May 2017 Newsletter

Student Exhibition
We are hosting a student exhibition on May 15, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are inviting parents, family members, local community leaders and learning partners. This is an opportunity for our students to shine. While you are here, it is highly recommended that you visit the grades above the level of your child(ren) to gain an understanding of the projects your child will be learning about in the future. The Health Department will be set up in the library to share their program, Just Like Me. The extension office will be set up to share about food preservation.

Please look at the schedule below:
5:00 – 5:05 Opening remarks
5:10 – 6:10 Students in all grades will share their learning experiences
Wellness Programs will be in the library
6:15 – 7:00 Grades 3-5 Lego Robotic Competition

Book Fair
Our spring book fair will be May 22-26, 2017. This is our buy one, get one free sale. The book fair will be open to parents from 8:10 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (M-F) and 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. (M-TH). Please watch for the flyer that will be sent home. When you send money with your child, please make sure it is in a marked envelope with your child’s name and what the money is to be spent on at the book fair.

STEM/Game Day
We will be holding our STEM Game Day on May 30. Parents interested in helping with that day will be invited to attend. Please watch for the form to come home.

Outdoor Learning
We are excited about all of the integrated learning projects students are engaging in. Our new bee colonies will arrive the first week of May. Fifth grade will continue to study how to increase winter survival despite inconsistent temperatures. We will be working with the Next Gen Lego League to try their bee system in hopes of regulating temperatures. Fourth grade is using the wax to make crayons. Third grade will be adding berries to our schoolyard and getting our greenhouse operational. Our grape harbor fort will be in the design phase with first grade and our gardens will be planned shortly by Kindergarten and Pre-K. In addition, we are excited that Pre-K has started the incubation process for our chickens.

STEM Festival
There will be an opportunity for students to participate in fun science, math and engineering opportunities at the STEM Festival at Frostburg State University on May 6, 2017 at the Cordts PE center. The activities are open to the public from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Weather Station Installed
Route 40 has a weather station that has been installed on our facility. To see the latest weather at our school, go to: https://weather.weatherbug.comweather-forecast/now/?station::FRSTR
We hope to have a link placed on our website soon.

Last Day for Library Books
Friday, May 5 will be the last day for book exchange in our library. All books will need to be returned by May 19.

Opportunity to Support the Bees
Our bee products will be available at the exhibition for a donation. We will have honey, candles, and lip balm. Please stop by fourth and fifth grade or in the Lego Competition to support the program.
**Pajama Day**
We will hold a pajama day on May 16 for those wishing to support Spinal Muscular Dystrophy research. All students wishing to wear pajamas are asked to bring in $1 for the cause.

**Grand Finale Music Concert**
Our annual Grand Finale will be held on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 1:00. The Grand Finale is an end-of-the-year music program that showcases the creativity and talents of all our Route 40 students. Each classroom will perform something they’ve learned in music class this year, just for fun! The 4th and 5th grade band and chorus will also perform for your enjoyment! Hope to see you there!

**Love and Logic**
**Is “I’m Sorry” Enough**

I’m asked quite often, "When my child misbehaves or causes a problem for someone, he's quick to say, 'I'm sorry.' Is that enough, or should he have a consequence?"

Common sense tells us that actions speak louder than words. That's why it's important that our kids do more than just apologize. Let's take a look at an example:

Parent: **This is so sad. You rode your bike right through Mrs. Wilson's flowers. What are you going to do?**

Child: **Uh... say 'I'm sorry'?**

Parent: **That's a great start! What can you do to show her that you are sorry?**

Child: **I don't know.**

Parent: **Would you like to hear some ideas?**

Child: **What?**

Parent: **Some kids decide to buy some new flowers and plant them for her. How would that work?**

Child: **I don’t have any money.**

Parent: **Other kids ask their parents to buy some new flowers, and they pay their parents back by doing lots of extra chores. Let me know what you decide. Good luck.**

That's Love and Logic.
Thanks for reading!
Dr. Charles Fay

**May Events**
5  Pre-K and K to Hovatter’s Zoo
10 Grade 5 to Northern Middle for Orientation
11 Grade 5 to Hickory overnight
12 Grade 5 at Hickory Pre-K – 4 at Mt. Playhouse
15 Exhibition 5 – 7p.m.
16 Pajama Day for $1 Noon Dismissal
19 Grade 3 to Bedford Village
22 PTO 6:00 p.m.
23 Grade 5 top Career Day 4-H 3:15-5pm
25 Grades 4 & 5 to Bee Farm and Flight 93 Memorial
26 Spring Concert 1:00 p.m.
19 No School
30 Game Day

**June Events**
2 Grades 1 & 2 to Pittsburg Zoo 1:00 Dismissal
5 10:00 Grade 5 Completion Ceremony 1:00 Dismissal
6 Last Student Day 1:00 Dismissal