

Spring has arrived and soon we will be celebrating the arrival of summer. Thank you for making this a great school year. Students are finishing the year strong and we are so proud of the growth they have exhibited.

Just a few reminders:

- Please return all Library books within the coming weeks. If books are damaged or missing please make arrangements for payment.
- All grade levels are participating in a variety of end of year testing. Please send students to school well rested and ready to do their best.
- The SOL schedule for 3rd to 5th grade is included. Please be sure your student is present on their testing day.
- Check the calendar below for upcoming events. We look forward to your participation.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and will take the time to read daily with your student. Summer packets will be in final report cards.

Katina Keener
Principal

Mary Beth Preas
Assistant Principal

2019 SOL Testing Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| May 20 | May 21 5 th Grade Reading | May 22 4 th Grade Reading | May 23 3 rd Grade Reading | May 24 4 th Grade Virginia Studies and 5 th Grade Science |
| May 27 Memorial Day (No School) | May 28 Make-Up Tests (as necessary) | May 29 5 th Grade Math | May 30 4 th Grade Math | May 31 3 rd Grade Math |
| June 3 Make-Ups and Virginia Studies and Science Retakes (as necessary) | June 4 Make-Ups and Reading Retakes (as necessary) | June 5 Make-Ups and Math Retakes (as necessary) | June 6 | June 7 |



**Warm weather is upon us...!
Please review the dress code below...**

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|------------------------|-------------|----|--|
| IMPORTANT DATES | May | 2 | - Kindergarten Registration 11:00 am-7:00 pm |
| | | 3 | - PTO Literacy Carnival 5:30 pm-8:00 pm |
| | | 10 | - Parents Breakfast 8:15 am-8:45 am |
| | | 15 | - Food Lion Math Night 6:00 pm-7:30 pm |
| | | 17 | - Fitness Day |
| | | 27 | - Memorial Holiday Division Closed |
| | June | 6 | - Celebrate 5 9:30 am |
| | | 6 | - Early Dismissal 1:30 pm |
| | | 7 | - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Early Dismissal 1:30 pm |

The following clothing items are considered unacceptable and strictly prohibited from use within the Gloucester County Public Schools. Students in all grades will be prohibited from wearing the following:

*Headwear – The wearing of hats, hoods, sweatbands or any headpieces or head coverings such as bandanas, skullcaps, handkerchiefs, headbands or any scarf or cloth worn about the head and covers the majority of the head will not be permitted inside the school building unless it is for religious/cultural reasons.; this includes curlers, picks, combs, or rakes in the hair.

*Shirts and blouses – Transparent shirts or blouses, backless shirts, halter-tops, tube tops, open sided tops or cut off tee shirts and other tops that expose the chest, cleavage, back, midriff, naval or waistline are prohibited. Mesh-type shirts or jerseys that expose the chest or midriff also are inappropriate. Clothing with string or spaghetti straps is not permitted. The minimum width of a shoulder strap is the width of a standard credit card, phone card, or driver's license.

*Bottoms - Dresses, skirts, mini-skirts, shorts, culottes, skorts, and split skirts that do not reach the end of the fingertips when standing with the arms fully extended are prohibited. Hips, midriff, buttocks, lower back, upper thigh and navel will remain covered with clothing whether standing, sitting or bending. Stretch pants, tights or leotards worn as outer garments are not permitted. Sleepwear or lounge pants will not be permitted.

*Remember for safety... closed toed shoes required on the play ground equipment.

Achilles Teacher of the Year...

Sarah Clements

ITRT



1) **What position do you have at Achilles?**
ITRT (Instructional Technology Resource Teacher)



2) **Best part of your job?**
It's always something new! I get to work with students in every class, grade and subject area while doing fun technology projects.

3) **Where were you born?**
Newport News, VA



4) **What did you want to be when you grew up?**
A ballet dancer

5) **Family?**
I have two children. My son, Boone, is 4 years old and my daughter, Lindley, is 2 years old. I also have two big dogs named Duke and Teddy.

6) **First Job?**
I worked as a costumed historical interpreter in the military encampment at the Yorktown Victory Museum (now called the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown).



7) **Hobbies?**
I enjoy reading, exercising, solving puzzles, and playing games!



8) **Favorite Musical performer?**
I like all kinds of music. Too difficult to pick just one!

9) **Favorite Movie/Book?**
My favorite book series is Harry Potter. I don't have a favorite movie.



10) **Favorite Food?**
I love all food but my favorites are Indian food and sushi!

11) **Something you couldn't live without?**
My phone! It has everything! Photos and videos of my kids, my calendar, maps, alarms, to-do lists, etc.

12) **Dream Vacation?**
Somewhere warm where I can sleep in, read, and eat yummy foods!



13) **If you had 15 minutes on national television, what would you talk about?**
Probably my kids! They're my favorite topic of conversation.

IMPORTANT SOL TESTING INFORMATION

To ensure a positive testing experience for your child, please assist with the following:



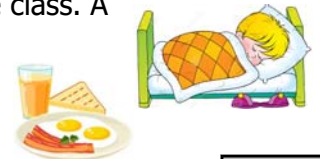
* Attendance on each day is extremely important; please plan trips and appointments around this testing schedule. If you know that your child will be absent or tardy on a test day, please let the school know as soon as possible (804-642-9140).



* Testing begins at 9:15 a.m. daily. Please make sure that your child is on time. It is important that your child participates in the morning routine before testing begins.

* If your child is late and testing has started, he/she will not be able to test with the class. A make-up test will be scheduled at another time.

* Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast on each day of testing so they can do their best on the test.



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Please contact Deborah Bone at (804) 642-9160 or dbone@qc.k12.va.us with any questions.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Summer Fun 2019 Links to Summer Activities



Gloucester Parks, Recreation and Tourism Summer Camps

To register or for more information, visit <https://rec.gloucesterva.info> or call 804-693-2355

YMCA Summer Camps

To register or for more information, visit www.peninsulaymca.org or call 804-993-4922

Gloucester Public Library

To register or for more information, visit www.gloucesterva.info/library or call 804-693-2998



4-H Summer Day Camps

To register or for more information, call 804-693-2602



Watermen's Museum Summer Camps

Grades: K - 10th

June 24 – August 23

Activities are Virginia SOL based.

Call 757-887-2641 for info.

<http://watermens.org/summer-fun/>

Parent & Family Learning Opportunities !

The MPNN Community Services Board is offering several trainings for the community in **youth and adult mental health, suicide intervention**, parenting thru separation/divorce and a **15-week nurturing parenting program**.

Trainings and classes begin in May and are being held throughout the summer on various dates and times. Registration is required.

For a listing of the specific offerings, dates, times and locations, go online to www.chvc.online, email to prevent@mpnn.state.va.us or call 804-642-5402.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



May is Adult Abuse Prevention Month!

Each year thousands of adults are neglected or abused physically, mentally, sexually, and financially by those who are responsible for their care. Last year in Virginia over 27, 000 reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation were received. However, research finds that for every reported case of adult abuse, close to 24 go unreported.

That is why the Gloucester Social Services seeks to bring this important issue to everyone's attention. During May, the department will hang a banner and tie purple ribbons around the trees within the Courthouse Circle, located on Main Street, in recognition of Adult Abuse Prevention Month.

If you or someone you know is suspected of being abused or neglected and they live in Gloucester County, please contact the Gloucester Social Services at 693-2671 and ask to speak to an intake worker, or call the 24-hour toll-free hotline at (888) 832-3858.

For additional resources and information about adult abuse, please visit Virginia Department of Social Services website at www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/

Why Girl Scouts?

Unleashing a girl's potential should be a year-round affair. So why wait until the fall when she can start enjoying her Girl Scout experience during summer? Sign her up for Girl Scouts! Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for girls in grades K-12. From STEM to the outdoors, our programs are backed by research that show girls perform best in single-gender environments, so you know your girl will be at the center of all she does as a Girl Scout. For more information on sign-up events in your area or to register today, visit www.gsccc.org or call 1-800-77SCOUT.


girl scouts
of the colonial coast



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What did our PTO fund this year?

- 1 **PTO** Funded both ...“One School ...One Book Programs” and will continue to do so in the future!
- 2 **PTO** Funded the PTO... Glow Dance, Arts & Crafts Afternoon, Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Event, Mother Daughter Paint Event and the Father Son Event.
- 3 **PTO** Teacher Grant: Science items including sheep eyes for 5th grade!
- 4 **PTO** Teacher Grant: \$100.00 towards summer reading books for every child!
- 5 **PTO** Teacher Grant: 3rd—5th grade SOL Daily Breakfast!
- 6 **PTO** Teacher Grant: Ice cream reward for students completing Summer Packets!
- 7 **PTO** Teacher Grant: Funded index cards for 2nd Grade!
- 8 **PTO** Funded...The FREE PTO Carnival!

THANK YOU...
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We are collecting Box Tops!

Send them into school today!

Volunteers Needed for Fitness Day - May 17, 2019







Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Students Name: _____




Fill out and return to Ms. Bone in the office!

Warrior Pledge... "I will live the Warrior Way by respecting myself, others and my community everyday!"

May 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| |  | | 1 8:00 AM-Robotics 3:50 PM-Great Computer Challenge Practice | 2 Kindergarten Registration 11:00 AM-7:00 PM 3:50-5:00 PM-Afternoon Warriors 3:50-5:00 PM-Nature Club 3:50-5:30 PM-First Grade Art Club | 3 PTO Literacy Carnival 5:30-8:00 PM  | 4 Great Computer Challenge Competition Webb Center at Old Dominion University |
| 5 | <i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> 6 | <i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> 7 3:45-5:00 PM-Good News Club 3:50-5:00 PM-Afternoon Warriors | <i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> 8 | <i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> 9 3:50-5:00 PM-Afternoon Warriors | <i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> 10 Parents Breakfast 8:15-8:45 AM  | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 3:45-5:00 PM-Good News Club 3:50-5:00 PM-Afternoon Warriors | 15 School Nutrition Appreciation Day School Nurse Appreciation Day Food Lion Math Night 6:00 PM-7:30 PM | 16 3:50-5:00 PM-Afternoon Warriors | 17 <i>Fitness Day</i> 9:00-11:30 am | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 4:00-5:00 PM-Home Front Warriors PTO Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5:00-8:00 pm  | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Memorial Day Holiday Division Closed | 28 3:45-5:00 PM-Good News Club 3:50-5:00 PM-Afternoon Warriors | 29 6:30-8:00 PM-Union Baptist Church Gym Use | 30 | 31 | |

June 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 |  3 | 4 | 5 1:30 PM-Senior Walk | 6 Celebrate 5 9:30 AM Elementary Early Dismissal 1:30 pm | 7 Elementary Early Dismissal 1:30 pm LAST DAY OF SCHOOL | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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