Mark Your Calendars!

APRIL

17th-21st- Scholastic Buy One Get One Free Book Fair in library

20th- Walton Middle School Orientation, 6:30 pm

27th- Fourth and Fifth Grade Field Trip to Jamestown

28th- K and First Field Trip to Open Gate Farm

MAY

3rd- Second Grade Field Trip to Scottsville Senior Center

9th-18th- Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade SOL Tests- schedule coming soon

29th- Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE

9th- Last Day of School for Students

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

VALENTINE DANCE A fun evening enjoyed by Scottsville students hosted by our wonderful PTO!

CONGRATS TO MS. FAYARD! Scottsville second grade teacher recognized as Z 95’s March Teacher of the Month.

TASTY LEARNING Fourth and Fifth graders celebrated Pi Day with hands on measurement activities and plenty of pie!
**WELCOME BACK!**

Hope everyone had a grand spring break. I know we all surely needed it, especially since we had fewer snow days this winter!

SOL testing for grades 3, 4, and 5 begins in May. As in prior years, testing begins first thing in the morning. It is important that students are on time to school, have a good night’s sleep, and eat a healthy breakfast. Parents, we ask that you please not schedule appointments for your child on testing days. Due to the tremendous hard work of our teachers, students, and families, we continue to no longer be a Focus School and we wish to remain free of this burden. Thank you in advance for your support during SOL season. Spring is a key time of the year and I encourage you to talk with your child regarding the importance of these assessments. A big thank you to Kim Passerell for coordinating SOL tests at our school. It’s a tremendous amount of work all the way around and we need each other to continue to be successful!

Join me in congratulating our physical education teacher, Kim Gentry. Mrs. Gentry was selected as the winner of the 2016-2017 Golden Apple Award for Scottsville School! Kudos, Mrs. Gentry! We are proud of you and you’re very deserving of this award.

A big thank you to Tom Green, his students, parents, and all who helped with our “Phantom Tollbooth” play. Imagine the effort of Mr. Green and our students to produce this high-quality performance that came together so marvelously. Also, thank you to our music teacher, Erin Owney, for her outstanding concerts, Kim Gentry for her yearly Jump Rope for Heart and soon to be Dance Factor, and 2nd grade teacher Christyne Fayard who won Z-95’s Teacher of the Month in March! Finally, thank you to our PTO for their hard work, dedication, and for organizing the fun events and fund raisers that give our students all the nice extras! We are blessed, ladies!

Planning has begun for summer school and the coming school year. If you have an incoming kindergarten student, or know of a student who should be registering, now is the time. We are determining the number of teachers needed for the fall, and prefer to avoid a bubble of student numbers in the fall due to late registrations. We do, however, monitor school enrollment over the summer and keep in close contact with our county offices who decide what type of additional staffing may be needed after the start of school. Please see Sharon Ayres if you need to register your child or know of someone who has moved into our community for the coming school year.

With planning for next year comes student homeroom assignments. Teachers place students for the following school year and welcome your description of the best learning environment for your child.

Working together, we can ensure the best classroom placement is made for each student, given the size of our school and the number of classrooms we have at each grade level.

Finally, as the weather becomes warmer, please help your child select attire appropriate for school according to the guidelines in our Student Handbook:

- Clothing that permits exposure of the body beyond acceptable standards is discouraged. Sports bras should not be worn to school.
- Straps on shirts should be approximately the width of three fingers; thinner straps may be worn with a shirt over or under.
- Pants should be secured and worn at the waist.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses are considered too short if when holding one’s hands at one’s sides, the hem, cuff, or dress hem does not reach at or beyond the fingertips.

Thank you again for the love and support you provide. This is an awesome school, and we couldn’t do our jobs without you!

Respectfully,

Sharon
CLASSROOM NEWS

BRIGHT STARS
The Bright Stars had a great third nine weeks! We continued to practice our school routines, worked on being kind friends to each other, and practiced making good choices in the classroom and school. We focused on identifying and writing letters, letter sounds, counting with one to one correspondence, and identifying shapes and colors. Some of our themes this past nine weeks were Winter and Valentine’s Day, and we had a visit from a dentist during Dental Health month! The Bright Stars took a fun-filled field trip to the Discovery Museum where we explored different community settings.

KINDERGARTEN
Kindergarten students had a busy third quarter. We learned about shadows and U.S. presidents. We enjoyed celebrating Dr. Seuss’ Birthday and Read Across America Day by reading with our volunteers. The 100th day of school was a big hit; pretending we were 100 years old, stacking towers with 100 cups, creating tasty trail mix with 100 items, and building Lego towers. In math, we explored money and different ways to make ten cents, and telling time to the hour. We enjoyed field trips to the Virginia Discovery Museum and the Paramount Theater. We look forward to a great fourth quarter.

FIRST GRADE
First grade had an exciting third quarter! We began with a unit on goods and services. Students became producers and consumers as they created their own goods to sell in our class store. Our unit culminated in a trip to CustomInk, an apparel printing facility in Charlottesville. At the factory, students saw the service portion of the business as well as the producers who were creating t-shirts. Some of our students even had the opportunity to print their own t-shirt! We celebrated the 100th day of school in Granny and Grandpa style, had a lovely Valentine’s Day, and attended a Read Across America Day community event. We are now researching, taking notes, and writing our own books about animals. We are looking forward to a wonderful fourth quarter!
SECOND GRADE
Second graders packed a lot of learning into the past nine weeks. In Math, we explored probability, graphing, problem solving, and patterning. The students are becoming masters of real life concepts such as telling time and counting money. In Science, we made snowmen out of the little snow that fell this winter to investigate the three states of matter. In Social Studies, we learned about wants vs. needs, producers and consumers. In addition to writing many creative stories, we learned about apostrophes and contractions. We even dressed up like doctors and completed “Contraction Surgery!” We also attended two wonderful events at the Paramount Theatre in Charlottesville. There’s more fun planned for our last quarter together!

THIRD GRADE
Third quarter was loaded with learning in third grade. Everyone had fun exploring measurement—you could find us measuring all around the building! Our talents now spread from knowing standard measurement to mastery of metric measurement, as well. In Science, we researched the biomes of the earth and created unique projects, illustrating the plant and animal life native to each area. While our feeders kept many birds happy (and kept us entertained!) throughout the winter, spring sunshine has given us a head start on our gardens. We wrote a lot of great stories and are looking forward to the last nine weeks!

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE
Fourth and fifth grade students performed three shows of Norton Juster’s ‘The Phantom Tollbooth’ at Victory Hall Theatre in early March. The kids did a spectacular job, and performed in front of hundreds of students, parents, and community members. Mr. Green said it was one of the best plays ever at Scottsville! Fifth graders visited the Senior Center in February, making Valentine’s Day crafts and playing several rounds of bingo. We are grateful to everyone who made the PTO Valentine’s Dance a huge success. This fundraiser helped make possible our upcoming field trip to Jamestown. The dance was a fun event and our students did a great job volunteering their time working at some of the stations. We are looking forward to visiting Jamestown on Thursday, April 27th.
GUIDANCE
Recently in guidance, the first through fifth grade students have discovered how their interests can connect with careers they might pursue when they grow up. We have learned about different careers with help from Paws, a guide dog on the website Paws in Job Land. The Kindergarteners have also explored different jobs and the tools workers use. The students have enjoyed learning about different career paths and jobs. Ask your student about what he/she would like to do when he/she gets older!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Third, fourth, and fifth graders have focused on personal fitness and goal setting skills. They have also completed spring fitness testing and did a fantastic job! Kindergarten, first, and second graders worked to build skills within fitness and cooperative units. All grades are beginning an implements unit which will focus on tennis, golf, lacrosse, striking off a tee, and hockey related skills. The fifth graders recently enjoyed a field trip Birdwood Golf Course, and Dance Factor for third, fourth, and fifth graders starts April 19!

ART
I hope everyone enjoyed a student art display during Youth Art Month - at school, the Fashion Square Mall, the student art show at Longwood University’s Center for the Visual Arts, or on my blog: smartartclass.blogspot.com. Congratulations to Finn Evans Southall for representing our school in the International Aviation Art Contest for 2017. Finn received a certificate for placing 3rd from 173 entries in his age group in Virginia. In addition, Ingrid Mellusi won an Honorable Mention in this same contest. Visit doav.virginia.gov for more details. In April and May, all grades will work with clay and craft materials for our sculpture and crafts units. We will develop skills in spatial reasoning, problem solving, and creative thinking.
Scottsville students celebrated the power of reading with the Festival of the Book in March. Illusionist Wes Iseli amazed us with his ‘Reading is Magic’ assembly sponsored by our PTO. Fourth and fifth graders traveled to St. Anne’s-Belfield School in Charlottesville to hear author Kwame Alexander. Second and third graders enjoyed a visit from local author and Scottsville neighbor Kimberly Schmidt. Kindergarten and first grade students were entertained by author Minh Le and illustrator Isabel Roxas.

### SPRING BOGO BOOK FAIR

April 17 - 21st

Stock up for summer reading!

All books BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!

*Titles vary by book fair. Items available while supplies last.

### DIGITAL INFORMATION RESOURCES

Provided by Albemarle County, these resources are available to SES students at home or school-- anywhere with an online connection!

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### TOP 5 LIBRARY ITEMS

Based on third quarter checkouts

1. Taking Care of Your Cat
2. The Magician’s Nephew
3. Wait Till Helen Comes
4. How to Draw Dragons
5. Pete the Cat

### VISIT OUR LIBRARY ONLINE

http://www2.k12albemarle.org

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