



## April/May/June 2017 Calendar

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| April 3-7   | Spirit Week   |
| April 4     | Third Grade to Learning Barge                           |
| April 5     | Third Grade to Learning Barge                           |
| April 6     | Spring Pictures   |
| April 7     | Early Release Day @ 12:19                               |
| April 10-14 | Spring Break  |
| April 24-28 | Book Fair   |
| April 27    | Volunteer Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.                         |
| May 1-5     | Teacher Appreciation Week                               |
| May 1       | Fourth Grade Field Trip to Williamsburg                 |
| May 9       | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings Concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ GBH |
| May 17      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:00 p.m. @ GBI  |
| May 19      | SOL Testing Begins (See detailed schedule below)        |
| May 29      | Memorial Day Holiday/Schools Closed                     |
| June 6      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Auditions for 2017/18 TV Studio   |
| June 12     | Grade 3- Awards & Party                                 |
| June 13     | Grade 4- Awards & Party                                 |
| June 14     | Grade 5- Graduation & Party                             |
| June 15     | Last Day of School/Early Release @ 12:19                |

**Next Year's Class Placements-** As we plan for next year, please keep in mind that a great deal of time and thought is involved when determining your child's classroom placement for next year. **Due to the size of our student population, honoring specific teacher requests will not be possible.** If you feel it is necessary to address specific concerns regarding your child's academic progress or future classroom placement, please send me an email, letter or call the school (482-4405) to set up an appointment to meet with me **after June 20<sup>th</sup>**. Your child's classroom placement will be mailed to you the week before school starts. We will be unable to make changes in classroom placements once letters have been mailed home.

**Summer Move:** If you know you will **moving and withdrawing** your student from GBI at the end of this school year, please send in a note to the main office informing us of this move. The more information the better! Letting us know when and where you are moving is extremely helpful when preparing your student's file. Thank you!

**SOL Practice:** Our teachers have been working hard at exposing our students to technology-enhanced test items and rigorous SOL-related concepts in preparation for the spring 2017 SOL/CAT test administration. The

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) provided the following information for parents on their website. The VDOE provides numerous online practice tests and other resources for parents and teachers to assist students to prepare for the assessment. These items can be found at [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/practice\\_items/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/practice_items/index.shtml).

**SOL/CAT Testing Schedule**

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| May 19 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science |
| May 23 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading |
| May 24 | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading |
| May 25 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading |
| May 26 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade History |
| May 31 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math    |
| June 1 | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math    |
| June 2 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math    |

**Dress code reminders:** As warm weather approaches, please keep in mind that students are expected to dress in a conservative manner appropriate for the promotion of learning. Tank tops, midriff-exposing or off-the-shoulder shirts are not allowed. Shorts and skirts must be long enough to pass the “fingertip” test. Tight-fitting or revealing clothes are not permitted.

**Second Annual Cats for a Cause 5K**

The Second Annual Cats for a Cause 5k will be held in Oak Grove Park on April 29 at 9am. All proceeds from this year's run will go towards the American Brain Tumor Association. The 5K run is open to all ages and this year we have added a Kids' Fun Run! For more information, access the Great Bridge High School website.

