



GREENWOOD MILL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Safety is a top priority here at Greenwood Mill. We are working to improve our drop off lane in the morning for students. As you know, we place cones in all spots (except for handicap) in the morning to ensure students can unload without walking through cars. Please do not park in the handicap spot and attempt to leave while drop off is occurring. Also, if you see this occurring, please call in and report to our front office. Thank you for your support.
—Jennifer Muldowney

FCPS SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL TO OCCUR OCTOBER 23



On October 23, Frederick County Public Schools is collaborating with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to conduct a school safety drill at Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School. The drill is being conducted to identify areas of strength and areas of improvement for both law enforcement and the school division as we work together to improve how response would occur in the event of an actual school emergency. The drill will result in Justes Drive being closed, thus limiting access to both Evendale Elementary School and Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School. There will also be a great deal of activity involving law enforcement and first responders in that area as the drill is conducted and debriefings occur. There is no school for students on October 23, but it's important that the community know about the drill so concerns aren't raised due to the prevalence of law enforcement activity in the area surrounding Admiral Byrd Middle School on that date.

DATES TO REMEMBER—OCTOBER

- Oct. 11 Race For Education
- Oct. 12 Race For Education Rain Date
- Oct. 19 End of 1st Nine Weeks
- Oct. 20 No School
- Oct. 23 No School
- Oct. 25-27 Smencils on sale
- Oct. 25 James Town Presentation 4th & 5th

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SPEAK UP, STAY SAFE



Keeping schools safe is everyone's responsibility. If you see suspicious activity, be prepared to give a detailed report to school staff and the authorities. Pay special attention to things like: What, specifically, you

observed; who you saw; when and where you saw it; and why it seemed suspicious. These details will help school staff and the authorities as they work to keep our schools and students safe. Please report any suspicious activity noted in the vicinity of schools to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 540-662-6168.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

Governor McAuliffe has proclaimed the week of October 16–20 as "National School Bus Safety Week." Also Wednesday, October 18, has been designated as "School Bus Transportation Employees Appreciation Day."

Please let's show our drivers how much we appreciate all of them here at Greenwood Mill.

FCPS NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The *FCPS Notice of Non-Discrimination* has been updated. This notice is to be included on all FCPS publications including those created by the central office as well as those produced at individual schools, including school newsletters. Please refer to the [Frederick County Public Schools Publication Guidelines](#).

CHROMEBOOKS AND YOUR CHILD

Students in grades 2–5 have each been issued a Chromebook for use at school. Students in Kindergarten and 1st grade have Chromebooks to share within their classrooms. The purpose of the Chromebook is to provide each student access to required educational materials needed to promote and enhance learning. The Chromebook is a learning tool. Please view the 1:1 Chromebook Stay at School Procedures in its entirety. You can access this information by [clicking here](#).

COUNSELOR'S CORNER...



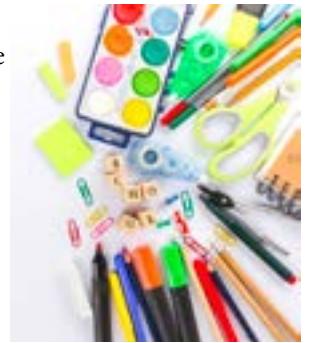
At the end of October, we will be honoring the Red Ribbon Campaign. Red Ribbon is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation. For more information please visit their website www.redribbon.org.

October's character trait of the month is **responsibility**. Help your gator demonstrate responsibility at home. A responsibility chart is a great way to help a child learn responsibilities at home. Our teachers will pick one student from their class to be recognized for demonstrating responsibility at the "character trait of the month" awards ceremony.

WELCOME TO OUR STUDIO!

This year I am the only art teacher at Greenwood Mill. That means everyone will be working with me in the main art studio. Please remember to wear old clothes on art days (dress for mess) because we do not use paint shirts. Every artist keeps a journal, projects come home upon completion and are graded on an **O**, **S** or **N** scale. **S** means the student is meeting the requirements for the lesson, **N** denotes not there yet and **O** is for exceeding the expectations of the activity. I am looking forward to working with all of our young artist.

—Mrs. Simpson



P.E.

During the month of October, students will be participating in fitness testing that consists of running the Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run (PACER), performing push-ups, curl-ups, flexed arm hang, and two stretches that measure flexibility. They will also learn how to throw a Frisbee and volley a ball.

Please make sure that your gator wears tennis shoes on the days he has physical education class. This allows him to participate safely in all the planned activities.

Frederick County Public Schools shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, political affiliation, disability or veteran status in the education program and activities, or employment and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Questions concerning the application of this non-discrimination policy may be made to:

Title IX Coordinator (Adults)
John Linaburg
Executive Director of Human Resources

Title IX Coordinator (Students)
Teresa D. Ritenour
Director of Student Support Services

Section 504 Coordinator
Michele Sandy
Director of Special Instructional Services

1415 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA 22601, 540-662-3888

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of OCR enforcement offices for the addresses and phone numbers of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

JMG GARDEN CLUB



Greenwood Mill's JMG Garden Club has begun its Fall session which started September 12 and runs through October 17. Master Gardeners have been working with our JMG Garden Club to enrich our gardening experience by exploring different kinds of plants, seeds, and planting much in our outdoor garden beds. We have been having a great time outdoors, planting, watering, and gardening! A big thank you to all our parent and Master Gardener volunteers who make our JMG Garden Club experience extra special! For more information about Master Gardeners or 4-H, be sure to visit www.nsvmga.org.

