

The MANE Idea



October 2020
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We are off to a strong start...

It's hard to believe that the midpoint of this crazy school year is here. October finds some students at home, some in school, and some learning to balance the challenge of both. Although this school year holds many challenges, it also holds many opportunities for growth. In the midst of a global pandemic our students are finding new ways to learn, self-manage, and connect.

Please know that our goal is for your child to thrive. This year will not look like years past. It will frustrate at times and inspire at other times. It is not going to be easy or quick, but the learning is in the journey. Let's focus on the essentials, simplify as much as possible, and keep on trucking. If you or your child are struggling, please reach out. With patience, flexibility, and determination, we will get through this stronger, better people.



Send us your learning pics (khsmith@rcps.us)! We would love to share your learning adventures on FB and in our newsletter.



BIG CHANGES for 3rd Grade, students with Individualized Education Plans and EL services

Third grade students will soon be able to attend five days per week and fourth and fifth grade students with Individualized Education Plans who utilize daily services or use English language services will be able to attend four days per week. This may cause a few of our students to change teachers (students affected will be contacted prior to any changes being made). Please look for more information to come if your child is included in these changes.

This will likely happen in early November.





Have you met Mrs. Griffin?

She is serving as the first ever Assistant Principal of Fort Lewis! She has worked in both Botetourt and Roanoke Counties and has experience teaching in many grade levels from preschool to middle school. She has served as an instructional coach and as an athletic coach with basketball being her favorite sport. Her passion is building a positive nurturing environment for our students, staff, and parents and creating challenging, meaningful and memorable learning experiences for our students. Ms. Griffin can be found at Fort Lewis each Monday and Friday and Glenvar Elementary on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.



FORT LEWIS is also happy to welcome Ms. Tamika Johnson to our kindergarten team and Ms. Hannah Tyler to our preschool team.

MISSING WORK?

Assigning grades is a necessary part of our job, but certainly not the most important part. Missing assignments may be made up for full credit. Our goal is learning, and to provide opportunities for growth and success.

PTA NEWS

The FUN RUN+Fall Festival+Red Ribbon Week+2020=A week full of fun!

We are so excited to be able to offer our annual Fun Run the week of October 26th-October 30th! The students will walk, run, dance, and play games (like our costume contest that we typically hold during our Fall Festival) in social distancing activities and earn raffle tickets for prizes. Please consider registering your students and donating to help the PTA.

We appreciate your support! 🐾

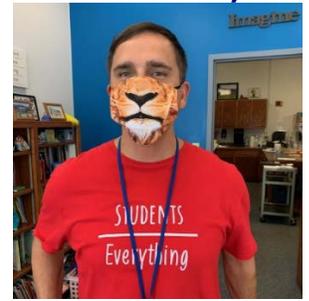
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Upcoming Dates-events

- 10-07 and 10-8 NNAT Testing for 2nd Graders
- 10-8 School Pictures: PreK, Kindergarten, Mrs. Day's Home Room (1), 3rd, 4th, 5th, Remote Students (by apt)
- 10-9 School Pictures: Mrs. Zimmerman (1), 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, Remote Students (by apt)
- 10-20 End of 1st Grading Period
- 10-21 SCHOOLS CLOSED Teacher Workday
- 10-22 Beginning of the 2nd 9 weeks
- 10-26-10/30 FUN RUN/Red Ribbon Week! (In person and Virtual)
- 10/29-30 Report Cards sent home
- 11/3/20 ELECTION DAY (Schools Closed)

Students Above Everything



How great it is to be a Fort Lewis Lion! We are so happy to be back in school again, we are prepared and ready to go!

If your child is in need of specific social or emotional needs, we encourage you to contact Mr. Scott, school counselor, by calling 540-387-6594 or email jscott@rcps.us.by. He looks forward to working with you and your child this year, whether it is in person or virtually through online programs.



Meet Lewie! He can be seen roaming the halls, reading with kids, and waving to our cars and buses! **Thank you, PTA,** for helping Lewie find a home at FLES!



RAYSAC

Red Ribbon Week Contest!!!!

Family or individual student entries are accepted.

1. Must address the RRW theme: Be happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.
2. Entries can be in any format (photograph, poster, 30-second video, essay, poem, song, artwork, dance routine, etc).
3. Must be a youth in grades K-12 and a resident of Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Salem City, Craig County, or Botetourt County.
4. Student's name, grade, school, and contact phone number must be included with the entry along with a parent/guardian's email address.
5. Number 5 rule varies dependent on whether the entry is a family entry or a student entry! See the website for details.

<https://raysac.org/red-ribbon-week/>

All entries are due by 11/4/20 at 5PM (No late entries will be accepted)

Entries can be emailed to raysacorg@gmail.com or dropped off between 8:30AM - 5PM at:
The Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Office
 301 ELM AVE ROANOKE, VA 24016
 Winners will be notified by 11/11/20 and recognized at the Virtual Awards Ceremony on 11/17/20 at 6:30 PM.



2nd graders enjoy lunch outside!



Mrs. Dixon shows her LION PRIDE!



THANK YOU to those of you who have sent notes of encouragement and support. This is a challenging situation for all of us and our teachers and staff are working hard. Your kindness has made the struggles and challenges worth it! While we greatly appreciate hearing good news, we also welcome your concerns. Please don't hesitate to reach out. Our doors are always open.



The Lion PRIDE Pledge

I am PREPARED, ready to go.

I am RESPECTFUL, to all I know.

INNOVATIVE, I can be,
 When a problem faces me.

I am DETERMINED, I do what it takes;
 I even learn from my mistakes.

I am EMPATHETIC, caring, and
 kind.

I can't hide my LION PRIDE.



