



The Oberle Update

Honoring our Moms

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring mothers and motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in March, April, or May. The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother in America. She then began a campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States. Jarvis' holiday was soon adopted by other countries and is now celebrated all over the world. In this tradition, each person offers a gift, card, or remembrance to their mothers, grandmothers, and/or maternal figure on Mother's Day. In 1912, Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrases "Second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day", and created the Mother's Day International Association. She specifically noted that "Mother's" should "be a singular possessive, for each family to honor their mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers in the world." This is also the spelling used by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in the law making the holiday official in the United States, by the U.S. Congress in relevant bills, and by various U.S. presidents in their proclamations concerning Mother's Day. However, "Mothers' Day" (plural possessive) or "Mothers Day" (plural non-possessive) are also sometimes seen. Nine years after the first official United States Mother's Day, commercialization of the holiday became so rampant that Anna Jarvis herself became a major opponent of what the holiday had become and spent all of her inheritance and the rest of her life fighting what she saw as an abuse of the celebration. She criticized the practice of purchasing greeting cards, which she saw as a sign of being too lazy to write a personal letter, was arrested in 1948 for disturbing the peace while protesting against the commercialization of Mother's Day, and finally said that she regretted having started it.

This year Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 8th. What will you do to recognize the maternal figure in your life? Take a moment to think about the things that make her happy. Perhaps, a hand-written note or poem expressing your love and appreciation will make her heart smile. Or, she might simply just want to spend the day with you! Do something extra special this Mother's Day to honor the mom or maternal figure in your life!

Counseling Corner

Rappahannock Area Autism Council is sponsoring "Autism—Putting the Puzzle Together Across a Lifespan". Presentation topics will include Educational Advocacy, Waivers, Employment, and Financial Planning. Saturday May 14, 2016 at the Caroline County Community Center. Cost is \$10/family and includes lunch. Register online at www.rappautismconf.eventbrite.com

This Month in American History

- 1st – American U-2 spy plane shot down while flying over Russia (1960)
- 2nd – U.S. Special Operations Forces kill Osama bin Laden during a raid on his compound in Pakistan (2011)
- 4th – 4 students killed by National Guardsmen at Kent State University protesting President Nixon's invasion of Cambodia (1970)
- 5th – Alan Shepard becomes the first American in space (1961)
- 7th – The passenger ship *Lusitania* is torpedoed by a German U-boat killing 114 Americans leading to American entry into World War I (1915)
- 10th – The "Transcontinental Railroad" is officially completed with a golden spike connecting east and west coast by rail (1869)
- 11th – First naval battle between two Ironclad ships, the Union's Monitor and the Confederate's Merrimac, battles to a tie (1862)
- 13th – US President James K. Polk, declares war on Mexico and leads to the annexation of OK, NM, AZ, NV, CA, UT, and CO (1846)
- 14th – First permanent English settlement in America is established at Jamestown, Virginia (1607)
- 17th – The US Supreme Court rules in the case of Brown v. Board of Education, that the segregation of public schools is inherently unequal and leads to the integration of schools (1954)
- 18th – Mount St. Helens volcano erupts in Washington (1980)
- 19th – American Social Studies and Physical Education teacher Mr. Manahan is born (1989)
- 20th – Abraham Lincoln signs the Homestead Act opening up the Western United States to "homesteaders" (1862)
- 21st – American Red Cross is founded by Clara Barton (1881)
- 22nd – Congress approves the Truman Doctrine, which essentially leads to the policy of "containment of Communism" and enters the United States in conflicts involving communists (1947)
- 24th – Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sends the first telegraph message from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore (1844)
- 25th – The Constitutional Convention begins in Philadelphia (1787)
- 27th – The Golden Gate Bridge celebrates its grand opening with 200,000 people walking across it (1937)
- 30th – The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was completed and dedicated (1922)

Word of the Month: COOPERATION

May Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Hamburgers Oven Fries Roll	3 Arroz con Pollo Corn	4 Ham Sub Chips Cream of Mushroom Soup	5 Cheese Enchiladas Pinto Beans Sopapillas Ice Cream	6 Pizza Celery Sticks Kentucky Derby Cake
9 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Bread	10 Swedish Chicken Swt. Potato Baked Apples	11 Turkey Sub Popcorn	12 Tofu Mushrooms Brown Rice Won Ton Soup	13 Pizza Veggies Ranch Fruit Kuchen
16 Steak & Cheese Sub Vegetable Melange French Fries	17 Citrus Chicken Hasselback Potatoes Green Beans	18 Cheese Pupusa Curtido Pickled Vegetables	19 Hot Dogs Cole Slaw Pretzels	20 Pizza Salad Chocolate Torte
23 Roast Beef Sandwich Broccoli Salad Potato Chips	24 Chicken Stir Fry Rice	25 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Slices Pretzels	26 Tuna Sandwich Lettuce and Tomato	27 Red White Blue Parfait Pizza Cucumbers
30 CLOSED	31 Fried Chicken Potato Salad Tomato Casserole			

Important Dates:

May 2: Fauquier/Fredericksburg/King George SOLs start
 May 4: Clubs/Invasive Species Trip
 May 5: Caroline SOLs start/Reward Day-Flying Squirrels Baseball
 May 6: Bellisimo Ball
 May 9: Spotsylvania SOLs start
 May 16: Stafford SOLs start
 May 17: Alexandria SOLs start
 May 18: Interim Reports/Clubs
 May 25: Student Award Ceremony @ 6pm
 May 27: Early Dismissal/Adopt-a-Trail
 May 30: No School-Holiday
 June 1: Clubs
 June 3: 2nd Annual Golf Tournament (all day-two flights)
 June 10: Graduation @ 1:00pm
 June 16: Student Showcase 4-7pm
 June 16-17: Exams/Early Dismissal
 June 17: Last Day of School
 June 20-July 15: Extended School Year
 June 24: Report Cards

Reminders to Students:

1. SOLs will begin May 2 and continue throughout the month of May. Testing schedules will vary according to the county in which you reside. See "Important Dates" for details.
2. Show your Bulldog **PRIDE** to earn all of your points. Be prepared to learn, respectful of yourself and others, work towards independence, follow directions, and put forth your best effort.
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.
4. Yoga is now practiced on Wednesday mornings at 8:45am through the Yoga Foundation of Fredericksburg. Interested students should see Ms. St. Clair for a permission slip.

Reminders to Parents:

1. SOLs will begin May 2 and continue throughout the month of May. Testing schedules will vary according to the county in which your child resides. See "Important Dates" for details. Please help prepare your child by ensuring 8-9 hours of sleep are received and a nutritious breakfast is given.
2. Extended School Year (ESY) is an extension of the school year that supports students with emerging skill sets or those who would regress without this support. ESY begins June 20 and concludes July 15. These dates are a change from the original schedule!
3. Questions and or concerns regarding attendance should be made to Mrs. Sharp who can be reached at csharp@eri-va.com or x. 127.

Bulldog Barks

Happy Birthday!!!

Cameron-May 23

Josh L.-May 24

***Construction Zone! Improvements to our facility are underway once again! The South end of the building will become the new student entrance which will be equipped with security features to promote increased safety for students and staff. This project is expected to be complete by the start of the 2016-2017 school year! Additional enhancement projects will occur throughout the upcoming year. ***

*** The *Paper Tigers* Community Forum was a hit! Over 200 community members participated in the viewing and discussion seminar. Thank you to all of our panelist who helped make this event a huge success: Tia Bach, Kristel DiGravio, Beverly Lemmons, Kim Lett, Pamela Simms, and Steve Watkins! And to Mike West, thank you for all of your "behind-the-scenes" efforts in making this event possible! ***

***Staff and students showed support for Autism Awareness by participating in several activities during the month of April. Students and staff viewed and discussed *Temple Grandin*, participated in an awareness walk, and had a "Blue Out" day! Thanks for everyone who showed support for this cause during Autism Awareness month! ***

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