February brought us mild temperatures and maybe an early spring. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8th.

Kindergarten registration will begin on Wednesday, March 18th for the 2020-2021 school year. Please visit our website to register and then call Countryside Elementary and speak with Barbara Davila to set up an appointment. If you need any assistance with pre-registration please contact the office at 571-434-3250.

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students are gearing up for the spring SOL testing. In our April newsletter we will have the testing schedule. If you have any questions about testing please contact your child's teacher.

Yearbooks are now on sale! Information is located in this newsletter. You may purchase your yearbooks online. The cost is $20.00 before Friday, March 13th, and $22.00 after March 13th. If you are paying by check please make the check payable to Lifetouch.

Don't forget the grading period ends on March 26th. On Friday, March 27th there is no school for students as it is a planning day. We hope to see you around during the month of March.
One Book, One School:

Wedgie and Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors

This month, students will be participating in a One Book, One School program at Countryside Elementary School! You may remember we did this program with “The World According to Humphrey” a few years ago! This time, we will be reading the silly story “Wedgie and Gizmo” by Suzanne Selfors. It tells the tale of a silly corgi dog (Wedgie) who thinks he’s a superhero, and serious guinea pig (Gizmo) who thinks he’s an evil genius.

Teachers throughout the building were filmed reading the chapters of the book. Each day, students will watch the next chapter of the story. So essentially, all students will be hearing the story at the same time, all across the school! They can talk to their neighbors, kids on their bus, new friends on the playground, or even their reading buddies about this silly fun book!

Our PTA has generously purchased each classroom and specialist a copy of this book so that students and staff can read along and enjoy the story together! You are welcome to purchase a copy of your own and read along with your children at home!

Wednesday, March 18th will be “Wedgie and Gizmo Day” at school! Have your child dress up as a superhero like Wedgie or an evil genius like Gizmo! Since Wedgie and Gizmo are beloved family pets, we would like to celebrate all of your pets, as well! Please send in a photo of your pet (with or without your child) that we can proudly display on our Pet Bulletin Board in the library this month!

We are also doing a drawing and writing contest (see the flyer on the next page). Submissions will be due on Thursday, March 26th. Winners will be announced Monday, March 30th.

I hope you enjoy Wedgie and Gizmo, and Happy Reading!
WEDGIE AND GIZMO CONTEST!

Calling all artists! Calling all writers!

Get excited for our One Book, One School reading program by entering our contest!

Students in Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade:
We invite you to submit an 8 ½ by 11 art page about Wedgie and Gizmo!

Students in Third Grade, Fourth Grade, and Fifth Grade: We invite you to submit an original dialogue between Wedgie and Gizmo! (One page or less).

One winner will be chosen from each grade. The winners will receive gift certificates to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair in April!

All submissions must be turned in to Mrs. Redman by Thursday, March 26th. The winners will be announced on Monday, March 30th. The entries will be displayed in the library and then sent home in April.
Do you want to learn about different cultures from around the world?

JOIN US FOR

Taste of Our World

April 1st
6:00 - 8:00PM

food

cultural activities

book giveaway

fashion show

performances

bilingual storytime
Quieres aprender acerca de diferentes culturas alrededor del mundo?

VEN Y DISFRUTA DE

El Sabor de Nuestro Mundo

el 1 de Abril
6:00 - 8:00PM

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actividades culturales
libros de regalo
Desfile de trajes típicos
Presentaciones culturales
Lectura de libros bilingüe
CLOTHING DONATION DRIVE
MARCH 23RD - APRIL 3RD

MARCH IS A GREAT TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND DONATE THOSE SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHES THAT YOU NO LONGER WEAR

DONATION BOXES WILL BE IN THE FOYER OF THE SCHOOL FROM MARCH 23rd THROUGH APRIL 3rd. ALL SIZES ARE ACCEPTED. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN’S NAMES ARE REMOVED FROM THE DONATED ITEMS. CLOTHING COLLECTED WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT A “FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY” ON APRIL 18th AT RIVER BEND MIDDLE SCHOOL. INFORMATION ON EVENT TO FOLLOW.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOLS PARENT LIAISON.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT.

HOSTED BY THE POTOMAC FALLS CLUSTER PARENT LIAISONS
RECOLECCIÓN DONACIÓN DE ROPA

MARZO 23 – ABRIL 3

LAS CAJAS PARA LAS DONACIONES ESTARÁN EN EL CORREDOR DE LAS ESCUELAS DEL 23 DE MARZO AL 3 DE ABRIL. SE ACEPTAN TODAS LAS TALLAS. ASEGÚRESE DE QUE LOS NOMBRES DE SUS HIJOS SE RETIREN DE LOS ARTÍCULOS DONADOS. LA ROPA RECOGIDA SERÁ DISTRIBUIDA EN UNA "VENTA GRATUITA DE ROPA" EL 18 DE ABRIL EN LA ESCUELA RIVER BEND MIDDLE.

SI TIENE ALGUNA PREGUNTA, COMUNÍQUESE CON EL PARENT LIAISON DE SU ESCUELA.

GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD Y APOYO.

ORGANIZADO POR LOS PARENT LIAISON DEL CLUSTER DE POTOMAC FALLS
Please pre-order your Yearbook to guarantee a copy and avoid disappointment at delivery. Thank you.

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Siga las instrucciones y pague con su tarjeta de crédito

Early Bird price for Yearbook: $20.00
Deadline: March 13
After March 13, books will be $22.00
Online Ordering deadline: April 10

Need Online ordering help? Please call YBPay Customer Care at 800-453-9764

Note: Flyers will be sent home for students who prefer to send in cash or check. There will be a limited number of books at delivery while supplies last. Pre-Order to avoid disappointment!

Nota: Los volantes se enviarán a casa para los estudiantes que prefieran enviar dinero en efectivo o cheque. Habrá un número limitado de libros en el momento de la entrega hasta agotar existencias. Pre-orden para evitar decepciones!

Thank you! ¡Gracias!
Parents/Guardians:

I know it’s hard to believe but we are busy planning for the next school year. With respect to classroom placements we believe that what is essential to the success of our students is that their parents have an opportunity to share specific information about their learning style. We want to provide this opportunity for you. Placing students in classrooms is something that we take seriously and we use information from a variety of sources to make our decisions. If you would like to complete this OPTIONAL questionnaire, the information will be considered as classes are formed for the 2019-2020 school year. **Please do not request a specific teacher for your child or request that a specific teacher be excluded in placement considerations.**

FORMS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

My child’s learning style can be best described as:

_____ Very highly motivated, self-directed and not easily distracted
_____ Works well independently
_____ Needs average classroom structure
_____ Needs a significant amount of structure and guidance

My child’s greatest areas of strength are:

My child performs best in a classroom environment that is:

Are there any special considerations you feel are essential for us to know as we place your child in a classroom for the upcoming school year?

Your Child’s Name ________________________________

Grade Level This Year – 2019-2020 ____________________

Please be aware that the information contained on this form will be seen by various members of the Countryside Elementary School Staff.
If you have any confidential concerns please contact Mr. Rudnick at 571-434-3250