
WARRIOR NEWS



Warriors win Together!

Principal's Message

One of my goals every year is to try and picture how instruction and learning looks through the eyes of our students. Are the directions easy to understand? Is the lesson engaging and does it provide enough rigor? However, I keep coming back to "are the students excited about learning". We realize that the transition back to five day a week learning will be a learning process for us all. Nevertheless, when I visit classrooms and throughout the building, I see students fully immersed in learning. I see excitement in both our teachers and our students. This past week I have witnessed students engrossed in their teacher's instruction. As we transition into our learning environment, I cannot be more excited myself to see all of the great work we can do together to educate our children. May this momentum and feeling continue throughout the year!

-Mrs. Gray

Monday, September 6th



No School! Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 7th

Wednesday, September 8th

Thursday, September 9th

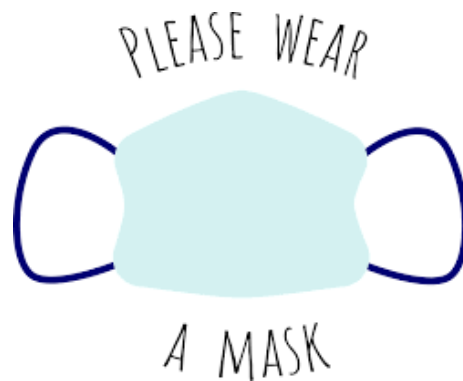
Friday, September 10th

Kudos

- We appreciate all of our parents and guardians! Thank you for your patience this first week as we ironed out the kinks in dismissal and made our car loop more efficient (despite the rain). We hope all of our families enjoy the 4 day weekend and get to spend it resting with loved ones!
- Thank you to our paraprofessionals, special education teachers resource teachers, and staff members for ensuring our arrival and dismissal ran smoothly the first week of school.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to creating our car loop cards and tags.

First Fire Drill of the Year

Achilles Elementary conducted their first fire drill on September 2nd. Students did an incredible job of exiting the building quietly and following directions!



Safety in the Classroom

All students and staff are required to wear a mask while inside. Students will be given mask breaks throughout the day. Students are not required to wear a mask at recess or while outside. At this time, we will not be doing temperature checks on students. We ask parents to please screen your children before they come to school. We will also be using physical distancing as much as possible.

Parent Loop

Thank you, parents, for your patience as we work through making our parent loop better every day. As a reminder, unless asked to do so by one of our helpers, please do not pass on the left while we are loading and unloading students. We want to be as safe as possible! You may have noticed that we have started to use our front exit a bit. Our construction crew has done an awesome job of laying gravel until it is fully repaired. In the morning, parent loop will begin unloading at 8:45am. In the afternoon, parent loop and students will be called at 3:35pm and will begin loading at 3:40pm.

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch will still be free to all students this year. As always, you child may bring lunch from home if they so wish.

School Supplies

School supplies have been purchased by the school and will be given to each child for a \$20.00 fee.

GCPS Dress Code Policy

Parents/Guardians, as you finalize your back to school shopping and in preparing for colder months ahead. Please use the following guidance when selecting attire for school

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. Headbands worn to specifically hold hair back are permitted.*
- 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.*
- Bottoms - Dresses, skirts, mini-skirts, shorts, culottes, skorts, and split skirts that do not reach mid-thigh are prohibited. Hips, midriff, buttocks, lower back, upper thigh and navel will remain covered with clothing whether standing, sitting or bending. Tights or leotards worn as outer garments are not permitted. Sleepwear or lounge pants will not be permitted.*
- Miscellaneous - Military or inappropriate insignia on clothing (due to Federal Law) is not permitted. Fringed garments may not be worn in vocational areas.*
- Footwear – Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times; students are not permitted to wear bedroom slippers in school.*
- Undergarments – All undergarments must remain fully covered by appropriate clothing.*

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, 13th: Lifetouch Individual Picture Day

Wednesday, 15th: Rear Door Bus Evacuation Drills

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If you have news to add, please email your information to Kelley Gray at Kelley.gray@gc.k12.va.us