



SYCAMORE PARK PANTHER PRIDE NEWSLETTER

Fun Fair—Friday, October 11th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Sycamore Park faculty will be hosting their annual Fun Fair this year. The evening consists of games, food, and much more. This family event is for our students and their family to come together and have lots of fun. The Sycamore Park faculty will be working the games so parents may enjoy the evening with their children. Some of the events include: Haunted House, Face Painting, Moon Bounce, Slide, AND Lots more activities and fun!!!

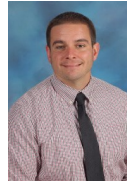
We will be selling wristbands—advance sales \$8 through Wednesday, October 9th and \$10 after the presale date and at the door. All games and activities will require a wristband to participate. Pizza, chips, popcorn and a drink are include with the purchase of a wristband.

Without the support of our parents at Sycamore Park and the generous contributions from the businesses in the community, this event would not be possible. We would like to thank all who are making this family night a success.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Principal's Corner



The staff at Sycamore Park Elementary school would like to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year! We are looking forward to working together with the families of our students to help them reach their highest potential. We encourage you to be actively involved with your student's education. All of our events can be found on our school's website. Mrs. Fiscus, our Assistant Principal also makes weekly phone calls with the different events that are coming up.

Mr. McWilliams—Principal

If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to contact us. You can reach us by phone at 540-825-8847. You can also email us at dmcwilliams@culpeperschools.org and afiscus@culpeperschools.org.

Math Minute—Growth Mindset

A growth mindset is the idea that you can grow your intelligence through effort and practice. The opposite is a fixed mindset, a belief that a person is good at math or is not, and there is nothing that can be done to change the belief. We want to develop a growth mindset about math. Children should see challenging work as an opportunity to grow and learn rather than become frustrated by difficulty. Try helping your child with growth mindset by adding the word "yet" to the end of statements. For example, if your child says he is not good at multiplication, simply add "yet". This lets him know that he can work to increase his success with multiplication.



Book Fair & Grandparents Lunch



The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school Thursday, October 10th –18th from 8:15 am to 4:00 pm each day. We will be open as well on Friday, October 11th for our annual fun fair from 5-7p.m.

We will be inviting grandparents for lunch on the following days:

- October 14: 4th: 10:55am, 5th: 12pm
- October 15: K: 11:15am, PreK: 11:55am, 1st: 12:40pm
- October 16: 3rd: 11:40am, 2nd: 12:20pm

Student Absences

Students are expected to attend school daily for the full school day. When your child is absent we ask that you call the school before 9a.m. and let us know that your child is out. If you do not contact the school, the automated system will call you. This will insure that your child is safe. Upon returning to school, a written note explaining the reason for the absence and a parent signature must be given to the homeroom teacher. If a child has missed three (3) consecutive days due to illness, a doctor's note is suggested before returning to school. If you pick your child up from school early or come in late due to a doctor or dentist appointment, please make sure that you get a note. Excessive absenteeism affects learning.

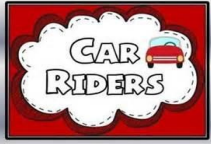


Title One Information



On December 10, 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) was signed into law. Section 1112 (e)(2) of ESSA states that parents of students in a school receiving Title I funds, have the right to know about state or division policies regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by ESSA, including any policy, procedure, or parental right to opt students out of such assessments. If you would like to receive information about this topic, please contact the Principal, Mr. McWilliams at 540-825-8847.

Morning Procedures



The school day begins at 8:30 a.m. Drop off time in the morning begins at 8:15 a.m. If you drop your child off in the mornings and he/she is eating breakfast here at school, please have them here by 8:30a.m. and no later than 8:40 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 8:45 a.m.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 PTO Meeting 9am	9	10 5th Grade Airshow Field trip	11 Fall Fun Fair 5-7pm \$10 wristband at the door	12
13	14 Last Day of the 9 week period	15	16	17 Early Dismissal 1:15pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-7pm	18 No School Teacher Work Day	19
20	21	22	23	24 1st Quarter Report Card Comes Home	25 Pre K to Glengary Tree Farm	26
27	28	29	30	31 1st Grade Cow-N-Corn Field Trip		

Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

Student Dismissal begins at 3:30 at Sycamore Park.

There are three options for your child being dismissed from school.

- 1) Bus transportation
- 2) Curbside pick-up. Student pick-up will be after the buses have departed the school. Curbside is from 3:35-3:50 p.m. If you are picking up your child each day and have not yet signed up for a number, please let either your child's teacher know or the office know.
- 3) Daycare

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



BUS SAFETY TIPS

When waiting on the bus: Be on time, stand back and where the driver can see you, wait for the door to open

Riding the bus: Stay in your seat, keep yourself and things inside the windows, listen and follow your bus driver's directions

Getting off the bus: Use the handrail to walk down the steps, do not cross the street until the driver signals you it is okay