Parent for Local Management Board
Our superintendent, Mrs. Baker, is looking for a parent interested in serving on the Local Management Board. This board was established to change the way services were provided to children and families in their communities. The major focus was to increase local authority to plan, implement, and monitor children and family services. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Maust know.

Parking Lot and Fire Lane
Please remember that all areas marked in our parking lot with a yellow line is a fire lane. Cars may NOT park in the fire lane. If you bring your child to school, please park in an appropriate marked parking spot and then walk your child into the school. We do have county deputies that patrol our schools and will address the matter with individuals not following these procedures.

School Work Assistance for Parents
Education has changed more in the past 30 years than ever before due to mass amounts of research on the brain and how people learn. Due to this grand scale of information, teachers now approach lessons differently than taught in the past. We recognize that parents may not know how to use some of the strategies taught. The good news is that we are here to help you as well. When you have questions or need to understand how to help your child, please ask. Mrs. Maust is willing to meet with you and teach you strategies to use at home. We will also be creating a time during PTO for parents to ask questions and learn about how we are teaching your child. Our teachers attend these meetings and would be glad to help you with these questions as well.

Attendance on Midterms
Please be aware that the attendance may be incorrect on the midterm reports due to a computer glitch. We are aware that this has been an ongoing problem and our technical department has been informed.

Vision and Hearing Screening
Our local Lions Club will be here on Thursday, October 5 to offer free vision screenings for Pre K, Kindergarten, Grade 1 and students who are new to Garrett County Public Schools. No physical contact is made with the students. A screening instrument scans the children's eyes and can detect vision problems. Please return consent forms as they have been sent home. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kennell, School Nurse.

PTO Meeting
Our next PTO meeting will be Monday, October 9 starting at 6:00 p.m. We will be working on the Halloween Social for this year. We are asking everyone able to help to attend the meeting. We are going to need organizers for all aspects of the evening’s events.

Girl Scouts Opportunity
There will be a Girl Scouts event held at Cove Run Corn Maze (596 Griffith Road, Accident, MD) on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. The cost will be $5 per person. Those interested in joining Girl Scouts may call Kendra Rinard at 301-334-6230 or email at sweitzermusic@hotmail.com to request more information.
Halloween Social
Our Halloween Social will be October 27, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:30. Please be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to come out and enjoy the fun.

Classroom Baskets – Items Needed
Every year students create baskets that are raffled at the social. Each classroom chooses a theme and is asked to send in items to fill the basket. The classroom themes are listed below:
- Pre-K - Gift cards
- Kindergarten – Rustic Fall
- Dr. Seuss
- Sensational Scents
- Arts and Crafts
- Movie
- U.S.A.

Harvest Basket Items Needed
Each grade is asked to send in specific items to fill the harvest baskets. We appreciate your efforts in helping us to continue this tradition. Please see your child’s grade level below. Please send in all items by October 25, 2017. PTO will add the gift card for the turkey.
- Pre-K – stuffing mix and cans of pie filling
- K – cans of sweet potatoes and noodles
- 1 – cans of sauerkraut and carrots or peas
- 2 – cans of green beans and instant potatoes
- 3 – cranberry sauce and dessert mix
- 4 – gravy mix or jars, corn bread mix
- 5 – cans of fruit and corn

Harvest Basket Ticket Sales
We are starting Harvest basket ticket sales. Students who sell 25 or more tickets get a t-shirt designed by fifth grade students. The classroom selling the most tickets wins 15 extra minutes of recess. The top three sellers win Walmart gift cards for $25, $15, and $10. Tickets are $1 each. If you would like to have tickets to sell, please send in a note or call Mrs. Brenneman. All tickets and money are due October 25, 2017. Please try to sell these tickets. This event is the one that supports the PTO programs for the year.

HELP WANTED at Halloween Social
We are looking for people to sign up to work events at the social. Please let us know how you can help. We will be sending out a sign-up sheet soon.

Child Find Announcement
State and Federal laws require that the Garrett County Board of Education provide free and appropriate educational programs for all children with disabilities living in Garrett County. Services which can be provided by the Board of Education include evaluation and direct services in speech and language therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, developmental skills for preschools and academic help for children of school age. These services are provided through the Special Education programs to all students who qualify. If you know of any individuals with a disability ages birth through twenty-one years of age who are not receiving educational programs, please contact:

Ms. Heather Raybold
Supervisor of Special Education
Garrett County Board of Education
40 South Second Street
Oakland, MD 21550
301-334-7655

Parent Conferences
Parent Conferences will be held on Friday, November 6, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Notices will be sent home later with the time of your conference.

Safety Drills
We have been practicing our fire, bus, and lockdown drills this year. I am sure your child will share details with you. We will have another fire drill and an earthquake drill in the month of October. If you have any questions, please call and speak to Mrs. Maust.
Love and Logic
Inspiring High Achievement
Is it possible that some degree of sibling rivalry is normal… and can actually provide opportunities for our kids to learn essential lifelong relational skills? Absolutely! But only as long as we have commonsense skills for ensuring that these conflicts don’t grow into chronic resentment, feelings of victimization, and constant family chaos. While the subject can be a complex one, here are four tips that can help keep the family atmosphere healthy:

Nurture each of your children’s unique strengths and gifts.

When children are noticed and appreciated for their unique interests and aptitudes, they are less likely to perceive that their parents have “favorite” children. Of course, favoritism is the kiss of death when it comes to sibling relationships.

Provide strong and loving leadership.

Love and Logic is all about helping parents become… and remain… loving and strong authority figures. Much of this is achieved by providing consistent and enforceable limits. When kids feel a lack of such leadership, they experience anxiety and subconsciously wonder, “Well… if our parents aren’t running this home, I better.” Chaos among siblings ensues as they compete for this leadership position.

Stay out of the middle, while guiding them toward solutions.

Most of us struggle with the temptation to rescue our kids from each other by placing ourselves in the middle of their conflicts. When we succumb to doing so, we send an unhealthy message: “If you want some attention, all you have to do is start a fight with your brother or sister. Then I’ll swoop in to rescue.”

In my audio, Sibling Rivalry, I describe how parents avoid making this mistake while guiding their children toward learning how to resolve their own conflicts.

Of course, we do rescue when life and limb are in obvious danger.

Use the “Energy Drain” technique to keep it their problem rather than yours.

We’ve received story after story of how parents have informed their children that bickering and arguing drains their parental energy. Of course, when this happens, kids are expected to replace this energy by completing extra chores, staying home from an activity so that their parents can rest instead of drive, etc.

While we can’t ensure that our kids always love and appreciate each other, we can create a home where it’s always in their best interest to work hard at doing so.

Thanks for reading!

Dr. Charles Fay

October Events

5  Vision & Hearing Screening
9  PTO 6:00 p.m.
12 Noon Dismissal
13 No School
19 4H 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
25 Basket items due
Social tickets due
27 Halloween Social 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
30 Grade 4 and 5 to GC for Ballet