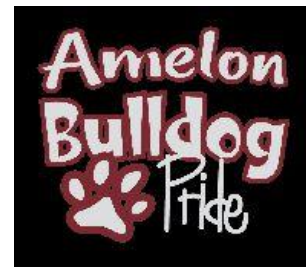
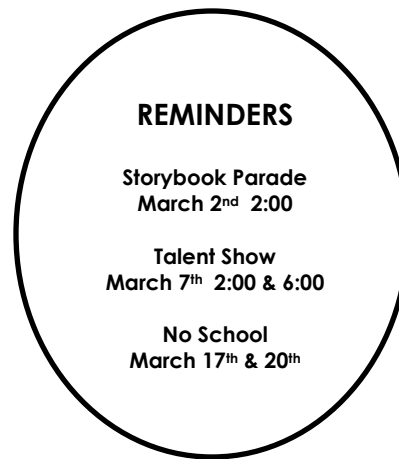


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Our students are busy preparing for upcoming testing and doing so with diligence. Our 45-Day Plan serves as our Pre-SOL Instructional School-wide Plan in the subjects of Reading and Mathematics. It is important that we all work together to create an atmosphere of confidence and competence for our STARS of Learning!

Some of the components our Amelon Plan includes:

- Each student will have direct instruction with grade level SOL rigor within the school day using his/her very own “Powerful PAWsome Packets”.
- The halls will be “Print Rich” with learning displays throughout. Students’ academic successes are also showcased.
- Our K-2 grade classrooms have each adopted a 3-5 grade classroom for CREWS (Children Ready to Encourage Winners).
- Simulation Test results will be used to determine remediation needs.
- The new CAT Test will be “rolled out” and students will get a sneak peek into the new assessment that will be used for testing in May.

Thank you for assisting us in maintaining our focus!

NO SMOKING ZONE: Please be aware, there are laws in place to protect the health and well-being of small children. We are having a major issue with our students having a strong smell of cigarette smoke on them and their backpacks. Students share lockers and work closely to each other, causing allergic reactions and an unsafe breathing environment. We ask your help with this, to protect your children from the hazards of second hand smoke and keeping our asthmatic and other children safe.

WATER BOTTLES: Plain water, in water bottles, is permissible. It is with regret that we can no longer allow thermal cups, tumblers, or anything other than plain water bottles. We have had incidences of spilled liquids on laptops, books, notebooks, and all over classroom and bus floors. Water is easier to clean up. Liquids are various colors stain and are not removable. Please help us by sending *water bottles* if your child would like water nourishment during the day.

Please visit our website, <http://amelon.amherst.k12.va.us/>, it is loaded with lots of great info about Amelon.

AMELON BULLDOGS ARE...

Prepared, **A**ct Responsible, **W**ork hard, and **S**how Respect!

Mrs. Copp
Amelon Assistant Principal



A word of caution: We have had many, many of our children out with illnesses! The flu, strep throat, and a stomach virus have been common sicknesses throughout Amelon Elementary this month. We have made additional efforts to keep classrooms and our facilities extra clean. Handwashing often has been highly encouraged to help prevent the spread of germs.

Please be reminded:

Do NOT send your child to school with a fever. Fevers more than 100 degrees within the past 24 hours require the child to remain at home. We have needed to send home many students who come to school sick.

Vomiting, diarrhea, and a continuous cough within 24 hours are also reasons to have your child remain at home.

Lost and Found



There is a large table of found clothing and other items set up in the hall near the cafeteria. Please have your child check through these items if he or she is missing a coat, jacket, sweater, lunchbox, hat, or a shirt. The remaining items will be donated in the spring.

Assessments

Several different content area assessments will be given in March in grades 2-5. Please look for dates of assessments and subject areas in your child's weekly newsletter for further information.

Spring is just around the corner.  Stay healthy and safe!

Mrs. L. Walker
Amelon School Counselor



Many thanks to our Career Day 2017 presenters! The following parents and community members volunteered their time on February 16, 2017 to talk with our students about careers:

Career Day 2017 **February 16, 2017**

Kelly Carmody – Nurse

Greg Cyrus – BWXT Welder

Stacey Evans – Abbott Production Specialist

James Griffin – Entrepreneur of Jump-N-Fun

Larry Hall – Pharmaceutical Technician

Kim Hieber – Certified Massage Therapist

Matthew Hutzenbiler – Army

Sheila Matuschek – Registered Nurse

Michael McPhatter – Harris Corporation Communications Sales

Cecil Phillips – ACPS Teacher and Football Coach

Christine Steppe – Cake Decorator

Josh Walker – Musician



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month students are recognized for showing good character at Amelon, and each month a different Character Counts trait is the focus.

In February our focus was *Caring*.



Smart Start

McKendry Harris

Kindergarten

Jordan Brunner
Micah Patrick
Benjamin Mays
Bentley Winfield

1st Grade

Kristina Deane
Madison Griffin
Ayden Nichols
Chloe Clements

2nd Grade

Landon Crance
Dustin Schlereth
Shakeal Cannon

3rd Grade

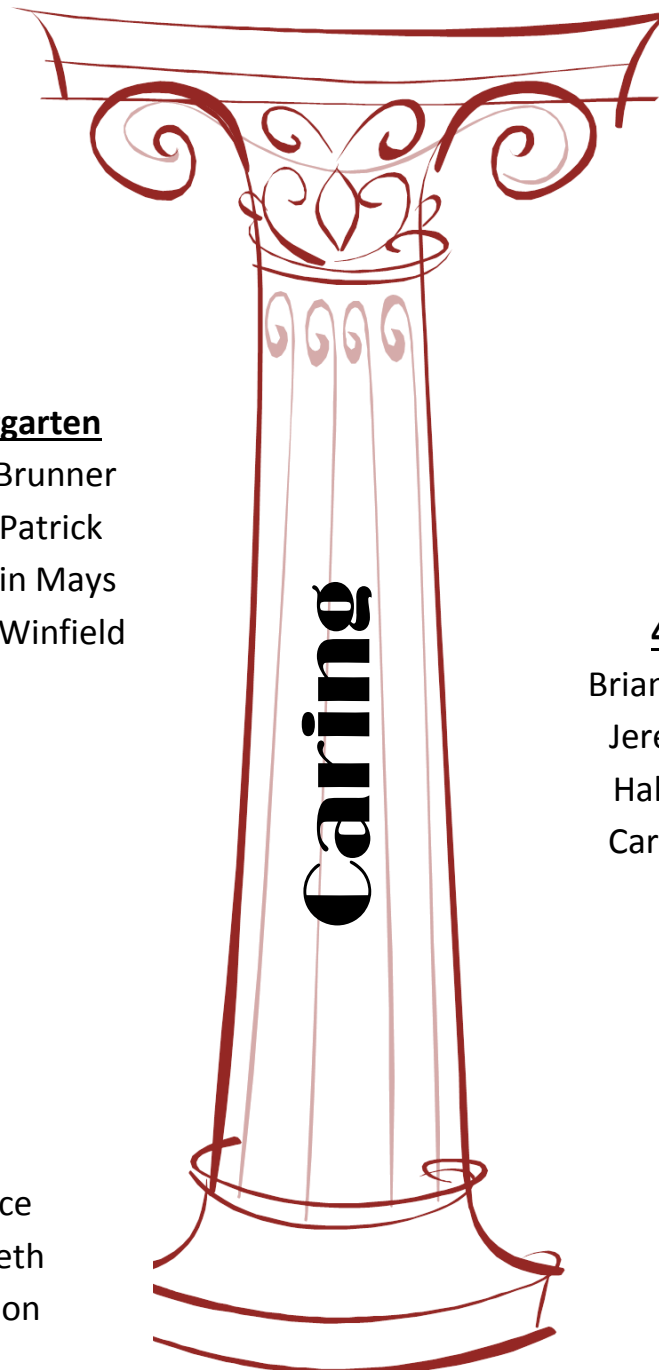
Mackenzie Crook
Carlee Cunningham
Landry Adams
Briana Stanley

4th Grade

Brianna Chapman
Jeremiah Idore
Halana Dudley
Carlynn Gilbert

5th Grade

Victoria Freeman
MyKayla Smith
Taylor Branham
Kaylynn Duff



In March, our character trait focus will be *Citizenship*.