students new to LCPS.

KUDOS to parent volunteers: Shannon Bradley, Sripriya Chellammai, Kelli, Karen Thayer and Xu Wang for a job well done!

Just a Reminder....

This year at MSE, there are children who have weakened immune systems. In an effort to provide a healthy environment for these students (and all students) we will need your help. Students who have fevers should be kept home until fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication. Students who do not feel well should stay home.

If your child is ill because of a contagious disease such as flu, strep, chicken pox, measles, etc. Note the reason for the absence when you call the absentee call-line or absentee email. This will allow the students' parents to take measures to protect their child and follow up with their child's physician.

- A student seen in the ER or who had surgery or who has a fracture needs a written release, signed by a physician, clearing him/her to return to school. The clearance should include:
 - Return to School Release Date
 - Any Restrictions and the duration of the restrictions.



- A parent or guardian must deliver any medication (prescription or non-prescription) and appropriate medication forms to the school office or health office. Students may not transport any medication to or from school.
- Spills, bathroom accidents and mud happen to students of all ages, from PK to 5th grade. Please put a change of clothes in your child's backpack-just in case it is needed!
- Be sure to keep the "Emergency Information" updated so we can reach you if your child is ill or injured. This can easily be done on-line through the Parent Information Management System (PIMS) on the LCPS website.
- When requesting a copy of your child's School Entrance Health Form, email, jeni.stuart@lcps.com and include your child's name, grade and teacher allow 24 hours turn-around time. The form will be sent home with your child.

pick-up line to go get your child is NOT safe. Crossing traffic is also not safe. Safety is our goal. Please work with our staff to help the flow of traffic on our campus run smoothly.

Note: If due to a disability you need assistance to enable you to participate meaningfully in a school meeting or event, please contact the school office (571-252-2380) at least five working days prior to the event.



Join us in a night of fun on Friday, October 20th from 5pm to 10pm.

DAY CARE RIDERS:



If you are a parent with children attending daycare facilities at the end of each day, it is important that you communicate with them if your child is absent on a particular day or that you have picked your child up early from school.

SPEED LIMIT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS:

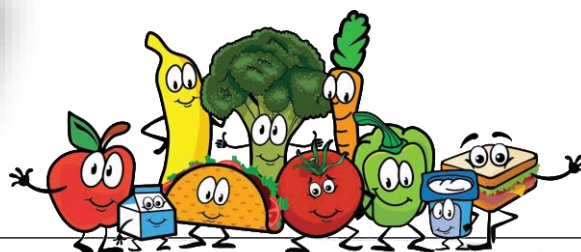


We are concerned for the safety of your child at school. If you are on our grounds, please pay attention to your speed while driving on our campus. We have noticed adults going over the state required speed of 25 MPH. Please help us keep your children safe!

PARKING AND SAFETY:



We need your help! When visiting our campus, it is important for you to PARK in the SAFE locations. Parking spaces in our parking lot are safe! The "straight away" nearest the track is also safe. Abandoning your car in the car



Lunch Information:

Find all your needs for school lunches on our website under "Our School" or at <http://www.lcps.org/Domain/14983>

Schedules, Menu, Online Payment, Nutritional Values, etc.



CODE TO THE FUTURE – FIRST EPIC BUILD

HAVE YOU HEARD? MOOREFIELD STATION IS ONE OF THREE LOUDOUN "CODING" SCHOOLS!!! TEACHERS HAVE BEEN INTEGRATING CODING INTO THE STUDENT'S DAILY LESSONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOWCASE THEIR HARD WORK WITH A SPECIAL EVENT CALLED AN "EPIC BUILD".

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FIRST "EPIC BUILD" TO BE HELD ON **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017**

TWO SESSIONS:

8:30AM–10:30AM – PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, FIRST GRADE, AND SECOND GRADE

12:30PM–2:30PM – THIRD GRADE, FOURTH GRADE, AND FIFTH GRADE

THANK YOU!

Moorefield Station Sharks want to thank the Seventh Day Adventist Church and community members that came out to beautify our campus on Saturday, September 23rd.



FALL BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

OCTOBER 20 – OCTOBER 27



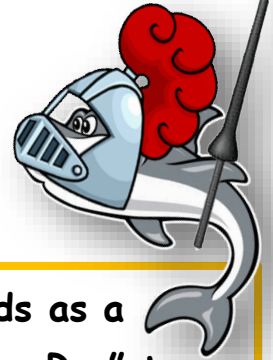
Transportation Changes:

If your child's dismissal plans have changed during the school day, please provide us with the following-

- Note to teacher preferred OR phone call to the front office BEFORE 2:00pm
- Do NOT email as teacher or secretaries may be absent



FUN RUN IS HERE!



Help support our students as they attempt to raise funds as a school for books! Moorefield Station will be having a "Fun Run" to raise money and exercise at the same time! The "Fun Run" will be held on Friday, October 6th. All details can be found on our MSES PTO website at <http://moorefieldstation.my-pto.org/>.



Help our school...

Support our **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**. Meetings are held monthly in our library.

The October meeting will be held on Tuesday,

October 24th at 6:30pm.

Your participation can make a difference!!!