

Bulldog Bulletin

November 2017

School Hours : 8:40-3:45

****Students are to arrive and be picked up from school promptly.****

Pick Up & Dismissal Procedures

- If your student is a car rider, please be sure to come in through the cafeteria double doors closest to the gate. (Not the main entrance)
- Coming in through the front of the building can cause a safety issue for buses and bus riders.

Reminders

If you would like to meet with an administrator, please call in advance to schedule an appointment from 10-2.

We appreciate as you value the instructional day.

Check your child's school agenda for homework assignments, important information and teacher communication.

Visit the Amelon website and the teacher pages for school information and updates.

Website: amelon.amherst.k12.va.us

Attendance

All absences (excused and unexcused), tardies and early dismissals are monitored by the Amelon Attendance Team. Student absences *are* counted when considering school accreditation.

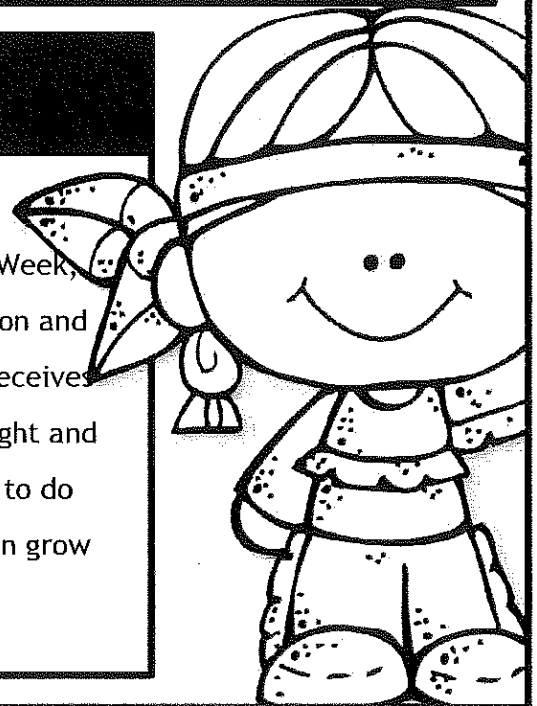
Your excuse note must be turned in within 3 days of returning to school or *the absence will be considered unexcused.*

A letter will be sent home after 3 unexcused absences, and/or 7 tardies/early dismissals.

Please consider the attached document "*When is Sick too Sick for School?*" when determining whether to keep your student at home or send them to school.

American Education Week

The National Education Association's 96th annual American Education Week, presents all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education. The AEW tagline, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," reflects NEA's vision of calling upon all Americans to do their part in making public schools great for every child so that they can grow and achieve in the 21st century.





NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>*If volunteering or chaperoning you must have a background check on file. *Background checks can be completed at the central office: M-F 9-10am and 2-3pm</p>		1	2 Fun Quest Night 4:00-8:30	3
6	7 Teacher Workday- No School for Students	8	9	10
13 <u>American</u>	14 Class Picture Day/ Make Up Pictures Feast on a Good Book Night 5:30-7:00 24 Competition 5:00 (Monelison)	15 <u>Education</u>	16 Chorus Practice 4:00-5:30	17 <u>Week</u>
20 Interims Go Home	21 Kindergarten Pow Wow 1:45	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Break
27 School Reopens	28 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-6:00	29	30 Chorus Practice 4:00-5:30	



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Cold and flu season is upon us. To prevent widespread flu in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or severe cold symptoms. To decide whether or not to send your child to school, please consider the following guidelines:

- Fever greater than 100 degrees (*your child may return to school only after his or her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication*)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- Feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose and green discharge

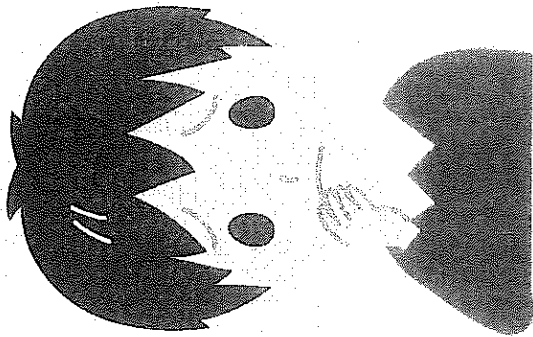
Don't forget an absent note! When your child feels well enough to return to school, please send a note explaining what their symptoms were. If your child is diagnosed by a doctor with the flu, please tell your school nurse as soon as possible.

If you have additional questions, you may reach me at (434) 946-9342.

Sincerely,

Marie Petrone
Supervisor of Student Health

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

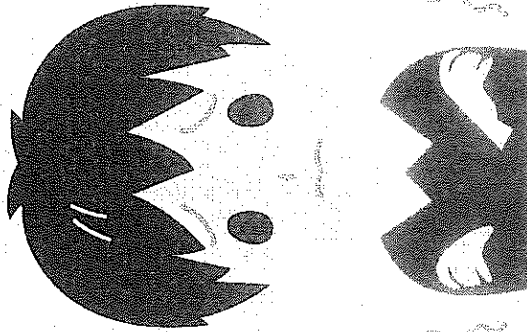


Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

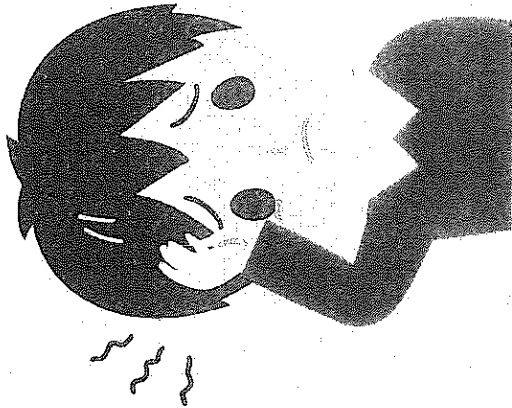


Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



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