



April 2017
 Dowell Elementary
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Look What We Have to "Wag" About!



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HUSKIES!

ELA: Here are some of the things the students will be learning about:

- Our new ELA Theme Unit: Change
 Literary Text: Because of Winn Dixie and The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
 Nonfiction: Various articles on inventors
 Standards:
 - Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding
 - Recount stories
 - Describe characters
 - Determine the main idea and key details
 - Distinguish their own point of view from that of the characters
 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases
- Phonics: Vowel teams: ow/ou, aw/au, oo/ew/ou/ui/ue, Silent consonants: kn, rn, gn, t, Words spelled: gh/ph, ear/air, Endings: il/al/el
- Writing: Research Report, Opinion Character Analysis

MATH:
 The students will focus on the following concepts:

- Perimeter and Area
- Telling Time; Elapsed Time
- Measuring to the nearest ¼ inch
- Equivalent Fractions
- Practicing for PARCC Test using TestNav

SCIENCE:

- Finish Terrapins Unit
- Forces and Motion Unit

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- The People of Calvert County
- Changing Populations

"Paws" for these Events

- Friday, April 7: Report Cards Sent Home
- Wednesday, April 12: VIP Day-Grade 3-10-10:45
- Thursday, April 13 through Tuesday, April 18: Spring Recess
- Tuesday, May 2 through Thursday, May 4: ELA PARCC Testing
- Friday, May 5: 4th Quarter Interims
- Monday, May 15: Wood/Bartley Field Trip to Flag Ponds
- Tuesday, May 16: McCauley/Miller Field Trip to Flag Ponds
- Wednesday, May 17 through Friday, May 19 and Monday, May 22: Math PARCC Testing
- Friday, May 26: Field Day
- Monday, May 29: Schools Closed-Memorial Day
- Friday, June 2: PBIS Carnival
- Wednesday, June 7: 2 hr. Early Dismissal for Graduations
- Thursday, June 8: Last Day for Students - 2 Hour Early Dismissal

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PARCC TESTING COMING IN MAY!

The following are the dates for PARCC Testing for Grade 3:

English Language Arts Testing: Monday, May 2, Tuesday May 3, and Wednesday May 4

Math Testing: Wednesday, May 17, Thursday, May 18, Friday, May 19, and Monday, May 22

Testing times will coincide with the time your student usually has ELA and Math. For example: If your student normally has Math during Block 2, they will take their PARCC Math Test during Block 2.

Please make sure your student is well rested and eats a good breakfast on testing days.

Reminders:

- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather!
- Please sign or initial your child's assignment book and/or behavior calendar daily. This helps ensure you are aware of your child's behavior in school and his/her daily assignments.
- Remind them that the PBIS Carnival is coming in June!
- If you would like to request a conference please email your child's teacher or write a note in your child's assignment book.



**Happy Birthday to all of
the April, May, June, July,
and August birthday
students!**

