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4th Grade

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A Letter from the Desk of...

The Fourth-Grade Team

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Dear 4th-Grade Parents and Students,

It's hard to believe that we're sending home the newsletter for the last full month of our school year together! Time sure has flown by!

April ended on a very positive note with the students sharing their fantastic science fair projects. The students presented their work using science vocabulary and were very proud of their projects. In addition to teacher feedback, the students also were given feedback by two peers. Students took their time to carefully comment on and ask questions about each other's experiments, which was wonderful to see.

We also enjoyed our trip to the Woodlawn Manor Museum in early April. The fourth-graders fit the part of colonial Americans in their tri-cornered hats, bonnets, long dresses, aprons, rolled-up pants, and more! It made for a great day.

Speaking of field trips, we're in the midst of preparations for our final field trip of the year to the Chesapeake Bay on June 3rd. Thank you to the many parents who have signed up to volunteer for this trip. Training (either at SERC or in school) for all volunteers will be completed by May 11th. At that time, we will be sending out a station preference sheet and information summary to all trained volunteers. We look forward to a fun trip to the Chesapeake Bay!

Please see the reverse side for important dates and other news!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Anderson, Ms. Liza Levenson, & Ms. Stefanie Rardin



Mark Your Calendars!



Tuesday, May 3 rd :	PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 13 th :	Mary Amato's Writing Workshop, Day 1!
Wednesday, May 12 th :	Chorus Performance 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 14 th :	BES Variety Show
Monday, May 16 th :	Interim Reports Sent Home
Thursday, May 13 th :	Chorus Performance 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 18 th :	Chorus Performance 7:00 p.m. for Students' Families, last names A-L
Thursday, May 19 th :	Chorus Performance 7:00 p.m. for Students' Families, last names M-Z
Friday, May 20 th :	Cultural Arts Assembly, 9:40 a.m.
Monday, May 23 rd :	Mary Amato's Writing Workshop, Day 2!
Wednesday, May 25 th :	Instrumental Music Concert, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 30 th :	No School, Memorial Day
Monday, May 31 st :	No School, Memorial Day
Wednesday, June 1 st :	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, June 2 nd :	Character Education Assembly, 2:30 p.m.
Friday, June 3 rd :	Field Trip to Chesapeake Bay
Tuesday, June 7 th :	PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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WHAT WE'RE LEARNING:

In the beginning of May, we will continue to focus on the reading and writing of mysteries in **Language Arts**. We will also continue to use the William & Mary program to provide accelerated and enriched learning opportunities to students reading above grade level. As May progresses, we will jump back into a study of historical fiction, focusing our learning around the book, *Bud, Not Buddy*.

In **Social Studies**, fourth-graders will begin a study of the branches of the government.

We have recently begun our investigation of rocks and minerals in **Science**. Students are doing streak tests, looking for luster, color, and hardness to classify minerals. At the end of May, we will switch our focus back to a study of ecosystems, specifically the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Students will be ready for our field trip in June!

In **Technology**, students will finish out the year with a creative project that requires them to evaluate the impact of technology on our environment and society in general. Students will be using online sources and *NoodleTools* to gather information that will be presented in Microsoft Publisher.