

FREDERICK DOUGLASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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May/June 2017 Newsletter Volume 6

Dear Fred Families,

It is so hard to believe that this is our last newsletter of the year. It is even harder to believe that I'm finishing my second year at Fred.

Frederick Douglass, "Home of the Blue Jays", is a great place to be. We have much to be proud of at Fred. Below are some reasons:

- 1.) Our teachers and staff are dedicated and care about our success.
- 2.) Our parents are supportive and send us their child, ready for school each day.
- 3.) We had 204 families respond to the parent survey. The detailed results are at www.seafordbluejays.org. The main highlights were as follows:
 - A.) I feel welcomed and valued when visiting Fred. 98% said "Yes".
 - B.) My family's ethnicity and culture is recognized and respected by staff. 82% said "Yes", and 16% said "No opinion".
 - C.) I am made aware of events and activities that involve my child. 92% said "Yes".
 - D.) Families prefer getting information from:
 - Tuesday Folder
 - School & Class newsletters
 - FDES website
 - E.) Parents prefer a phone call or email to communicate as well as 62 families selecting the student agenda.
 - F.) Either 5-7pm or 6-8pm is the best time for our families for school events.
 - G.) Children and families spend 1-3 hours a week on homework and 102 families asked for a parent workshop on homework help.

Some of our other accomplishments include:

- Chromebooks for each student.
- PLC clubs for each student.
- A visit from Governor Carney on May 2nd, for: "[Top 10 Improvement in ALL of Delaware!](#)"
- Spanish Immersion in grade 3 and moving on to Grade 4 next year.
- In the last two years, our academic data has improved in all areas and subgroups.
- So far this year, we have increased the total number of kids of character each quarter and our referrals and suspensions have been cut more than in half.

May is crunch time. It's time for our students to show what they've learned all year. Then the week of June 5th, will be their week! Please continue to encourage your child to do their very best! Remind them to stay focused; to show what they know and to keep the 3R's in their pocket.

Because of our teachers, staff, parents and students, Frederick Douglass is a **GREAT** place to be! Thanks for a successful year.

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Carol Leveillee
National Distinguished Principal



Student Accomplishments



Congratulations to Marta Navarro! She was named the "Jr Youth of the Year", for the Sussex County Boys and Girls Club. Marta has attended the Boys and girls Club for over 5 years. Way to go Marta Navarro!



Congratulations to Melanie Dasher! She won "Jr Miss Delmarva". She proudly wears her sash to various appearances around Sussex County. Melanie helps collect supplies for the homeless. So far since earning the award, she has made at least 24 appearances. Kudos to Melanie Dasher!



Heartbeat of Fred



Much thanks to Mrs. Hartman and Mrs Shockley, (former Fred teacher), for helping with various projects at Fred. Volunteering matters!

WE really
APPRECIATE
YOUR
SUPPORT !!!



Huge appreciation to all the families and staff that came out for "Beautification Day", on March 25th. Additional thanks to, Mr Stroup and Pack #152 for bringing your Scouts out to help too!

Fred Character Connection



At Fred, we focus on the 3R's!

Respect- A feeling or understanding that someone or something is important in an appropriate way.

Responsibility- A duty or task that your are required or expected to do.

Right to Learn- Allowing others to learn by making good choices- a priviledge to succeed by growing and leaning.

Upcoming Spirit Days at Fred

SPIRIT DAYS



May 26- Hat Day

Whether a ball cap or something a little more creative, hats off to a great year!



Frederick Douglass Pledge:

I pledge to do my best work, use my best manners, be on my best behavior at all times and in all places, to respect the adults, students and rules of Frederick Douglass Elementary School, because Frederick Douglass is my school, I'm proud to be here and I can make a difference each day.



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Frederick Douglass Purpose Statement:

To ensure success for all students, the Seaford School District Elementary Schools will build the foundation of this school community through:

- High Expectations for All
- High Quality Teaching and Learning
- Positive and Meaningful Relationships



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Nurses Corner



STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY THIS SUMMER!

It's summer time once again! Here are some tips to help make your supper the best and healthiest one yet.

Grill and Chill:

Whether it's burgers off the grill or a picnic in the park, one thing you don't want on the menu is foodborne illness. Take these steps to keep germs at bay.

- Wash hands before and after handling food.
- When taking foods off the grill, do not put cooked food items back on the same plate that previously held raw food.
- Use a food thermometer to ensure that food reaches a safe internal temperature.
- Never let raw meat, cooked food or cut fresh fruits and vegetables sit at room temperature more than **two hours** before putting them in the cooler or refrigerator. (If temps are above 90 degrees F, only **one hour**.)

Beat the Heat:

Heat related illnesses claim the lives of hundreds of people each year. Take these precautions when working or playing outside during the hot summer months.

- Drink plenty of water or other non-alcoholic beverages.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitted clothing that is light in color.
- Reduce strenuous activities or do them during the cooler parts of the day.

Fun in the Sun:

Make sure you plan to avoid sunburn which can increase your chance of skin cancer.

- Seek shade during the midday hours (10:00am-4:00pm), when UV rays are the strongest and do the most damage.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim, to shade the face, head, ears and neck.
- Wear sunglasses that wrap around and block as close to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays as possible.
- Use sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher and reapply as directed.

Last, but not least, swimming is a fun away to stay cool and be active. Before diving in, make sure you know these tips for staying healthy and safe:

- Avoid swallowing pool water or even getting it in your mouth.
- Keep an eye on children at **ALL** times! Kids can drown in seconds and in silence.
- Never swim alone or in unsupervised locations. Teach children to always swim with a buddy.
- Don't use air-filled aids with children in place of life jackets or life preservers.

I hope that each and every one of our Frederick Douglass School families, have a safe and fun summer vacation. I look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Mrs. Nichols, RN
School Nurse
Frederick Douglass Elementary



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- You can purchase student accident insurance at: www.BollingerSchools.com
- You can follow our school on Twitter @CarolLeveillee
- Parents can write a note/letter to their child and "mail" it in the blue school mailbox. The office has a stamped envelope for you.
- Fred has a lost and found. It is located in Blue Jay Café.
- Save those box tops! Each one is worth at least 10 cents for the school.
- Parents can have lunch with their child any day.
- Please arrange with your child's teacher if you want to send in a **small store bought** treat to celebrate your child's birthday.
- Parents need to arrange with school administration at least 48 hours prior for an observation in the classroom.
- Did you know that there are several helpful links on our school's website that can give your child a little extra practice at what they are learning in school, all while having fun? Just follow these steps to get started:
 - 1.) Go to www.seafordbluejays.org
 - 2.) Click on Frederick Douglass Elementary School
 - 3.) Click on the "students" tab, then choose "student links".

We hope you will find these links helpful!!

- [HAC mobile for parents/students:](#)

There is also a mobile app for Home Access Center that parents/students can download on their phones. They do not need a passkey, just their own username and password for HAC.

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May, 2017

- 3rd 6:00pm- PTO Meeting



- 8th Nurse Nichols Appreciation Day!



- 8th-12th Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day!



- 17th 11:00am-1:00pm- Volunteer Appreciation Day!



- 26th Hat Day! Show your School Spirit!



- 29th No School! Memorial Day!



June, 2017

- 1st 6:30pm Grade 5 Farewell @ Seaford High School

- 5th -9th Student Appreciation Week!



- 7th Bus Driver Appreciation Day!



- 13th LAST STUDENT DAY!!



****Any cupcakes, cookies and food products brought into school to share, MUST be store bought.**