



# The Falcon Monthly



## B. M. Williams Primary

March 2017

### Principal's Message

#### **Parent Workshop for raising Kindergarten students:**

B. M. Williams Primary will host our first Kindergarten Orientation for this year on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. If you have a raising kindergartener or know a neighbor who has a raising kindergartener please let them about our workshop. You may call the school office (547-0238) for a reservation and/or more information. If you cannot come to this workshop we have another kindergarten workshop scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

#### **Chesapeake Public Schools Free Four-Year-Old Preschool:**

The Chesapeake Preschool Initiative (CPI) is a Free Full-Day program for eligible children who will be four years old by September 30 and who live in Chesapeake. The CPI team is now scheduling eligibility screening appointments for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications and instructions may be picked up from the BMW office.

#### **5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE - R U READY - FAMILY NIGHT:**

The Chesapeake Public Schools, in collaboration with Chesapeake's R U Ready Initiative will be hosting a **FREE FAMILY NIGHT** on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m.

This **FREE** event will take place at Indian River High School located at 1968 Braves Trail. The event will focus on **FAMILIES with children between the ages of 3 and 10** and will provide workshops, resources, great giveaways and **DINNER!**

There will be a variety of PARENT workshops including:

- PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN
- POSITIVE DISCIPLINE TECHNIQUES
- Supporting students with special needs
- Understanding giftedness, eligibility and characteristics
- AND MUCH MORE!

In addition to these presentations, community organizations and agencies will be on hand to provide valuable information.

This event will also offer CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES for children aged 3 to 10 which will allow YOU (the parent) the opportunity to attend several workshops and visit with our resource vendors **WHILE YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING AND HAVING FUN!**

Families should register online at:

[www.familynight2017.eventbrite.com](http://www.familynight2017.eventbrite.com) or call (757) 382-2226

### PTA News

Spring is almost here!!!! The PTA has started making plans for our spring fundraiser. We are excited to announce beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to have products made with your child's "Original Artwork" on it. Additional information will be sent home with your child. We will also be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts April 18-May 2. This was a big hit last year!!!


There are a few spirit wear items left! Feel free to inquire via email [bmwpta@gmail.com](mailto:bmwpta@gmail.com) so that you can get your t-shirt or hoodie. Let's show some school spirit!!!!

Don't forget to send in your Campbell's labels and Box Tops.

The next PTA meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Please check the PTA Facebook page for information on the next Family Dinner Night. This month's faculty treat day is Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, where the feature will be "all things green". If you can't donate this month, feel free to donate to the next faculty treat day on April 21<sup>st</sup>, where appetizers and Easter will be the theme.. Please email us if you can donate or want to volunteer. Hope to see you there.

Join the PTA today for just \$5. It gets your child a vote. You don't have to volunteer. If you want to get more involved, sent us an email for more information.

*If you have paid your \$5 and have not received your membership card, please email us!*

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Have questions? Email us: [bmwpta@gmail.com](mailto:bmwpta@gmail.com)



# News from the Nest



**K** February flew by and March is already here! As always, kindergarten has been a busy place and will be for the rest of the school year! We are reading lots of fiction and non-fiction books, and talking about the season of "Spring" and the changes that we see. We'll continue to practice writing in our journals. The children have all shown evidence of progress in using their knowledge of letter sounds and sight words when they write. They are working on stretching out words to hear a beginning, middle, and ending sound. We want our students to be brave spellers and not shy away from spelling long words. We are also stressing "The Big Three." These are: 1. Capital letter at the beginning of a sentence, 2. Spaces between words, 3. An ending mark (. ? !). Please encourage your child to write at home as well! In math we will begin to practice addition and subtraction. We will use manipulatives, tens frames, and games to make adding and subtracting fun! Please continue to work at home with your child on saying their address, birthday, and phone number.



**1** First graders are learning about Jamestown and some of its famous Virginians:

Christopher Newport, Chief Powhatan and Pocahontas. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, first grade will have an exciting in-house field trip with presenters from Jamestown. The students are in for a real treat when they see real-life artifacts and make connections to how settlers lived in the old Virginia Colony of Jamestown. We will also tackle solving word problems, collecting data and graphing in math. In language arts, students are working with long vowel sounds, making predictions, and writing simple forms of poetry.



**2** This month our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will enjoy a Vocabulary Parade in which they will learn a variety of synonym and antonym pairs. The parade route will travel around the school and many of our students will be marching while others will watch. What a fun opportunity to learn some new words!

In March, our students will also travel to the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk. There we will be treated to exhibits on ancient Egypt and ancient China. These cultures will be the focus of our social studies units this month.

In math, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will practice counting money, making change and telling time using analog and digital clocks. In reading, they will practice making predictions and inferring. Please continue to help your child in all of these areas.



## "Faculty Follies are here!"



The BM Williams' Faculty Follies are Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

*Doors open ½ hour early.*

Come see the teachers show their talents (or lack of talent).



**Tickets are \$4.00 per person.**

What a great way to spend time with your family laughing, singing and spending time together!! You'll also be supporting a great cause !

**All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.**

**\*\*Checks may be made payable to:**

**ACS (American Cancer Society).**