

2017

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We are indeed excited about the new (warmer) season and our last few weeks of school. As we enter into direct FOCUS MODE for the upcoming assessment period, below sets the purpose.

The VDOE website states:

The Standards of Learning (SOL) for Virginia Public Schools establish minimum expectations for what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade 3rd, 4th, and 5th in English, mathematics, science, history/social science and other subjects.

SOL tests in reading, writing, mathematics, science (5th) and history/social science (4th) measure the success of students in meeting the Board of Education's expectations for learning and achievement. All items on SOL tests are reviewed by Virginia classroom teachers for accuracy and fairness and teachers also assist the state Board of Education in setting proficiency standards for the tests.

Our goal is to make this as stress-free as possible to ensure ease and comfort. We are doing the best we can to provide an environment that is efficient, confident and encouraging. Each grade level is providing specific information in more detail. We thank you for your support and feel free to contact me if you have any concerns. Together, we can make this work!



Many thanks to Mrs. Cassise, Lead Coach for the 2017 Runner's Club, and all participants! We also thank community partner, Riverside Runners for being a part of the culminating Fun Run♥.

AMELON BULLDOGS ARE...

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

Mrs. Copp
Amelon Assistant Principal



Survey Information

Each family is being asked to complete a school climate survey in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Education. The purpose is to measure the engagement of the students, teachers, and parents, along with school safety, academic expectations, school discipline, and the school's physical environment. This survey is anonymous and Amelon Elementary will not receive any individual responses. The website to take the survey online is:

parents.vaschoolclimate.info. The password is: **ELL660P**. The survey is ready to be completed at this time. Thank you for your input.

We still have many, many items in our lost and found box! Please ask your child to take a look in the box located near the restrooms if they are missing clothing. All clothing left by the end of May will be donated to Good Will.

Bus behavior continues to be an issue. Please review bus behavior rules with your child if they are riding a bus. Our bus drivers have a big responsibility getting students to and from school safely. They deserve our support and respect from the students.

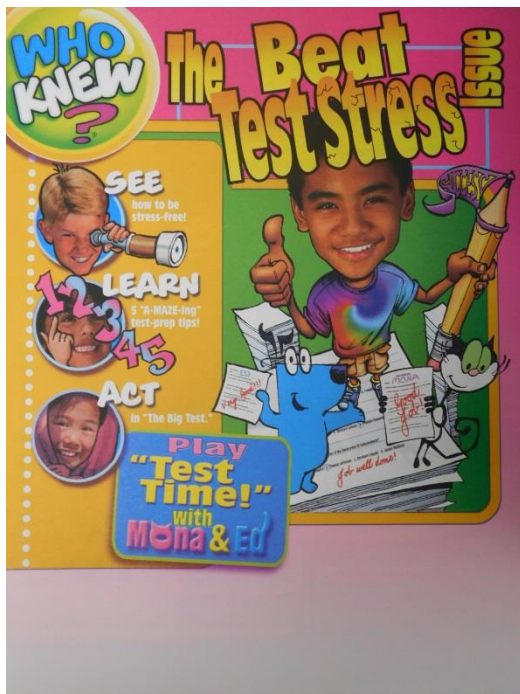
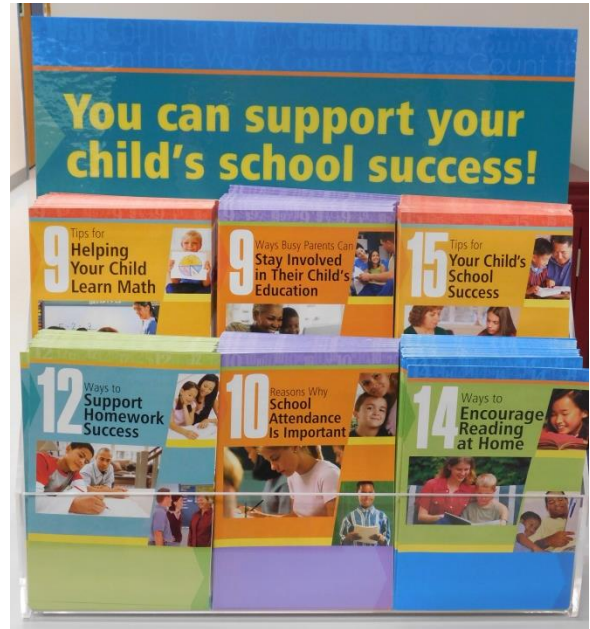
Thank you,

Mrs. Copp

Mrs. L. Walker
Amelon School Counselor



Our Parent Engagement Committee has reviewed responses to the parent survey. We found that many parents expressed concerns with regards to homework, overall school success, and supporting their children specifically in reading or math. To help address some of these concerns, Amelon is pleased to offer a parent resource center with pamphlets containing tips and suggestions on these specific topics. The resource center can be found in our main office. If a pamphlet is of interest to you, please take it!



Another topic that has come up several times this year is test anxiety. As the School Counselor who also serves as School Test Coordinator, I am often asked how to address this.

This year, all Amelon students in grades 3-5 have been given a booklet with fun and engaging activities designed to help them beat test stress. Teachers are using them in the classrooms to work with students on this all-too-common issue. See your child's weekly classroom newsletter for details on how this resource is being used in his or her class.

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 March our focus was *Citizenship*.



Smart Start

Jacob Braun

Kindergarten

Bryson Hansen

Eli Thompson

Daphne Nash

Madylon Gilbert

1st Grade

Nicholas Bassett

Miranda Calvert

Khamden Cheatham-Charlton

Mykiah Brown

2nd Grade

Areiyanna Lee

Maddie Niehaus

Camren Baker

3rd Grade

Aiden Jones

Sam Williams

Traniya Stewart

Adysen Nuckols

4th Grade

Haley Maddox

Preston McPhatter

Ben Miller

Cadan Harrison

5th Grade

Kayden Fifer

Ryleigh Daniel

Tai'Lea Lewis

Madisyn Colbert

