

March 15, 2019

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

*We open our front doors every school day **at 7:00am** so that our parking lot and surrounding roads are less congested. **Arrive by car(t) 7:00-7:15am** if you want a calm and quiet drive. **Students arriving by bus are never marked tardy.***

The tardy bell rings at 7:40am.

SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STUDENT SPRING PICTURE DAY THURSDAY, MARCH 21

We will be taking individual, class, and club photos that day.

Report cards come home Thursday, March 21.

CHORES FOR CHANGE- Bring your change until March 29

SPRING BREAK IS APRIL 1-5

Grades 3-5 Georgia Milestones (GMAS) testing begins the **Tuesday** after Spring Break. (April 9-24)

How do I prepare for GMAS:

arrive on time, get lots of rest, eat breakfast, just do your best!

BRAELINN ELEMENTARY TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:

MARCH 18-22

THIS EMAIL WAS SENT TO PARENTS THROUGH ROOM PARENTS:

Teacher Appreciation Week is a time when children and their parents are encouraged to show their appreciation for their teachers. Braelinn will be celebrating our teachers the week of March 18 - 22. Our school celebrates earlier to hopefully take away some of the stress from the end of the year.

Our Teachers do SO much for our children on a daily basis and we would like to show them just how much we care. We would love to shower them with thanks and appreciation this week. It doesn't have to be much. Sometimes the greatest gift is one that is homemade! It can be a special card, drawing, flowers, a basket of fruit, a sweet treat, breakfast, a home baked cake or a craft made by your child. We've come up with sweet, simple ways to make each teacher feel special during this week of appreciation. Below are daily suggested themes that will help celebrate our wonderful Braelinn teachers. Let your child choose one or all five days to show how grateful they are for all the hard work our teachers have done with our students this year.

Relax & Flip Flop into Summer

Monday, March 18: Let's Make a Beautiful Tropical Bouquet – Please send in a flower from your garden, store bought flowers or your teacher's favorite flower. We will fill a vase with an assortment of beautiful flowers that will make your teacher's week extra special!

Tuesday, March 19th: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – Teachers will be treated to a Surf's Up Luncheon. Let's encourage our children to write his or her teacher a note thanking them for being such a wonderful teacher. A drawing with the words "Thank you" would be greatly appreciated too. Other suggestions include: teacher stationery, thank you cards, note pads or packs of "encouraging" stickers they can use when grading papers.

Wednesday, March 20th: You are My Sunshine. Help brighten your teacher's day by sending in classroom supplies that may be needed to keep the classroom running until summer. Or maybe it's a sweet or salty treat for your teacher. Other ideas include dry erase markers, pencils, Clorox wipes, highlighters, extra snacks, candy, etc.

Thursday, March 21st: Thank You for Being a Scent-sational teacher. All Teachers Are Special Day- "Thank You To Our "OTHER" Teachers For The Many Different Ways You Help Us Succeed." Children can bring in a yummy smelling lotions, soaps, air fresheners, candles, or sweet gift cards to their favorite restaurant or store for their specials teachers. **PLUS**, please don't forget any of the following teachers they may see throughout the week for Enrichment, EIP, ESOL, Speech, Special Ed, etc.

Friday, March 22nd: Summer is almost here! Teachers help prepare our students all year long and now it's our turn to help them prepare for a fun summer. Maybe it's a gift card to their favorite restaurant so that they can skip a night of cooking. Or maybe it's a gift card for a manicure or a pedicure. Another idea might be a gift card to their favorite store which will help them find everything under the sun.

Thank you Braelinn Parents/Guardians for helping us celebrate our wonderful teachers! Each Teacher Favorite sheet may be found on the Braelinn PTO website under Insiders Guide then Teachers Favorite Things.

TUESDAY PLEASE HELP 😊

Dear 2nd and 3rd Grade Parents:

On **Tuesday, March 19th**, the 2nd and 3rd grade parents will be hosting the March Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Each grade level will co-host one luncheon per year. The theme is "Relax and Flip Flop to Summer!" We are hoping to have a variety of summer luncheon items to serve to our Amazing Teachers and Staff. The luncheon feeds **75+ hungry staff members** who love to sample all of the delicious items sent in. Salads, soups, appetizers and desserts should serve 10 - 12 people. Please review the list and select the item or items that you would like to bring in.

Please bring all dishes to the office by 10:00 am in disposable containers if possible. If not, please label your dishes and we will have them waiting for you after 2:00 pm in the lounge.

Thank you for your help making this luncheon special for our Wonderful Teachers and Staff! They are looking very forward to the luncheon and appreciate everyone's generosity! Cheryl and Christine

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GRADE 5 PARENTS: SLIDESHOW PHOTOS NEEDED BY MARCH 25

Hi Fabulous 5th Grade Parents!

It's hard to believe that our children will be graduating soon from Braelinn Elementary! On the last day of school May 24th, our students will participate in a graduation ceremony.

During the ceremony, there will be a 15-minute video presentation. This video will include 3 pictures of every student along with various group pictures throughout their time at Braelinn Elementary. Currently, we have 103 fifth graders which means we will be working with A LOT of pictures!

This is what you need to submit by email:

1. 1 baby/toddler picture

2. 1 activity picture (your child doing something he/she enjoys: soccer, gymnastics, piano, cooking, football, art, swimming, golf, etc.)

3. 1 current picture (a picture of your child in 5th grade)

Optional picture submission: any group pictures of your child with Braelinn classmates/teachers. Please note that not all group pictures will be included in the video.

To streamline this process and keep things organized, please submit pictures the earlier the better and choose only pictures with **high resolution**.

Please email your child's 3 pictures to BraelinnGrad@mail.com by Monday, March 25.

If you have any questions, please email BraelinnGrad@mail.com.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Rachel Cox & Ring Jiang

Graduation Slideshow, 2018-19 5th Grade Graduation Committee

2nd SEMESTER REMAINING CLUB DATES

Pick-up for all clubs is always 3:30pm in the bus loop.

(Golf carts please remain in the golf cart lot near bus loop😊)

Please do not make changes in PickUp Patrol for club dismissal; if your child is in a club, we will be sure your child goes directly to his/her club at 2:15pm.

All clubs dismiss out the bus loop doors at 3:30pm, so we will find you then.

Monday Clubs 2:30-3:30

STEAM 3/18 and 3/25.

Tuesday Clubs 2:30-3:30

Chorus every Tuesday until the last week of school

Origami ended 3/12.

Thursday Clubs 2:30-3:30

Chimes every Thursday until the last week of school

Chess Club ends 3/21. **NO CHESS CLUB 3/28.** Chess Club students received tournament flyer

Grade 2-3 Art Club **Group A:** last session was 3/07

Grade 2-3 Art Club **Group B:** last session is 3/21

Writing Club 3/21 and 3/28

Morning Clubs:

Spanish Club ends March 19. Watch for special Fiesta celebration information.

Running Club starts again April 8 after spring break. **Hoops Club** ends March 22.

Second Semester Clubs were filled using our start of the year Club Forms.

Questions about clubs? Please email oden.jan@mail.fcboe.org.

STARR'S MILL HS COLORGUARD
P R E S E N T S



Little Starrs Color Guard Camp

For rising 1st through 8th Graders

SMHS GYM - 9am-12 - June 4-6th -\$100
A special performance will be held on the
last day and participants are invited to
Youth Night at SMHS on Aug 30

Registration: Fayette County Community School
770-460-3990 X 470 (205 LaFayette Ave, F'ville)
Personal checks (w/2 phone numbers & ID), cash,
credit card or money orders (made out to FCBOE)

What to wear: comfy clothes and sneakers
What to bring: water bottle and a healthy snack
A flag & other snacks will be included!

PosterfityWall.com

Enrollment happening now!

ABC

Kindergarten

Must turn age 5
on or before
Sept. 1, 2019



New Student

Residing in
Fayette but not
currently enrolled



Register!

Click on "Student
Registration" under
"Quick Links"

STUDENT ENROLLMENT IS HAPPENING NOW

Do you know a child who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall?

Please help us get all Braelinn Kindergarteners enrolled NOW.

CLICK HERE TO ENROLL NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS: <https://www.fcboe.org/Page/237>

Braelinn Elementary Kindergarten Connection
(Orientation for students beginning Kindergarten next year)
May 3 8:30-9:30am @ Braelinn

SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE

1. It's **DARK** again at arrival time and unsafe for students to walk through the parking lot. If it's raining, arrive early, the doors open at 7:00am, pull your car all the way up – we have umbrellas.
2. Send students to and from school **on the bus**.
3. Continue to use turn-signals near the school zone.
4. Remember that the **National Weather Service (NWS)** determines Severe Weather WATCHES and WARNINGS. During a WARNING, Schools must shelter every child and adult in-place and cannot dismiss any students until the NWS lifts the warning. (During a WATCH, schools cancel outdoor activities and dismiss buses and cars only-holding walkers.) Please do NOT call or come to the school during a Severe Weather Warning. If you are in the parking lot during a WARNING, we will open doors for you to enter the building and will keep all visitors sheltered separate from students.
5. Remain at the wheel of your golf cart, use the parking brake, and remove the key when stopped.
6. Arrive between 7:00 - 7:30am to beat the 7:40am tardy bell rush.
7. Drive slowly in the school parking lot, and never allow students to walk from the golf cart lots to cars.
8. **Use Pickup Patrol**. We have 527 students leaving in different directions every day during a 20-minute window.

PTO UPDATE

A 9-month retainer was signed with Bomar Law Firm, LLC. Once the taxes are filed, the average IRS processing time is 6 months. We expect 3 milestones to be updated: Submission of application to IRS, decision rendered by IRS (up to 180 days after #1), and completion of Incorporation/Bylaw process. Outside of these 3 events we do not expect updates to be necessary. All PTO events are on-hold until further notice.

Legal Update: The Bomar Law Firm is in the process of preparing the statement for the IRS and the application for incorporation.

Follow this link for all information posted on the PTO website: <https://braelinnpto.com>

Thank you to our valued sponsors for their continued support of Braelinn Elementary. We appreciate the partnership and hope that our Braelinn families will frequent these local businesses in the near future.

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March-May Braelinn 2018-2019 Calendar of Events

| DATE | EVENT | TIME & LOCATION |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Thurs March 7 | Parent Chat w Principal | 7:40 & 9:30am Media Center |
| Tues March 12 | Chick-fil-A Spirit Night | 5-7pm Starr's Mill CFA |
| Thurs March 14 | Grade 5 TN Field Trip | Extended Day |
| March 18-22 | Braelinn Teacher Appreciation Week | Daily small tokens of appreciation |
| Tues March 19 | Teacher Appreciation Luncheon | Teacher's Lounge |
| Thurs March 21 | Spring Pictures | Individual, Class, and Club Photos |
| April 9-24 | Georgia Milestones Testing | |
| Thurs April 18 | Evening Parent Chat w Principal | 6:30pm Media Center |
| April 18 | Evening PTO Meeting | 7:00pm Media Center |
| Fri April 26 | K-5 Career Fair | 8:30-11:00am In classrooms |
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| WEEK Apr 29 May 3 | 4 WEEKS OF SCHOOL | |
| | 5 th Grade Talent SHOWCASE | During Star Assemblies |
| Tues April 16 | Chick-fil-A Spirit Night | 5-7pm Starr's Mill CFA |
| Tues April 30 | Grade 6 Evening Parent Orientation | 6:30-7:30pm RSMS |
| April 29-30 | 2019-2020 Master Schedule Input Meetings | All Braelinn Staff collaborate |
| Thurs May 2 | School Council Meeting #4 | 7:00am Conference Room |
| Fri May 3 | Grade 5 RSMS Visit | 8:30-10:45am RSMS |
| Fri May 3 | Kindergarten Connection (for next year's students) | 8:30-9:30am |
| Fri May 3 | Family Movie Night | TBD |
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| WEEK May 6-10 | 3 WEEKS OF SCHOOL | |
| Mon May 6 | Irish Dance Assembly | GYM |
| Tues May 7 | Teacher Appreciation Luncheon | Teacher's Lounge |
| Thurs May 9 | Artist in Schools Karen Mervis: during specials | Entire grade level in GYM |
| Thurs May 9 | Chorus/Chimes Evening Concert | 6:30pm in GYM |
| Thurs May 9 | Unlimited Possibilities Art Open House | 6:30-8:15pm |
| May 10 Fri | Chorus/Chimes Daytime Concert | 8:15am GYM (limited seating) |
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| WEEK May 13-17 | 2 WEEKS OF SCHOOL | |
| Mon May 13 | Grades 3-5 Blast AM/K-5 Firetruck PM | Blast 8:30-11/Firetruck after lunch |
| Tues May 14 | Grades K-2 Blast AM | Blast 8:30-11:00 |
| Wed May 15 | Blast Rain Date | Grades 3-5 outside priority |
| Thurs May 16 | Chat w Principal & Volunteer Appreciation | 9:00am Media Center |
| Thurs May 16 | PTO Meeting | 9:30am Media Center |
| Fri May 17 | Kindergarten Parties | TBD Consistent time across grade level |
| Saturday May 18 | Cross Country Meet | |
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| WEEK May 20-24 | LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL | |
| May 20-21 | Grade 3/5 GMAS Retest Dates | AM only |
| Mon May 20 | 1st Grade Parties | 12:30-1:30 |
| Tues May 21 | 2nd Grade Parties | 1:00-2:00 |
| Wed May 22 | 3rd Grade Parties | TBD Consistent time across grade level |
| Thurs May 23 | 4th Grade Parties | 11:00-12:30 |
| Fri May 24 | 5th Grade Grad 8:30am w party afterward | |
| Fri May 24 | Last Day of School | |
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