



# Pack the Bus A Success

Bath County Public Schools was represented at the Q-99 Pack the Bus event at the Covington Wal Mart. The Pack the Bus initiative has been an ongoing community event sponsored in part by many corporate partners who ensure that many of the school children in our district get the supplies needed to be successful in school. On Thursday, August 12th, Q-Bear and Q-99 personality Dick Daniels joined the Covington and Alleghany school districts as they accepted donations from citizens and businesses alike. During the blitz, Q-99 visited over 13 Wal Marts that helped 23 school divisions across its listening area. Specific corporate sponsors include Pepsi,



Valleydale, Shelor Motor Mile, WalMart, Applebees, and Heiner's Bakery. Donations to Bath County Public Schools totaled more than \$800.00 and this will be used to help purchase school supplies for the students in our school district. Pat Whitson and

Kim Lancaster were the Bath County representatives who accepted the donations from the corporate sponsors. They are pictured above kneeling on the far right. Q-99 radio personality Dick Daniels is on the left.

## Bath County Arts Association Sponsors CAN

The Bath County Arts Association will once again sponsor grade level appropriate art programs provided by the Children's Art Network out of Staunton, Virginia. Now in its fifth year, the Children's Art Network gives programs

that are geared towards the Standards of Learning and incorporates many of the content areas such as history and science. Specific programs include Book-making, Color It Windy!, The Ancient Art and Culture of China, Roman Holi-



day, Clay in the Classroom, and Inuit to Incas, but Mostly the Mayans.

### CALENDAR

9/27/10—Progress Reports Go Home	10/26/10—Family Reading Night 6:00 PM
10/13/10—Children's Art Network Kindergarten and First Grade	10/26/10—Picture Retakes/Makeups
10/15/10—Preschool Field Trip to Hot Springs Fire House	10/29/10—End of First Nine Weeks; Early Release 12:30
10/18/10—SOL Academic Banquet 6:30 PM	11/8/10—Pupil Holiday; Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-4 p.m. & 4:30-7 p.m.
10/20/10—Children's Art Network Fifth Grade	11/17/10—Children's Art Network Second and Third Grade
10/25/10—Second Grade Field Trip to Natural Bridge	11/22-11/25—Fall Break

# Kindergarten

I can't believe that summer is over and school is ready to begin. I'm sure many parents feel the same way. I am looking forward to a great year with your children. I know some of the children already know many of their classmates while others are new to our school. It's amazing how fast they will make new friends.

Our topic for the first week or so will be friends at school. We will try and learn everyone's name as well as take a tour of our school to learn our way around. We are fortunate to have Pre-1<sup>st</sup> joining our class this year and they too will be very helpful in this process.

We will also study families during the first month of school. They try to draw the road to their house as best as they can and will decorate a house shaped paper to hang in the hallway. I like to add a picture to their house before hanging it up. If

you have a family picture or a picture of your child, can you send it in so we can attach it to their house? The pictures will be returned.

Your child will be bringing home a folder each day that needs to be returned to school every morning. They have mailboxes in the classroom that they will check each day to bring home any important papers for you to see. Please remember to check their folders EVERY NIGHT and RETURN THEM each morning. This will be our way of communicating and a job your child will do each day. It's great to see how fast they learn responsibility. You too can help at home by letting their job be to give you the folder every day to check and then have them place it back in their backpacks to return to school.

I look forward to working with each of

you to make this a wonderful year for you and your child. Thanks for your support.



### *Halloween Tip #1*

*Do not eat any treats until you bring them home to be examined by an adult. This way, an adult and check for any problem candy!*

# First Grade

It's so hard to believe that another school year has begun. I'm really looking forward to having a great year with my students. I'm sure it will be packed full of fun and excitement all year long.

We will be busy doing evaluations to determine each student's present level of performance the first few weeks of school. This helps us determine where to begin instruction for your child. First, we will begin by giving the AIMSweb screening during the week of August 30 - September 3. The following week, beginning September 7th, we will complete the PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening) assessment. As with every day of school, please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep a night (8 - 10 hours) and a good breakfast.

\*If interested, our cafeteria serves a wonderful breakfast every morning.

A personal thanks to all parents for getting all school forms filled out and returned so promptly.

Just a few reminders:

When sending any money to school, please place it in your child's money holder inside their binder and complete the money form stating what it is for. Place all notes in the money holder as well. **THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE I WILL LOOK FOR THESE THINGS.**

Ice cream can be purchased on Friday's. The cost will be \$.50. Students may use money from their lunch account.

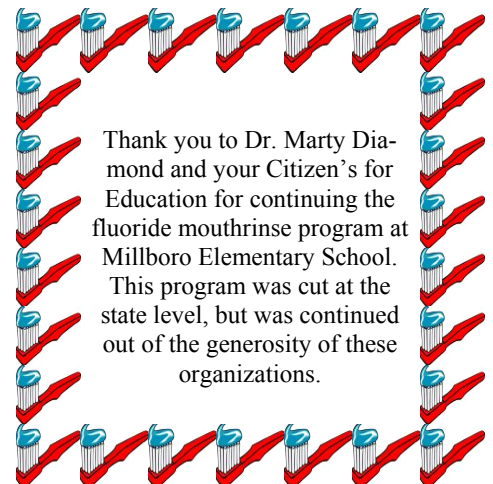
Snack will be provided each day. The cost is \$3.00 per month or \$27.00 for the entire year.

Always obtain a **VISITOR'S PASS** before going anywhere in our school. This includes early morning time when students are arriving to school.



### *Halloween Tip #2*

*Plan a safe route and know where your older brothers/sisters are at all times.*



Thank you to Dr. Marty Diamond and your Citizen's for Education for continuing the fluoride mouthrinse program at Millboro Elementary School. This program was cut at the state level, but was continued out of the generosity of these organizations.

## Second Grade

Many students flood the aisles of Wal-Mart as they get their school supplies for school.

Our Second Grade classroom is filled with toothless grins; knock knock jokes, and excited learners. Second Graders are on their way to reading independently and discovering how the world really



works. It is the most rewarding experience to see their self discovery.

This first nine weeks we will be learning about Plants, trees, Johnny Appleseed, Natural, Human and Capital Resources. We will discover where we live in regards to our town, state and country. We will watch the life cycle of butterflies and a frog. We will learn our doubles in math and do addition to 18. We will count forwards and backwards, count dimes and nickels, and learn how to write number sentences. We will act out plays and read all the Corduroy books. We do paired reading, poems, and much more. We go to computer lab, do experiments, cook and have a great time. I am looking forward to teaching your child. If you have questions feel free to call me at school or



home 540-997-5939 or cell 540-290-0888.

I will conduct a workshop to help you get acquainted with our Second grade. A letter will go home the first few days of school.

## Third Grade

WE'RE BACK!!!! Can you believe it? We had a great back to school night with high attendance. Thanks for filling out all those forms and getting them returned so quickly. The 1st 9 weeks will begin with assessments in most subject areas. Science skills will include life processes and life cycles. Map skills and explorers will be the focus in Social Studies. Math time will find us busy with patterns,

graphs, place value, rounding, and much more. Each week there will be spelling words to study as well as lots of exciting stories to read. Check your child's homework notebook each night for assignments, notes, etc.



## Fourth Grade

Welcome Back Fourth Graders! We have lots to do as we establish the routines we'll need to learn efficiently all year. We will start off working on homophones. They give everyone trouble because they sound the same but are spelled differently. We will take advantage of the warm weather while we have it to work on science skills and learning about the environment. Maps and the geography of Virginia will be our social studies

focus. Math will start with a review of place value, adding, and subtracting. We will, of course, start reading books from the first day of school. It's exciting to learn! I'm looking forward to learning from my students while they learn what has been designated for fourth graders in the state of Virginia!



*Halloween Tip #3*

*Make sure to carry a flashlight, glow stick, or*

*wear a reflective costume to make yourself more visible to cars!*

## Grade 5-7 Social Studies, Grade 5 Reading

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Wow! Where did summer go? It's so wonderful to have everyone back! I'd like to give a warm welcome to our new fifth graders. I'm looking forward to a super year with all of you! We've gone over lots and lots of expectations and responsibilities of being in fifth grade. Reading will kick off with several read-alouds. We're going to put on a shadow-puppet play of "The Warrior and the Wise Man" by David Wisneiwski, then move into a great book called "Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key" by Jack Gantos. This award-winning book is about a boy and his struggle with ADHD. Hopefully Joey will learn that responsibility requires action before it's too late!

We did a fun writing project called "All About Me." Students filled a head (on paper!) with everything they wanted the rest of us to know about them. Not only was it fun for them, but I loved reading about your child and learning about their interests.

In History, we will start by "visiting" the various geographic regions of the United States. We'll also "see" one of the oldest

archaeological spots in America that's right here in Virginia! Too cool!

We're off to a great start this year and I'm truly looking forward to our year together. Please visit my webpage at <http://sharepoint.bath.k12.va.us/mes/joeyc> to stay informed on homework, upcoming events and more. Just be sure to click the US History I or Reading tab to see what's happening in fifth grade.

We're off to a great start in sixth grade! I think we were all happy to reunite after our long summer break. US History II picks up where we left off last year, Reconstruction. After we learn about the 50 states located within the seven regions, we're moving on to the settlement of the Great Plains. From John Deere to sod houses, I believe the kids will enjoy learning how Americans adapted to the environment in order to settle this harsh region of the United States. Please visit my webpage frequently to keep up with what your child is doing in US History II at <http://sharepoint.bath.k12.va.us/mes/joeyc>.

Civics and Economics has been going wonderfully, too. This is our third year together and I'm so excited that they're back! We'll be learning how a 221 year-old document consisting of only 4,400 words has provided us with the most stable (note, I said most) form of government in history and how our framers planned for the future so it would last this long. To start, we will be spending a good bit of time discussing the Bill of Rights and how it affects our daily life. We've actually spent some time with that already, but will be spending piles more. I'm very excited about the school year as well as the upcoming elections. We'll actually be able to *see* what we've been learning about in action and hopefully make some connections to and understand the importance of civic duty and our responsibilities as Americans! Don't forget, too, to check out our class site at <http://sharepoint.bath.k12.va.us/mes/joeyc>.



### *Halloween Tip #4*

*Do not cut through back alleys or fields.  
Stay in populated areas and do not go off  
the beaten path!*

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## Grade 5-7 Science

I am happy to be teaching another year of grade 5, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> grade science. It is exciting to be looking forward to projects, labs and demonstrations and other neat science classes.

As you may know, science is a pretty challenging subject, involving homework, projects and quite a bit of reading. It is a subject which requires constant parental supervision to avoid the student getting behind. Here are a few suggestions which could really help the grades. I use these myself and they do work:

Provide your child with a quiet area of study without the distractions of television, games and other sounds and videos.

Check that homework notebook (planner) every night! This helps to avoid the dreaded "I don't have any homework" syndrome that tends to maim and cripple our grade.

Provide a structured time to do homework. The best for most students is immediately after school. We do an hour to two hours per night. If there is no homework, we read and do extra credit reports for classes.

Email your teacher immediately if you suspect a problem. My email address is [stevh@bath.k12.va.us](mailto:stevh@bath.k12.va.us). Although at two places, I will try to get back to you within a day.

Again, I look forward to a great year and look forward to visiting with you.

## Title I Reading

It's exciting to be back in school and gearing up for a new year. Already students are sharing about books they read over the summer or are reading now. We almost always begin the year by reading a book together about being a unique and special individual. This year we are reading *I Wish I Were a Butterfly* by James Howe. The cricket in the story thinks that he isn't as special as other animals... like the beautiful butterfly...until 'the wise one' convinces him that everyone has their own special talent. This is confirmed when the butterfly hears the lovely song of the cricket and says, "I wish I were a cricket." Each student will have their own butterfly, and their classmates will write something they think that makes him/her special. After screenings and benchmark testing are completed, we

will begin working on our reading diet-being sure to include phonemic awareness (letter names and sounds), phonics (word families), vocabulary (both in reading and content areas), fluency (reading smoothly at a good rate), and comprehension (both literal and inferential). We have a lot of good reading ahead of us!

October will be a busy month as we already have 2 reading events scheduled. On October 7<sup>th</sup> we will participate in Read for the Record by reading *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. Hopefully we will not share in the setting of this story that early, but we hope to help set a new world record as we join over 2.5 million others reading the same book. [Mark your calendar](#) for the first Family Reading Night!

We will welcome The Magical Storyteller on **October 26<sup>th</sup>** for an evening of spreading the joy and celebration of reading great books. Keep up to date with other reading happenings by using the link for my school website at [www.bath.k12.va.us/mes/kiml](http://www.bath.k12.va.us/mes/kiml).



## Grade 6-7 English

Welcome back to English, sixth and seventh grade. We will be exploring the aspects of poetry through music, literature, and creations we have made. We will work on focusing

and balancing skills through brain gym games. Hopefully by the end of the first nine weeks I will know all of your names.

### Halloween Tip #5



*Make sure you stick to curfew and only go to areas where other trick or treaters may be!*

## Grade 5-7 Math

Welcome back M.E.S. students,

Didn't I just write this same letter twelve months ago welcoming students back for the 2009-10 school year? Time seems to be flying by and one school year seems to run right into the next.

We are off to a really good start this year and students now in the sixth and seventh grades have the daily routine and expect-

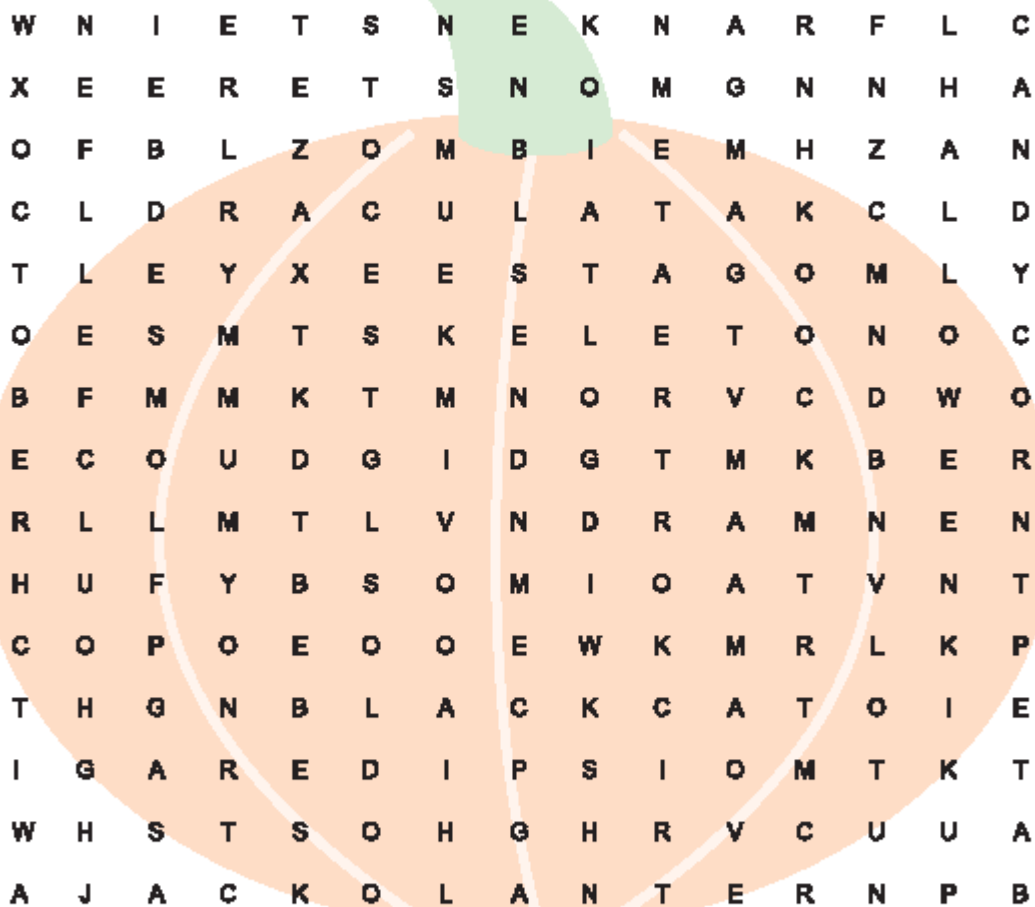
tations down to a fine art. And this year's upcoming fifth grade has made an amazing transition from the fourth grade to the upper block. They seem to be eager and ready to work.

Everyone is busy taking diagnostic tests right now and, hopefully, we'll be done with these tests in a few weeks and ready to start working on our math S.O.L objectives. With the passing of each year, the

performance standards are raised a little higher and the work load is busier than before.

I want to thank all of the parents out there for their help and support in making this the best school year ever.

# Halloween



Find these words:

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|------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bat        | Dracula      | Halloween      | Spider         |
| Black Cat  | Frankenstein | Jack O Lantern | Trick or Treat |
| Boo        | Ghost        | Monster        | Web            |
| Candy Corn | Ghoul        | Mummy          | Witch          |
| Costume    | Goblin       | Skeleton       | Zombie         |



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# Music

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Welcome back! It is hard to believe that summer has ended so quickly. All classes will be very busy as they encounter many new musical experiences this year. Here is a brief overview of the activities students will participate in during the first nine weeks.

Students in Kindergarten will enjoy getting to explore musical instruments, songs and games. First Grade Students will experiment with movement to music. Some of our movements will be structured and some of it will be student initiated. First Grade students will also play rhythm instruments and learn a lot of fun songs! Second Grade will be learning to follow the words of a song when written below the music staff. This is such a big accomplishment! They will learn about

the music staff, the treble clef and the double bar line. Third graders will begin to learn about the orchestra. We will be talking about the Brass Family during this first nine weeks. We will learn about the characteristics of the instruments as well as their names! Fourth Grade students will be preparing to play the recorders in the Spring! We will discuss line and space notes and learn the names of the notes. Students in fifth grade will be learning about the different kinds of listening devices that were used during the twentieth century during this first nine weeks. Sixth and Seventh grade students will spend their time singing and reviewing many musical concepts. Students will be working with beat and rhythm as well. Let's have a great nine weeks!



*Halloween Tip #6  
Children should always  
go out trick or treating  
with a responsible adult.*

# Physical Education/Health

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Physical Education is up and **running** into another school year. Students have been reminded that they must have tennis shoes for class and they must be tied correctly and tight. Loose shoes create a real safety hazard in the gym and on the field.

We will be examining and charting our fitness levels based on physical test scores, height and weight, nutrition and activities when out of school. The students will set personal goals that they wish to obtain throughout the year. Some

of the goals will be short term and others long term. Parents will be asked to help along the way, especially with activities and nutrition when the students are out of school.

The tobacco prevention program, "I Am Too Good for Drugs" will begin on Oct. 1 for grades 3-7 for 10 weeks on Fridays. In the spring we will participate in the Jump Rope for Heart and the Jump Rope for Hoops programs at all grade levels.

Please come and join us and see the students in action. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call the school or myself. The students have PE on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

# Preschool

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A rainy August morning did not dampen the spirits of the little preschool children beginning their school career at Millboro Elementary School. All eight little Preschoolers (ages 3 and 4) arrived with huge backpacks on their backs and even bigger smiles on their faces. We marched to our classroom, all in a row, as if we had done it a million times before. Our first few days at school, have been spent learning our way around the building,

hearing lots of rules, meeting many of new grown up people and trying to remember all of our friends' names. It's hard to learn so much, so fast, but we are trying our very best. We play and sing together, we read and color together, and together we travel the hallways of our new school. We are learning that we are the preschool class; a new kind of family full of special friends. We may be the "Baby Wildcats" here at Millboro Ele-

mentary but listen and you'll hear us ROAR!!

# Halloween Arts and Crafts Fun

## Spirit Jugs

Stationed on a walkway or porch, these homemade lanterns will extend a ghostly greeting and good-bye to all holiday visitors.

### Materials

- Clean plastic gallon milk jugs
- Black permanent marker
- Craft knife
- String of 50 clear, low-wattage holiday lights

### Instructions

- 1) Draw ghost eyes and mouths on the jugs. Tip: Leave the caps on while you do this so the jugs don't dent.
- 2) Use the craft knife to cut a half-dollar size hole in the back of each jug (a parent's job).
- 3) Arrange the ghosts near each other and string the lights between them, stuffing several bulbs into each of the jugs.



## Nutter Butter Halloween

### Materials

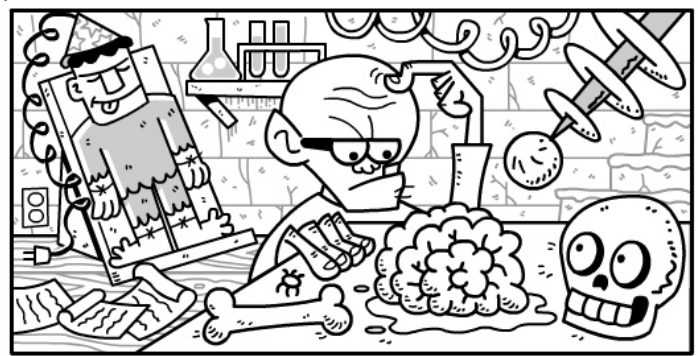
- Nutter Butter cookies
- White chocolate chips or white almond bark melt
- Mini-chocolate chips

### Directions

- 1) Melt white chocolate chips or white almond bark melt over double boilers.
- 2) Dip Nutter Butter cookies in melted white chocolate or white almond bark melt.
- 3) Use two mini-chocolate chips for the eyes before white chocolate melts.

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Look at the two pictures and find seven differences between them.



## Halloween Jokes

What do skeletons say before dinner? Answer: Bone appétit!

How does a monster score a football touchdown? Answer: He runs over the ghou! line.

When is it bad luck to meet a black cat? Answer: When you're a mouse

Why don't skeletons like parties? Answer: They have no body to dance with.

What do ghosts serve for dessert? Answer: Ice scream

Why do mummies make good employees? Answer: They get all wrapped up in their work.

What do the birds sing on Halloween? Answer: Twick or Tweet!

Who won the skeleton beauty contest? Answer: No body



# “Fun”draining Corner



## Tyson A+ Program

Clip Tyson labels from participating products. Millboro receives \$.24 for each label turned in.



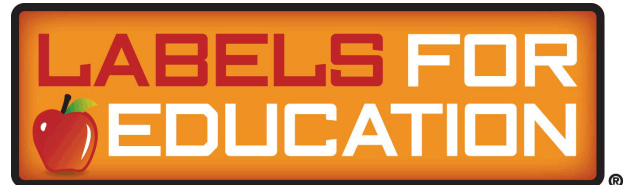
## My Coke Rewards

Turn in your My Coke Rewards bottle caps and codes from Coke products. MES will enter your codes which enable the school to get much needed school supplies. You can also donate your MCR points to the school.



## DirecTV 4 Schools

Returning DirecTV customers can get MES \$50.00 for extending their satellite TV service for one year. For each new DirecTV customers, MES can get \$100.00. This offer is only available by calling 1-888-388-4724 and giving MES's PIN Code: B2413.



## ARTS • ATHLETICS • ACADEMICS

One of the most popular and oldest school fundraising activities going, Campbell Soup Labels allows school to turn in their labels for much needed supplies. In addition, their newsletter includes money saving coupons and ideas on how to use their products to make dinners for today's busy families.



Want to help the environment and get cash for the school? MES and the Funding Factory allows parents and businesses to turn in their used ink and printer cartridges as well as their unwanted cell phones, MP3 players, and game consoles. Some of the phones can be worth up to \$40.00 depending on the model and some printer cartridges go as high as \$8.00 each! Keep these items out of our landfills and help the school by turning them into your child's homeroom teacher.

## Furtal Comes to Millboro

One of the newest fundraisers available to Virginia Schools, the VA Furtal is your one-stop place for online shopping. Almost everybody does online shopping the VA Furtal is one way that schools can tap into the market to get much needed funds. This does not cost anybody any additional money, but when you make a purchase online, a certain percentage is returned to registered schools as a donation. This program is sponsored by the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals and this organization normally does not make endorsements like this unless it is recognized as being legitimate and a good deal for Virginia elementary schools. To begin your online shopping, visit <http://va.furtal.com> and click on the drop down box and select Millboro Elementary School. You now have the opportunity to purchase online items from over 400 online retailers such as Sears, Macy's, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and others.



Parents: All homeroom classes have collection boxes for all of the various items that Millboro Elementary collects as part of its fundraisers. To help save time and effort, please trim any Box Tops or Campbell Soup Labels before submitting to the school.

## From the School Nurse

Greetings! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer, and as we are settling in, anticipates a healthy, productive 2010-2011 School Year!!

We have been busy making sure all of our immunizations are up to date for kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and new students. If you know that your child needs a required vaccine, please be sure to contact your health care provider or our Health Department at (540) 839- 7246, to have their immunizations completed for their grade level. This is very important!! Kindergarten and new student physicals are also a must !! We have already begun screening 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for vision and hearing, as well as 6<sup>th</sup> grade students for scoliosis.

Our office will be providing Emergency Care Plan Forms in the very near future for students who are affected by conditions such as Diabetes, Seizures, Asthma, and various severe Allergic Reactions (for example, bee stings, food allergies).

At the start of every school year we can be certain that those little pests, “head lice” will make their unwanted presence known—and by the way, they like clean hair, too!! It is always wise to check your child’s (children’s) head(s) routinely, especially if you see an unusual amount of head scratching going on! These small insects are about the size of tiny ants. They move quickly among the hair shafts close to the scalp, but they cannot jump or fly because they have no wings! The female lice attach their tiny, whitish, oval-shaped eggs (called “nits”) to the hair shafts and, unlike dandruff, cannot be easily “flecked” off! If head lice or nits are found on your child, please notify the school immediately!! Since lice spread rapidly, immediate and thorough treatment of household members and proper cleaning of personal and household articles is necessary!! If you have any questions, please contact your child’s school. Your cooperation in this matter is very important and most appreciated.

Flu Season is just around the corner and the saying, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!” still rings true! Protect your entire family with the recommended flu vaccines as soon as these are available, and once again, our local Health Department is a valuable resource for this service! And do not forget—we can never say enough for good, old, soap and water (preferably warm) when it comes to preventing the spread of germs!! Frequent hand washing cannot be over-emphasized, and if unavailable, certainly, a hand sanitizer is a good alternative! Along with this, if you feel a cough or sneeze “coming on” please turn away from others and aim your nose and mouth into your elbow, not your hand. And if you do use your hand, you know the drill, Go WASH YOUR HANDS!! This holds true when you finish blowing your nose too!! Signing off from the Nurse’s desk ‘til next time ...Make this a Healthy Year!!

### Reminder:

Parents are reminded that cars are not permitted in the bus lane from 7:45 am—8:30 am and from 3:00 pm—3:45 pm. Busses are unloading and loading students at this time and for the safety of our students, any vehicle is not permitted. The student drop-off and pick-up is in the parking lot.



## MES Welcomes New Art Teacher

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Courtney Horner and I will be teaching art at Millboro Elementary. Originally, I am from Latrobe, Pennsylvania. I have my Bachelor’s degree in Art. Furthermore, I’m certified to teach art education through Seton Hill University. I am currently working towards a Master’s degree with Hollins University. Previously, I taught at Clifton Middle School for four and half years. I began my career substitute teaching at various schools in Pennsylvania. I have displayed my artwork in art shows such as Roanoke College’s Biennial Show.

I will see students in the afternoons once a week on Tuesday and Thursday every two weeks. The focus of the first nine weeks will be to build students drawing skills and confidence with drawing. The student’s first project in preschool and first grade will be drawing their own unique insects and focusing on using good crayon technique. Second and third

grade will be making intriguing insects, but adding their own patterns with crayons. Fourth through seventh grade will be drawing one of the following: insects, animals, or plants making their own unique drawing. Students will add patterns or textures to their drawings using marker.

Donations of newspaper would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to having your son or daughter in my classroom.

