



# **SAVE THE DATE**

The Spring Fling date has been changed! It will now take place on May 9, 2025.



Kindergarten Screening

### May 9

Family Spring
Fling, Chorus,
& Art Show
Hosted by
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# V April 18

RVES Spirit
Night at the
Knight's
Baseball Game

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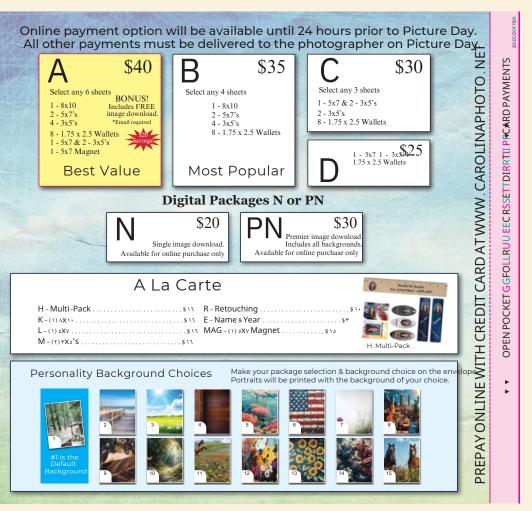


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Only those that pre pay will have their picture taken for spring pictures.

#### **ENCOURAGE A LOVE FOR WRITING**

Encouraging a love for writing at home is essential for building strong literacy skills while fostering creativity and confidence. It also enhances communication and critical thinking abilities.

Here are some fun ways to inspire writing at home:



01.

Postcard Pals – Have kids write and decorate postcards to send to family or friends.



02.

Letter to Future Self – Have kids write a letter to themselves to open in a year.



03.

Silly Sentence Building – Write funny, mixed-up sentences with different nouns, verbs, and adjectives.



04.

Daily Diary or Gratitude
Journal – Encourage them
to write a few sentences
about their day or what
they are thankful for.



05.

Mad Libs Fun – Make their own fill-in-the-blank silly stories to play with family.



**06**.

Comic Strip Creations – Encourage kids to draw and write their own short comics.



**07.** 

Recipe Writing – Let them invent and write their own silly or real recipes.



08.

Secret Spy Messages – Let them write notes in invisible ink (lemon juice) and decode them.





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#### **EVENTS TAKING PLACE**



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BALLOON CAR RACING
CATAPULT LAUNCHING



WHO?
ANY ELEMENTARY
OR MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT

HOW? VISIT THE WEBPAGE!





We are asking for your help! We have noticed more students wearing smartwatches to school. The State Board of Education banned the use of electronic communication devices during the school day. Phones and smart watches should be OFF and kept in BOOKBAGS during the school day.

Please help us by having your student either leave these devices at home or have them put them in their bookbags before leaving home. We appreciate your support

The State Board of Education adopted a policy that prohibits access to personal eletronic communication devices by students during the school day.

You can read more about this on the next three pages if you would like.

#### STUDENT HANDBOOK

A cell phone or smartwatch may not be used during the school day. If a student brings a phone or smartwatch to school it should be kept in their book bag and turned off at all times. If a student needs to contact a parent during the school day, they should ask a teacher for help.

#### **RVES Student Handbook**

# STUDENT CELL PHONES/WATCHES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

A cell phone or smartwatch may not be used during the school day. If a student brings a phone or smartwatch to school it should be kept in their book bag and turned off at all times. If a student needs to contact a parent during the school day, they should ask a teacher for help.

As noted in <u>School Board Policy JICJ</u>, the school principal or his/her designee will have the authority to limit the use, take disciplinary action and/or confiscate electronic communication devices if the use or possession of these devices may cause or is causing a disruption to the school and/or event.

Unauthorized use of a cell phone or personal electronic device may include, but is not limited to, taking pictures or recording without permission, cheating, harassment or bullying, use during any emergency drill, use during unauthorized time or use for unlawful activities.

- First Offense: Student warning and email sent home to parents
- Second Offense: Device is taken by teacher for the day and parents are contacted
- Third Offense: Device is given to administration and parents will need to pick up the device from the office.



### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: District Superintendents C. Matthew Ferguson, Ed.D.,

FROM: Esq.

Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness

DATE: September 10, 2024

RE: Cell Phone Policy

The State Board of Education (SBE) adopted the <u>policy</u>, as required by Proviso 1.103 in the South Carolina 2024-2025 budget. In doing so, the State has taken a practical step toward providing students and teachers the freedom to focus on learning. The Proviso states:

1.103. (SDE: Anti-Bullying/School Safety) To receive state funds allocated for State Aid to Classrooms, a school district shall implement a policy adopted by the State Board of Education that prohibits access to personal electronic communication devices by students during the school day. For purposes of this provision, a personal electronic communication device is considered to be a device not authorized for classroom use by a student, utilized to access the Internet, wi-fi, or cellular telephone signals.

As outlined in our <u>memo on June 27, 2024</u>, local districts must now adopt a local policy that must be fully implemented in every school no later than the beginning of the January 2025 semester. Districts should notify the SCDE of their policy implementation by completing this form.

The policy adopted by the SBE includes several key definitions that must be followed to ensure full compliance with the Proviso:

1. Personal electronic device, referred to as "device," means any device utilized to access the internet, wi-fi, cellular telephone signals, or to capture images or video. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and gaming devices.

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- 2. Personal Electronic Device accessories, referred to as "device accessories," include any wired or wireless accessory or wearable technology that connects to a device and any other accessory commonly used in conjunction with a personal electronic device.
- 3. School day is defined as the period of time that a student is present on the school campus from their arrival (i.e., tardy bell) until afternoon dismissal at the end of the instructional day. This policy may also apply to school buses, field trips, and athletic events, at the district's discretion. The applicability of this regulation to these activities will be determined by the school district.1
- 4. Access is defined as viewing, holding, wearing, or otherwise using a device for the purpose of communication, internet access, gaming, recording, or any other function commonly associated with devices. During the school day, devices should be powered off and stored as directed by the school district. Exceptions granted for medical necessity, authorized for classroom use, or other authorized reasons should be in writing and are not considered violations of this definition.

Please reference the full policy as adopted by the SBE for additional details regarding the process for locally approved educational usage of devices, implementation, and enforcement. As noted in the model policy, there are multiple opportunities for school districts to pass local policies with requirements beyond the minimum outlined in the SBE policy.

As school districts work to implement this policy, the SCDE has created a webpage that explains the positive impact of phone-free policies and how the policy can be implemented and communicated effectively. We have featured schools across South Carolina that have already implemented policies allowing students to focus on academics, social skills, and friendships. Our communications initiative is called Free to Focus SC, and you can find out more information at ed.sc.gov/freetofocus.

The SCDE recently hosted all district Public Information Officers to share strategies regarding effective communication and stands ready to help administrators and educators with any questions you may have. The SCDE will continue to update the Free to Focus SC page with FAQs, implementation guides, and other tools to help educate and inform all audiences of the necessity and benefits this policy provides.

A special focus will be placed on emphasizing best practices regarding parent communication and reunification plans in the event of a school emergency. The Department would urge districts to avoid framing this policy as a "ban," which is an inaccurate description of what the policy requires. Phones *are not* required to be "banned" from school campuses but *are* required to be "off and away" for the entirety of the school day.

If you have any questions regarding the implementation of this policy, please reach out to Robert Cathcart, Policy & Legal Advisor, at rdcathcart@ed.sc.gov or at 803-734-2230.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The definition of "School Day" includes recess, lunch time, and all times between classes.

# Will your 5th grader be at FCMS?

If so, be sure to mark your calendars for the event below!

# Run with the P.A.C.K

SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAM

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1ST for rising 6th graders

@ Forest Creek Middle School

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July 23rd

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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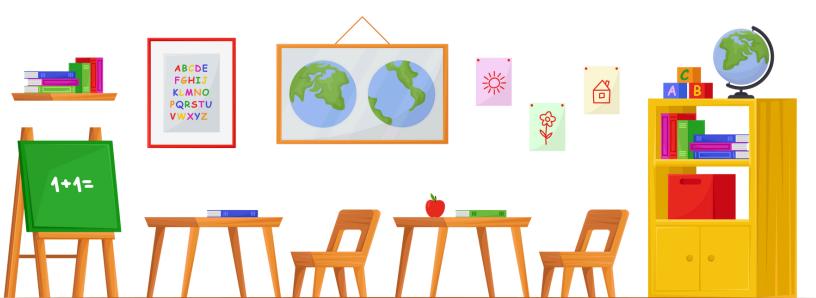
Everything after this page is a repeat from last week. If you didn't read it last week, be sure to check it out this week!

# kinger garten registration

ALL rising kindergarteners MUST register and come to kindergarten screening at their 25-26 ZONED school.

Registration will open March 3, 2025!

The screening dates will be March 26 & 27.





# Notes from the NURSE!

Thank you so much for all of the donations of tissues and disinfecting wipes for the health room. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



#### **Clothing:**

If your child has borrowed any clothing items from the school, please wash and return the items as soon as you can (do not return used underwear). Please keep in mind that it's often a good idea to send in an extra set of clothing for your child to have on hand in the event of an "accident".

We have a clothing closet at school and are accepting gently used **pants and shorts** (elastic waist is best), socks, shoes and jackets, as well as new, unused underwear. We do not need shirts at this time.

#### **Medication Reminders**

Please review the following guidelines in the event that your student needs to take medication at school:

- A medication consent is required for any medication given at school.
- Students are not allowed to carry medications on the bus or school property. All medications should be taken to the front office by an adult, aged 18 or over.
- If the medication is over-the-counter, there must be appropriate dosing instructions on the label for the child's age. The bottle or box has to be new and unopened. The medication consent must be signed by the parent. A doctor's signature is NOT required.
- If the medication is a prescription, it must have a
  prescription label on it. The medication consent must
  be signed by the parent AND the ordering physician.

For more information concerning medications at school and other subjects related to Student Health Services, please go to the Fort Mill School District website (see link below). You may also print medication consents using this link.

https://www.fortmillschools.org/departments/studenthealth-services/student-nursing-services Please notify your school nurse if your student has been diagnosed by a Health care Provider of the following Upper Respiratory Illnesses:

Covid - Flu - Bronchitis - Pneumonia - RSV





### Notes from the NURSE!

School and Childcare Exclusion
The South Carolina Department of Public Health "DPH"
(formerly DHEC) publishes the School and Childcare
Exclusion List each year. The Exclusion List explains how
long ill children and staff should stay out of school or
childcare, and what is needed before the child/student or
employee is permitted to return.

To help protect well children from unnecessary exposure to contagious or infectious diseases, South Carolina requires that children and staff with certain diseases and conditions stay home from school or childcare while contagious. For the complete exclusion list, click on: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jha.1001/j

https://dph.sc.gov/sites/scdph/files/2025-01/2025-Flu-Watch-MMWR-WK-03.pdf

It is even more important during flu season to encourage our students to wash their hands and cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough. Please work with your children at home and have them practice thorough handwashing.



As we begin to plan other events for our school Family, we would really like to get some feedback about the winter Celebration we had on December 13, 2024 at RVES.

Click the Survey image below to provide feedback.





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# CET INVOLVED

We would LOVE for you to join us at one of our next meetings!

	18	MAR 2025, TUE	•	2:30 - 3:30pm	SIC Meeting
SIF	15	APR 2025, TUE	•	2:30 - 3:30pm	SIC Meeting
	20	MAY 2025, TUE	•	2:30 – 3:30pm	SIC Meeting

# EFOUND 8 FOUND

We plan to donate all unclaimed items in the lost and found at the end of each month. Please be sure to put your student's name in their coats, shirts, hats, etc. Before we donate, we will check each items and try our best to reunite the articles of clothing with their owners.

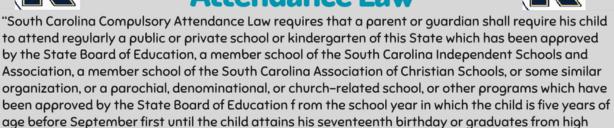
# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION:

You can find more information about attendance on page 5 of the handbook. Katie Pattinson is our attendance clerk. You can contact her at pattinsonk@fortmillschools.org. You can also submit any absence notes using the link below.

# **Attendance Matters**



#### South Carolina Compulsory Attendance Law



#### Bell Schedule 7:35-2pm

Your child needs to be in their seats at 7:35. If you are arriving as the bell rings? Your student is LATE and you MUST enter the building to sign them in as tardy.

#### Lawful vs Unlawful Absences

#### Lawful:

school."

- Absences caused by a student's own illness
- Absences due to an illness or death in the student's immediate family
- Absences due to a recognized religious holiday of the student's faith
- Absences due to activities that are approved in advance by the principal.

#### Unlawful:

- Absences of a student without the knowledge of his or her parents
- They have exceeded the five days that may be excused with a parent note.
- A student is absent without acceptable cause with or without knowledge of his/her parents.
- They are out of town on trips or vacations.

If you have any questions regarding you child's attendance, contact our PowerSchool clerk: Katle Pattinson Pattinsonk@fortmillschools.org 803-548-8299



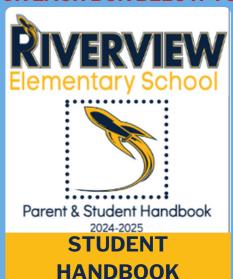
- A maximum of 5 parent excuse notes are allowed for <u>lawful</u> absences per school year
- Medical/Dental notes do not count towards parent notes

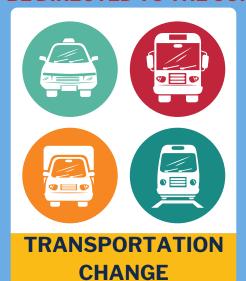
#### **Truancy**

- A child age 6 to 17 years meets the definition of a truant when the child has three consecutive unlawful absences or a total of five unlawful absences.
- Habitual Truant A "habitual" truant is a child age 12
  to 17 years who fails to comply with the intervention
  plan developed by the school, the child, and the
  parent(s) or guardian(s) and who accumulates two
  or more additional unlawful absences. This child may
  need court intervention and an initial truancy
  petition may be filed.
- Chronic Truant A "chronic" truant is a child age 12 to 17 years who has been through the school intervention process, has reached the level of a "habitual" truant, has been referred to Family Court and placed on an order to attend school, and continues to accumulate unlawful absences. Should other community alternatives and referrals fail to remedy the attendance problem, the "chronic" truant may be referred to the Family Court for violation

# Important Parent Links

#### CLICK EACH BOX BELOW TO BE DIRECTED TO THE CORRESPONDING INFORMATION







STUDENT NUTRITION



REPORT AN ABSENCE



RIVERVIEW WEBSITE



FMSD CURRICULUM

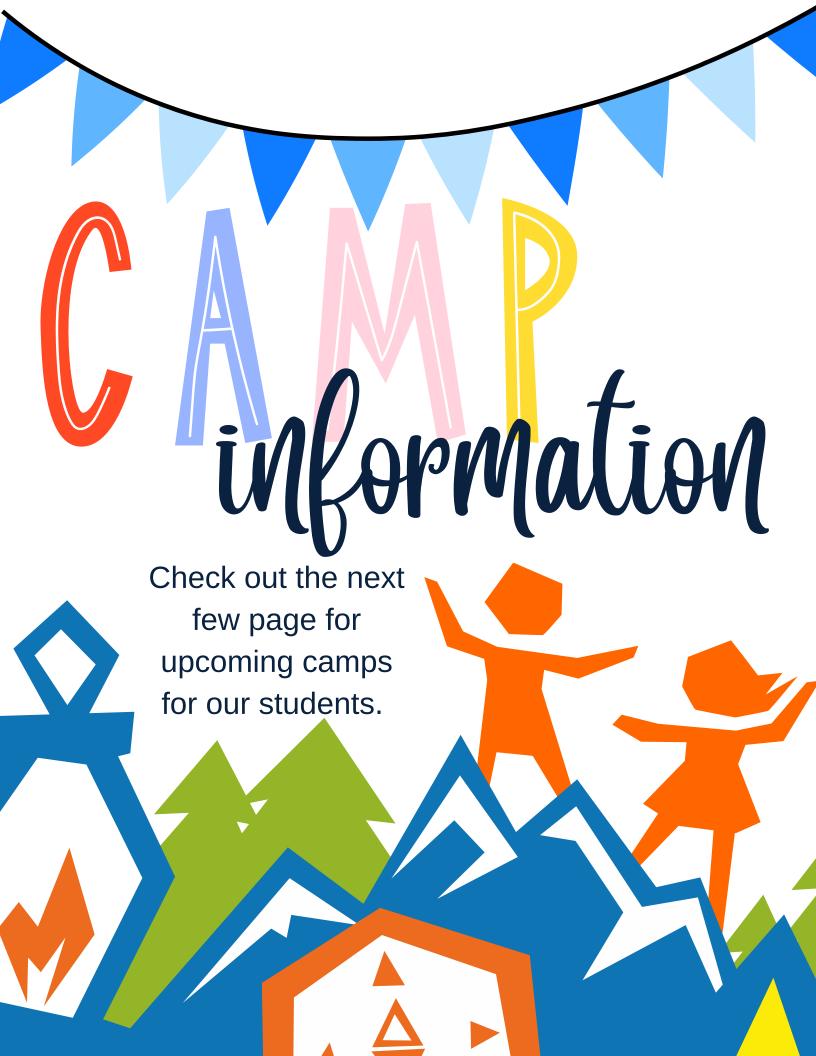
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> LUNCH SCHEDULE



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# FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT SOFTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

2ND - 5TH GRADE GIRLS

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MUSIC

with Mrs. Bard

SPANISH

with Señora Dwight



WHERE: PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE

DATES: JUNE 3RD-6TH

**TIME**: 9AM-12PM

PRICE: \$225 PER CHILD

AGE: RISING 4TH-7TH GRADERS

E-mail dwightj@fortmillschools.org for more info!

Comple this Google Form to Sign-Up! <a href="https://forms.gle/hGiPSyM8Q3icc9SBA">https://forms.gle/hGiPSyM8Q3icc9SBA</a>

Pay @Stephanie-Pecarro (last 4 digits are 5922) via **venmo** or drop off a check for Stephanie Pecarro at PKMS!









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#### **SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

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Location: River Trail Elementary School 1016 Fort Mill Parkway, Fort Mill, SC 29715

Dates: July 7 - 10, 2025

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Camp Director: Baili Taylor | taylorb@fortmillschools.org

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2ND - 5TH GRADERS
4 DAYS - \$100
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