



The Oberle Update

Warm Welcomes

The Gladys H. Oberle School continues to grow! We are delighted to welcome Mr. Chuck McDaniel to our school family. Mr. McDaniel has been a special educator in the Northern Virginia area for nine years and holds a Master's Degree in Special Education from George Mason University. Mr. McDaniel resides in Fredericksburg with his two Cairn Terriers, Bella and Jax and enjoys coaching sports and playing golf. This semester he will teach World History II, World Geography, and Environmental Science. Welcome to the team, Mr. McDaniel!

Other new teaching staff include Mr. Kerry Payne. Mr. Payne will no longer serve as a Transition Specialist as he recently obtained his teaching license and has joined the teaching staff! Hailing from Montross, Virginia, Mr. Payne is a 2009 graduate from Morehouse College and a 2013 graduate from Strayer University. Mr. Payne began his career with Employment Resources Inc. at the Tappahannock branch in 2012 as a case manager for Youthbuild before transitioning to the main campus located here in Fredericksburg, VA. Mr. Payne has a passion for working with the youth and believes that they keep him "young and hip". Mr. Payne is enthused to be teaching a variety of English classes and looks forward to a great second semester filled with lots of learning, hard work, and fun. Congratulations, Mr. Payne on your new position!

Stand Together

Let's stand together to stamp out bullying. What is bullying? Kicking, hitting, and pushing? Taking someone's belongings? Name calling, taunting, mocking? Offensive comments or making threats? Excluding or ignoring others, gossiping or spreading rumors? Yes! These are all forms of bullying. If you or someone you know is being bullied let someone know. If you witness an act of bullying say something...stand together to stamp out bullying! Bullying is a violation of the student code of conduct and is punishable by suspension and termination. Don't be a bully!

Counseling Corner

Medicaid Eligibility Assistance-

Do you understand the Medicaid eligibility requirements? Are the forms confusing? Help is available! A representative from the Department of Social Services will be at the disability Resource Center the 2nd Monday of the month from 2-4 pm. Call the dRC at 540-373-2559 or email cdepollo@cildrc.org to schedule your appointment.

DARE To Be You -

Rappahannock Area DARE to Be You - Rappahannock Area is a free program for families. This fun-filled, strengthening-families program focuses on improving communication, decision-making, academic success, and problem solving skills within the family. Program takes place at the Bowman Center: 3302 Bourbon Street Fredericksburg, VA 22408. Call 540-374-3337 for more information.

Safety First

School violence across the nation is at an all-time high. Oberle is taking serious measures to maintain a safe environment as student and staff welfare is of the utmost importance. Walk-through metal detectors will be installed in the coming weeks for both the student and visitor entrances. Students and visitors must clear the detectors before entry into the school will be granted. The building is already fitted with additional precautions to support our efforts in maintaining a safe environment.



Word of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY

February Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Cheesbrgr Potato Chip Lettuce Tomato	2 Chix Soup Salad Rolls	3 French Bread Pizza Celery	4 Quesadilla Corn Chips Salsa	5 BBQ Meatballs Pigs in Blanket Chix Wings
8 Steak & Cheese Carrots	9 Cajun Chix Dirty Rice King Cake	10 Croque Monsieur Oven Fries Salad	11 French Onion Soup Turkey Sandwich	12 London Broil Baked Potato Valentine's Salad
15 CLOSED HOLIDAY	16 Chix Parmesan Pasta Salad	17 Hot Dogs Broccoli French Fries	18 Vietnamese Noodle Soup Pork Bahn Mi	19 Pizza Salad Strawberry Shortcake
22 Cowboy Casserole Tater Tots	23 Chix Fingers Waffle Fries Zucchini	24 Barley Beef Soup Salad	25 Grille Chees Three Bean Soup Popcorn	26 Pizza Cucumber Spears Profiteroles
29 Spaghetti Meat Sauce Salad				

Important Dates:

Feb. 3: Clubs
 Feb. 6: Make-Up Snow Day
 Feb. 15: No School-President's Das
 Feb. 17: Clubs
 Feb. 20: Make-Up Snow Day
 Feb. 24: Reward Day-Funland
 Feb. 27: Make-Up Snow Day
 March: 2: Interims/Open House 3-5pm
 March 5: Make-Up Snow Day
 March 12: Make-Up Snow Day
 March 19: Make-Up Snow Day
 March 25: Early Dismissal
 March 28-April 1: No School- Spring Break

Bulldog Barks

Happy Birthday!!!

Sarah- Feb. 1

Jeremy B- Feb. 4

Will- Feb. 8

Apollo- Feb. 11

***Second semester clubs will meet for the first time on Wednesday, February 3. Students sixteen or older in the Fishing Club must obtain and present a copy of their fishing license. ***

***Mr. Ferguson and Mrs. Staples are taking on additional responsibilities as they will now lead the classroom portion of the Education for Employment program! ***

***Oberle is now offering Creative Writing as an elective course! ***

***Welcome back Mrs. Mark! We missed you while you were out on maternity leave! ***

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HOME OF THE BULLDOGS

Reminders to Students:

1. Yoga is practiced on Thursday mornings. Interested students should see Ms. St. Clair.
2. Failure to abide by the electronics policy will result in confiscation of the device. Do not abuse this privilege!
3. Students must consistently earn 4s and 5s with good attendance to be eligible for Reward Day. Receiving a referral results in an automatic disqualification.

Reminders to Parents:

1. Be sure to stop by our Open House on Wednesday, March 2 from 3-5pm to meet your child's new teachers and discuss their progress. Light refreshments will be served!
2. During inclement weather students follow their home school schedule for delays and cancellations. To inquire about an Oberle School delay or cancellation call 540.372.6710 and listen for the message recording. You can also tune-in to B101.5 or visit their website at www.b1015.com. Saturday school days are scheduled on our school calendar and will be applied if the Oberle School closes due to weather.