

Friendship Valley Elementary

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October 2011

Calendar Update

October

- 10/3 Early Dismissal for Students
- 10/5 Gifted/Talented Meeting, 7 pm
- 10/10 Parent Conferences, 3:20 to 6:20 p.m.
- 10/17 Fun Run
- 10/18 Fun Run Rain Date
- 10/20 PTO Family Movie Night
- 10/25 Parent Conferences, 3:20 to 6:20 p.m.

Principal's Corner

Students have done well this first month of school acclimating to their new schedules, teachers and friends! We are proud to report that several classes have already earned class rewards by working together as a team to earn Dynamic Dolphin Waves.

Our parent conference days this year are scheduled for October 10th and 25th; November 9th and December 1st. Our process for scheduling conferences is different this year than in the past. Starting Monday, October 3rd, parents may call the office to schedule a conference

with a teacher or teachers. Conferences will be held from 3:20 to 6:20 each scheduled night. Conference appointments *will not* be taken the day conferences are scheduled as this will not give teachers adequate time to properly prepare for your conference with them.

Interim reports for all students will be distributed by teachers in grades one through five on October 6th. Kindergarten students will receive their first interim progress report on November 9th.

Our school based leadership teams have been

meeting and working together to redefine their purposes and goals in order to align our processes. The school improvement team has identified goals that support achievement in reading, writing, and math for 100% of our students while also expecting that 100% of our third, fourth and fifth graders will pass the MSA assessments at the proficient or advanced levels.

I thank each of you for sending your children to us *Ready to Learn* each day.

Terry Ball

Parent Drop Off

Please remember that if you are just dropping off your child or children in the morning in the parent drop off car line, please pull to the curb and allow the students to exit your car safely and quickly. If for any reason you need to assist your child in exiting the car or to carry materials to the lobby or office,

please park your car in the parking lot.

Parked cars should not be left in the car drop off line; running cars without drivers are a safety hazard. Please be courteous to the other parents and to our buses by following this procedure.

Thank you!



Reporting a Student

Absence: Please contact the main office by 8:00 a.m. to report your child's absence for the day and/or request homework. Please be advised a note should accompany the student when returning. Or, **report absences via email:** fveattendance@carrollk12.org



New to Friendship Valley!

Our front lobby has been designated as our

Kiss n' Go Area

Parents will be able to give their children a hug or kiss as they wish them a great thinking day and bid farewell until the end of the school day. Our expectation is that:

STUDENTS ARE TO WALK TO THEIR CLASSROOMS WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF PARENTS.

This school policy has allowed us to monitor the safety of the halls, decrease disruptions to the start of the day, and decrease disruptions to morning routines and duties for both students and staff. There are staff members throughout the building to monitor students and to assist them if needed.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance !

Guidance News...Happy Fall!

For the month of October, CCPS highlights the character trait, **Responsibility**.

*The Kids With Character ©1995 book explains that being responsible means that others can count on you. You finish chores and duties at home and at school. Being responsible means keeping promises and following through on commitments even when you don't feel like it. Responsible people admit their mistakes and learn from them. Others recognize that you are dependable and trustworthy. My classroom guidance lessons for

October will emphasize different aspects of Responsibility.

Kindergarten students will continue to meet more of "Duso the Dolphin's" animal friends and learn how they get along/support each other (being a responsible friend).

First graders will discuss responsibilities they have at school and at home, using the example of taking care of a pet.

Second graders will learn that being responsible shows others they can count on you. Sometimes "jobs" you have to do can seem difficult or "boring", but it's important to complete work first and then play.

Third grade's lessons emphasize completing work and homework to become a better learner, and that their future careers will require responsible workers.

Fourth grade will use a "choose your own adventure" story to see what happens when the main character makes responsible and irresponsible choices. They are reminded to think ahead- "What would happen if I ...?"

I will be sharing organization, study skills, and time management ideas with **fifth graders**, to help them become more responsible and independent. Hopefully your child will be able to share with you some ideas they learned during classroom guidance. Feel free to contact me with any questions about the guidance programs.

Mrs. Bucacink

Character Education

Once again FVE will be encouraging all students and staff to show positive character traits.

We will be following the CCPS schedule to highlight a different character trait each month.

September's trait is Respect.

Respect means treating other people the way you want to be treated, understanding that all people and things have value, and being polite and considerate to ourselves, others, and our environment.

Health Room News

The Carroll County Health Department will be here on Wednesday, October 12th to administer the flu mist for those students who have already completed and returned their flu mist forms to the health suite.

The Health Department will not be able to provide the flu mist to any student whom did not

return their forms by the September 23rd deadline.

Reminder to all parents: If there are any changes in your child's medical health it is important to please update your student's health record by contacting the school nurse. It is also very helpful to know if there are any medication or

contact changes as well.

Darlene Rankin, R.N.



CC Health Department Information...

For those of you with children who were not eligible to get the nasal flu mist vaccine due to a restriction, the Carroll County Health Department will be holding free clinics to give the flu vaccine by injection to your child, if you are interested. The confirmed date for those clinics are:

Tuesday, October 11th 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19th 4-7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25th 4-7 p.m.

Per the health department spokesperson, you do not need to bring any documents with you. Just arrive at the CCHD during one of the above clinics, and the vaccine will be given. The CCHD is located at 290 S. Center Street in Westminster. For any questions, please call the health department at 410-876-4900.

Reminder: Celebrate Student

**Birthdays with
NON-FOOD
Items**



Attention 5th Grade Parents!

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 16th, 2011 at 7 p.m. for our annual 5th Grade Musical. Every student in 5th has a part in this show. This year we will be performing, Let's Sing America! In the history of our country, many people came from around the world to live here in the USA. They came with dreams of living in a new land where people are free. Our show celebrates all of the great thinkers,

heroes, dreamers and doers who have gone before us and who worked so hard to make America great! The American flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Liberty Bell, the Statue of Liberty and the Bald Eagle are symbols that remind us of the true spirit of what it means to be an American. We are celebrating and keeping the spirit of America alive. Our students will ask you to participate with us during certain sections of the show.

Please join us Wednesday, November 16th for Let's Sing America! Help us keep the spirit alive!

Mrs. Isaacs



The CCPS Gifted and Talented Program Parent Orientation and Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, October 5, from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Media Center. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Alfgeier



Media News – Scholastic Book Fair is coming...

This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be held October 25 - November 4 in the Media Center.

Preview Week: 10/25-31

At this time your child's class will visit the Book Fair during their regular media time, preview the selections, and prepare a wish list. The students will bring the lists home for you to review.

Purchase Books: 10/25-11/4

Please send your payment

(cash or check made out to FVE) along with your child's order form/wish list to school with your child. Please circle or highlight the items you would like to purchase. Orders will be collected during homeroom and will be filled by Friday, November 4. **Please remember to include 6% sales tax with your orders.**

This year, we will have two **FAMILY NIGHTS**. They will be on Tuesday, October 25

from 3 - 8 p.m. and Thursday, November 3 from 12 - 7 p.m. Parents may purchase books with a major credit card.

Note: October 25th is a Parent Conference Night and November 3rd is a 2hr. 45min. Early Dismissal. Please note these dates on your calendar. Last year's Book Fair was the best we have had in the past 6 years thanks to our wonderful volunteers and generous

families. Let's work together to make this year's sales even better!

Please consider volunteering this year. Your help is always appreciated! A volunteer sign-up form will be coming home with your child soon. Please note you must be volunteer trained 7 school days prior to assisting with any school activity.

We appreciate all of your support and look forward to seeing you soon!

Megan Towns, Media Specialist

10/3 Elmer Wolfe Elem.	2:00 p.m.	410-751-3307
10/3 William Winchester Elem.	6:00 p.m.	410-751-3230
10/5 Oklahoma Road Middle	9:00 a.m.	410-751-3600
10/5 Eldersburg Elem.	9:30 a.m.	410-751-3520
10/5 Manchester Valley HS	3:00 p.m.	410-386-1673
10/5 Cranberry Station Elem.	6:00 p.m.	410-386-4440
10/11 Spring Garden Elem.	7:30 a.m.	410-751-3433
10/11 Winters Mill HS	6:00 p.m.	410-386-1500
10/11 Elmer Wolfe Elem.	7:00 p.m.	410-751-3307
10/13 Mechanicsville Elem.	9:00 a.m.	410-751-3510
10/13 Manchester Valley HS	6:00 p.m.	410-386-1673
10/17 New Windsor Middle	6:30 p.m.	410-751-3355
10/19 Sandymount Elem.	6:30 p.m.	410-751-3215
10/20 Northwest Middle	8:00 p.m.	410-751-3270
10/24 Carrolltowne Elem.	7:00 p.m.	410-751-3530
10/27 Runnymede Elem.	6:30 p.m.	410-751-3230

Volunteer News

For August and September, we had 10 volunteers log in 130 hours and 14 minutes. Thank you for your devotion and commitment to our students. Please note: the lobby is the new location for the volunteer computer and badges. If you have any troubles logging in or out, please step into the office for assistance. Remember to turn in any volunteer hours not logged on the computer to me. Volunteers who are interested: There will be an equipment training on Wednesday, October 5 at 9 a.m.

With winter weather ahead we suggest you call and verify the training is still scheduled.



Gwen Shaffer



PTO
Family Movie Night
October 20, 2011



CCPS Policies...Information to Know!

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, 410-751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 N. Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.



STUDENT DRESS CODE: REVISIONS 2011-2012

Please refer to The **CCPS Student Handbook** or the home page of ccps.k12.org for further information regarding the student dress code. Listed below are revised regulations to the dress code for the 2011-12 school year.

Dresses/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Pants:

- * Dresses, skirts, skorts, and shorts should not be excessively short. The guideline for "excessively short" is clothing that does not reach the student's fingertips when the student is standing with arms extended at the side. Pants will cover undergarments at all times and not be excessively long as to drag the floor.

Other: No bedroom slippers or pajamas shall be worn.

Exceptions to the dress code for the purpose of school spirit activities by clubs or organizations will occur at the discretion of the school administration.

Student Services News...Proof of Residence

Very often students' addresses change during the course of the school year, and parents/guardians are unaware of the procedures necessary to change their children's records. (Please know that if you do move out of the Friendship Valley attendance area during the school year, with the permission of our Pupil Personnel Worker, Mr. Mark Bugbee, your child **MAY BE PERMITTED TO STAY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**) **ALL** address changes must be documented by an appropriate proof of residence as mandated by state guidelines.

Acceptable documents for proof of residence include:

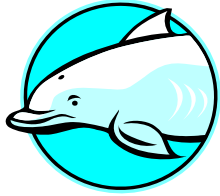
- ~ A signed rental/lease agreement on a home/apartment in which you are residing;
- ~ Rent Receipt*;
- ~ Recent bill* of service delivered to the residence (i.e., electric, land-line phone, cable, oil or water);
- ~ Recent mortgage statement/bill specifically notating Primary Residence;
- ~ Signed Settlement Document;
- ~ Deed (must show house number, street name and name of parent/legal guardian);
- ~ Notarized Residence Verification Statement accompanied by an acceptable proof of residency for the owner/lessee of the property.

*Date on document must be within 60 days of enrollment.

Once said document is received, the student's records will be updated.

AHERA Information and Public Notice

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the locations, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.



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All the news that's Fit and Healthy

October 2011

We are certainly off to a great start to the new school year in the cafeteria! "Farm to School Week" was a great success. Our local farms that provided us with these delicious fruits and vegetables were Baughers, Wike's Family Farm and Deep Run Farms. The students loved the choices and were returning for seconds. Many thanks to all of you who turned in their breakfast and lunch menu survey. When planning the monthly menu, I will certainly take all of your suggestions into consideration.

On Wednesday, October 12th each student who purchases a school lunch will receive a "Gobble Up School Meals" bookmark.

You can reapply for meal benefits at any time during the school year if your income changes, household size goes up, or your household qualifies for SNAP (*formerly called Food Stamps*) or TANF. The cut-off date for Free and Reduced applications is October 12th.

Mrs. Dianne Snyder, Cafeteria Manager

Reminders...

Please provide a spoon or fork when packing your child's lunch. We only have them available to students buying lunch.

If your children cannot have milk with their lunch, a Dr.'s note must be on file before giving them an orange or apple juice with their meal.

All lunch charges must be paid back the next school day. (A little pink slip will be sent home if your student is in need to borrow lunch money).

Give your child a healthy start!

Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal. Have your child participate in the School Breakfast Program!

School Breakfast:

- * can improve test scores;
- * makes kids more alert in class; and
- * improves classroom behavior.

Studies have shown children who eat breakfast on a regular basis are less likely to be overweight.

Important Dates

10/03 2hr. 45min. Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.)

10/10 - 14 National School Lunch Week

10/21 Schools Closed for students



Nutrition Tidbits

More than half of all apples grown in the United States for fresh eating come from orchards in Washington State.

One apple has five grams of fiber, supplying 20 percent of the daily fiber recommendation.

There are more than **7,000 varieties of apples**



School Meals are Balanced and Healthy

Lunches that are part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must meet nutrition guidelines, including:

- ◆ limiting fat and saturated fat;
- ◆ providing one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) of protein, calcium, iron, and vitamins A and C;
- ◆ meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans;
- ◆ providing the right balance of protein, dairy, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables.



Our mission is to ensure that all students will become respectful, responsible, successful learners through the collaborative efforts of the FVE community.



Oops! No Returning After Dismissal. Be Ready!

Once school has dismissed, including dismissal for those students in after school care, we are unable to honor requests for students to return to their classroom for forgotten items. This policy is in effect for the safety of students and staff as well as to encourage and develop student responsibility.

Parents picking up students from after school clubs or activities should not be escorting students to classrooms or other areas of the building. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this policy.

Be Ready to Learn!
Be Responsible!



Interim Report Dates

- October 6 (Grades 1 to 5)
- December 12 (Grades 1 –5)
- March 5 (Grades 1 to 5)
- May 9 (Grades 1 to 5)
- November 9 (Kindergarten)*
- April 13 (Kindergarten)*

Report Card Dates

- November 9 (Grades 1 to 5)
- February 1 (Grades K to 5)
- April 13 (Grades 1 to 5)
- June 14 (Grades K to 5)

School Picture Retake Day

Mark Your Calendars!

Lifetouch will be here on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 for picture retakes.



We know you have been waiting for it! **Waste Free Wednesdays** return in October! We, at FVE, are determined to reduce our waste in the cafeteria, both in paper, plastic and food items this year. **Every Wednesday** we encourage students to pack or eat a waste free lunch. Students will be asked to bring lunches that include items that can be eaten, reused, or recycled, in reusable containers.

You can help your child pack his or her waste-free lunch by including only what your child can eat, using reusable containers or bags, or buying non-perishable foods in bulk. Please note that if your child chooses to buy lunch, he or she will be doing their part as well by eating their lunch from a reusable tray.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help students weigh our lunch room trash one day each month. Please contact Mary Ann Summers if you are available to help.
mmsumme@carrollk12.org

Waste-Free Lunch Tips:

Try to include:

- Sandwiches in reusable containers.
 - Whole fruits without packaging.
 - Drinks in containers that can be reused, such as a thermos or juice bag that can be recycled at school.
 - Snacks purchased in bulk and brought in reusable containers.
 - Reusable icepacks.
 - Durable utensils.
 - Cloth napkins.
- Try NOT to include:**
- Individually wrapped snacks.
 - Plastic bags that are not reusable.
 - Disposable utensils.

Bear Branch Nature Center is in need of our help. For a community outreach, FVE has adopted the **Bear Branch Nature Center** at Hashawa. This

is the nature area where our 6th graders enjoy a 5 day stay of fellowship, learning, and caring about nature. Because of budget cuts, their work force has been reduced to only one person. FVE students, parents, and teachers did this last year with great results and fellowship. Look for date and time coming soon!

Thank you for joining with the students, staff members to make this a more beautiful earth for future generations.



**Recycle
Reuse
Reduce**



Additional School Meal Information...

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the breakfast and lunch program at FVE. We hope your child(ren) will be joining us for both breakfast and lunch. Breakfast takes only a few minutes and it's a great start to the day. Eating breakfast can help your child(ren) do better in school. Did you know that studies have shown that students who eat breakfast each day score higher on tests, have fewer visits to the school nurse, and are better able to concentrate during the day?

The breakfast menu is posted in our cafeteria and main office. Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. and students come to breakfast after reporting to their homeroom first. Breakfast is provided at no cost to eligible free students and costs .30 for students eligible for reduced meals. There are no lines for breakfast!

We hope to see your child(ren) at both breakfast and lunch. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me between 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 2:00p.m. at 410-751-3650. I look forward to see your child(ren).

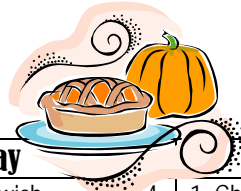
Dianne Snyder, Cafeteria Manager

August & September Wave Honorees

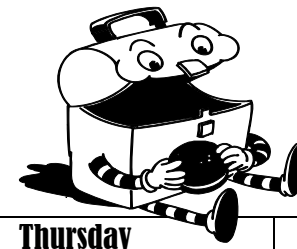
Kenadie Andrews	Rachel Haines	Allie Ramsey
Katelyn Barber	Joseph Hamm	Ben Rosad
Dori Bashioum	Megan Hands	Tyche Rose
Megan Beck	Johnny Harpy	Abigail Rubin
Lukas Bland	Cole Haynes	Jacob Rubin
Waverly Brennan	Dylon Healy	Cassie Rumbaugh
Loralei Briggs	Nathan Hohman	
Will Budzynski	Ryan Hornung	Kelsey Saxe
Aidan Burns		Colin Shaffer
Danny Byrd	Sara Keenan	Helena Snyder
	Ben Keil	Tristen Soler
Vinnie Calabria	Audrey King	Jennifer Sorkin
Josh Campbell	Cali King	Collin Stewart
Emily Carl	Meg Kuchma	A.J. Stinson
Lauren Carpenter		Tyler Streett
Savone Charms	Bella Lancelotta	Hayden Study
Leah Chennat	Joseph Landsman	
Jake Conklin	Faith Lee	Braydyn Tabor
Logan Copenhaver	Branson Leister	Christopher Tagliamburis
Jordan Costley	Adam Long	Brinley Tozer
Kelsi Crum	Austin Lookingbill	Kamryn Troy
Myiona Davis	Lexi McCarthy	Maddison VanLeeuwen
Ava Demyanovich	Declan McDonough	
Margi DiPietro	Joshua McElroy	Keira Watson
Will Dixon	Logan Middleton	Jilienne Widener
Emma Doan		Isabel Williams
Alex Dorsey	Graham Neubert	Gavin Wright
Annie Duncan	J.P. Neubert	
	Pierce Neubert	
Patrick Faustino		
Mason Fisher	Kiera O'Brien	
Kaitlyn Flora	Lainey Oddis	
A.J. Francis	Peter Oskam	
	Nevaeh Peed	
Ben Gonder	Caroline Peloquin	
Emma Gonder	Sabrina Phan	
Allie Gray	Chloe Piazza	
	Bryana Primo	





Half pint of milk served with each meal. Peanut butter and jelly or cheese sandwich available each day. 2% white or chocolate milk available daily.
 \$2.00 student lunch \$3.25 adult lunch \$1.25 breakfast water .60



October 2011



Fruit Gushers & fruit roll-ups .75
 Cookies .25 Pretzels .75
 Ice cream .75 Milk/juice .50

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1. Scrambled eggs - sausage patty & Pancake w/syrup 3 2. Pizzata Orange juice Baked cinnamon apples "Breakfast for lunch" 2 hr. 45 min. Early Dismissal	1. Grilled cheese sandwich 4 2. Grilled ham & cheese sandwich Tomato soup Veggies w/dip Fruit <i>Breakfast - Cinnamon toast (2)</i>	1. Chicken nuggets w/choice of sauce 5 2. Chef salad French fries Roll Peaches <i>Breakfast - French toast w/syrup</i>	1. Hot dog/chili dog 6 2. Sloppy Joe on roll BBQ beans Pineapple <i>Breakfast - Bagel w/topping</i>	1. Stuffed crust cheese pizza 7 2. Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza Tossed salad Vegetable cup Fresh fruit <i>Breakfast - English muffin melt</i>
1. Chicken patty on roll 10 2. Fish patty Veggies & dip Fruit <i>Breakfast - Waffles w/syrup</i>	1. Hamburger/cheeseburger 11 2. Sloppy Joe on roll Green beans Potato rounds Peaches <i>Breakfast - Pancake w/syrup</i>	1. Chicken tenders 12 w/choice of sauces 2. Ham & cheese wrap Baked potato w/toppings Roll Mixed fruit "Gobble Up School Meals Bookmark" <i>Breakfast - Sausage patty on roll</i>	1. Breadsticks w/meat sauce 13 2. Spaghetti w/meat sauce Tossed salad Roll Pears <i>Breakfast - Cereal w/toast</i>	1. Cheese pizza 14 2. Pepperoni pizza Hot vegetable Fruit <i>Breakfast - Cinnamon toast (2)</i>
1. Hot dog/chili dog 17 2. Turkey & cheese wrap BBQ baked beans Peaches <i>Breakfast - Sausage on roll</i>	1. Popcorn chicken 18 w/choice of sauces 2. Pizza casserole Vegetable rice casserole Roll Mixed fruit <i>Breakfast - Breakfast pizza</i>	1. Grilled cheese 19 2. Grilled ham & cheese Pizza soup Veggies & dip Fruit <i>Breakfast - French toast w/syrup</i>	1. Cheese pizza 20 2. Pepperoni pizza Golden corn & carrots Tossed salad Fruit <i>Breakfast - Waffles w/syrup</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Schools Closed for Students</p>
1. Chicken tenders 24 2. Chef salad Baked potato w/toppings Veggies w/dip Roll Pears <i>Breakfast - English muffin melt</i>	1. Mozzarella cheese sticks 25 w/dipping sauce 2. Pizza casserole Hot vegetable Tossed salad Fruit <i>Breakfast - Cereal w/toast</i>	1. Soft or hard taco w/cheese 26 2. Chicken salad wrap Shredded lettuce-sour cream-salsa Corn Spanish rice Mixed fruit <i>Breakfast - Waffles w/syrup</i>	1. Hamburger/cheeseburger 27 2. Macho nachos w/cheese BBQ baked beans Veggies w/dip Peaches <i>Breakfast - Bagel w/topping</i>	1. Stuffed crust cheese pizza 28 2. Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza Tossed salad Green beans Fruit <i>Breakfast - Breakfast pocket</i>
1. Chicken nuggets w/choice of sauce 31 2. Ham & cheese wrap Vegetable rice casserole Roll Peaches <i>Breakfast - Cinnamon toast (2)</i> 				<p style="text-align: center;"><i>* Breakfast will be served with milk and a choice of fruit or juice.</i></p>

National School Lunch Week October 10 - 14
 Breakfast & Lunch Menu