As we are heading into December, it is amazing to see how very quickly time passes.

Our Safety and Emergency Response Team has been busy updating our school plan to streamline our procedures and better ensure clear, quick communication for a safe dismissal in case of an emergency closing.

Please be sure to update any contact information if you have changes (phone numbers, emergency contacts) in case we encounter winter weather. If it is likely that another adult will pick up your child, you will need to call the school that day to let us know.

Buddies abound at FLES! We had another fun-filled Buddy STEM Day in November. Turkeys escaped in fourth and first grades and completed student created obstacle courses. Many newly designed “Mayflowers” sailed in kindergarten and third grade. 5th and 2nd graders designed and created parade floats which they paraded down the hall!

As we approach the New Year, know that we wish you and your family a peaceful holiday season.

PTA NEWS
Remember to link your Kroger card up for community rewards and select Fort Lewis PTA. This remains our easiest way to earn money! A BIG THANKS TO PTA...Ask your children about RazKids digital stories! Thanks to the PTA, our children have access to leveled readers online! In addition to Math IXL online practice, PTA has funded IXL reading practice for grades 3-5. Students receive immediate feedback on their progress and teachers glean valuable instructional information.

SCA Dress-up Days!
Friday, Dec. 7th: Holiday Color Day. Wear your favorite holiday colors.

Monday, Dec. 11th: Elf Day!


Tues. Dec. 18th: Wear your favorite holiday socks.

We want to welcome Mrs. Ashley Kirk to our staff. She supports instruction in grades k-3.

Upcoming Dates-Events

- **Tuesday, 12-11-2018**
  - PTA Meeting and 4th and 5th Grade Winter Holiday Program 7:00 PM

- **Wednesday, 12-12-2018**
  - 5th Grade Spelling Bee 8:15

- **Tuesday, 12-18-2018**
  - Grades 3-5 Field Trip to Glenvar High School

- **12-20-2018 Teacher Workday-NO SCHOOL**

- **1-11-2018 Rail Yard Dawgs evening hockey game**

Coming up after winter break...

Fort Lewis Night at the Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey Game will be on January 11th! Tickets will be sold right after break.

If you aren’t following us on Facebook (Be sure to “like” the official Fort Lewis Elementary School site and the Fort Lewis PTA site) and on Twitter, you are missing out!

Here are some highlights from our TWEETS:

Minecraft Education Verified account @PlayCraftLearn

“'You don’t have to know anything, the kids will teach you!’ explains Deede Clifford, a second grade teacher at @RkeCoSchools. Local TV network @WDBJ7 covered our #MinecraftEdu training with educators from Roanoke County last week.

Friendly Reminders:

The bell rings at 7:50 AM. Students not in the class are marked tardy.

Please be sure to send a written note for upcoming absences or after an absence has occurred. This was a new attendance practice put into place last year.