



Be a Buddy, Not a Bully!
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SPS Newsletter

Every Child, Every Day

**Bully-free -
It Begins
with Me**

April 2017

Virginia Standards of Learning Testing 2017

The Virginia standards of Learning (SOL) is the curriculum our teachers use to instruct your children. Each year the Virginia Department of Education requires school divisions to assess students' knowledge of the SOLs. These assessments, or tests, come in a variety of forms ranging from local division assessments to the Virginia Standards of Learning.

The Standards of Learning Tests are developed at the state level and administered at the division level. This year the SOL tests will be administered in April and May at St. Paul.

The following is the 2017 SOL testing schedule. Please try to consider these dates when making appointments, bringing your child to school late or planning for early dismissals. We understand there can be extenuating circumstances, but we really need students to test with his/her group as scheduled. This helps to eliminate stress for students and for guidance who must reschedule makeup tests and pull staff from their regularly assigned duties to administer and to proctor these additional testing sessions.

APRIL 2017

April 27th
Reading Grade 5

MAY 2017

May 2nd
Reading Grade 3

May 3rd
Reading Grade 4

May 4th
Math Grade 3

May 5th
Civics Grade 7

May 9th
Math Grade 4

May 10th
Math Grades 6 & 7

May 11th
**VA Studies &
Reading Grades 6 & 7**

May 12th
Math Grade 5

May 16th
Science Grade 5

If needed, retests will be administered after students have reviewed the topics with which they struggled during the initial SOL test.

ERUPTION

PREDICTED IN SPEECH!

The students in Mrs. Rebecca Edmonds' class have been working hard on designing a prehistoric habitat, complete with

an active volcano. The hands-on, problem-based activity spans several weeks and involves a great amount of thought and planning.

First, the students used their brain-storming skills and wrote down what animals and plant life needed to be in the habitat. Then, they designed palm trees, fruit trees, a river, lake and an island.

Currently, the students are painting the volcano to make it look more realistic. After that, they will design a waterfall, and add small dinosaurs to the habitat. The final step will be to mix vinegar and baking soda together to make the volcano ERUPT! They are working on their articulation and language skills through each step and are having a BLAST - a volcanic BLAST!



***From the
Office of the Principal***

May 19th

Kindergarten Graduation -
9:00 A.M.

May 17th

Fun Day!

(A schedule will be sent home later.)

May 18th

Fun Day Rain Date

Summer School Info.

Dates: June 5 - June 23

8:30 A.M. -1:30 P.M.

Reading and Math Camps will include targeted remediation services for students who are performing below grade level, with a target teacher to student ratio of 1:8.

Reading and Math Camps for students who are performing on or above grade level will focus on enhancing and extending their skills through a variety of enrichment activities.

Imagineering Camps will be offered to all students. The Imagineering Camps are designed to include project-based, interdisciplinary, and hands-on/minds-on activities organized around a particular theme.

Current Imagineering Camps include: Paper Art/Paper Crafts, Science Lessons to include Ocean Animals, Nutrition, Building Structures by Exploring Shapes, Plant Part Exploration, Building a Floatation Device, Spanish Language & Culture

(including food preparation). Our 4th - 6th graders will enjoy Energizing Energy!

In Other News:

The following staff members will be leaving St. Paul at the end of the school year:

Mrs. Hazel Easter
Office Secretary

Mrs. Brenda Seal
Fourth-grade Teacher

Mrs. Larnette Snow
Librarian

Mrs. Chris Bomberger
Third-grade Teacher

Miss Hayley Hill
Special Education Teacher

St. Paul has been blessed to have had these individuals as part of our school family. I wish each of these individuals a wonderful retirement and the best of success in their future plans.



**Fifth Six Weeks
Honor Roll**



All-A Honor Roll

Third Grade

Victoria Arnder
Dalton Busick
Samuel Collins
Cash Crotts
Nicholai Duncan
Isaiah Easter

Breanna Hold
Beth Hunt
Caleb McCraw
Braxton Poletti
Arianna Reyes
Violet Roselli
Maggie Sechrist
Madison Smith-Pagan

All-A Honor Roll
Fourth Grade

William Berrier
Paisley Frazier
Kellock Harold

All-A Honor Roll
Fifth Grade

Emily Abarca Herrera
Bradyn Durham
Danielle Leonard
Quint Leonard
Katherine Lindamood
Jaden Turner
Emma Vernon
Madison Wardwell
Conner Zorn



A-B Honor Roll
Third Grade

Bowman Ayers
Brady Ayers
Dalles Brazell
Hannah Cannoy
Lori Combs
Abigail Easter
Micah Gwynn
Zoe Gwynn
Jason Hawks
Jonah Hayden
William McMillian
Isabelle Moser
Seth Payne
Lexi Schoolcraft

Bradley Sprouse
 Carter Thomas
 Taylor Thompson
 Daniel Torres Lopez
 Kara Towe
 Kaylee Utt
 Luke Vernon
 Eden Willis
 Haley Willis
 Collin Zorn

A-B Honor Roll
Fourth Grade

Rodney Ayers
 Lyla Dalton
 Cheyenne Easter
 Anabel Elias
 Chloe Galyean
 Faith King
 Dalton Leonard
 Jasmine Marion
 Connor Mayes
 Benjamin Phillips
 Mason Sawyers
 Caleb Secrest
 Breanna Shumate
 Carson Smith
 Madelyn snow
 Olivia Tolbert
 Destani Willard

A-B Honor Roll
Fifth Grade

Hunter Crenshaw
 Kamden Hawks
 Joseph Hicks
 Jackson Hodge
 William Mabe
 Nathaniel McMillian
 Chiara Molina-Silva
 Abigail Moser
 Ashlyn Quesinberry
 Marissa Sawyers
 Addyson Sechrist
 Hannah Shinault
 Isaac Shumate
 Calvin Smith
 Elijah Willis
 William Wright

A-B Honor Roll
Sixth Grade

Kalee Easter
 Isabel Elias
 Darena Gwyn
 Braydon Hall
 Anna Hawks
 Emma King
 Laci Little
 Candace McCraw
 Cristofer Moreno
 Christina Pack
 Nathan Redd
 Kol Severeide
 Celia Torres Lopez

A-B Honor Roll
Seventh Grade

Summer Boyd
 Maggie Fulk
 Marley Frazier
 Megan Guynn
 Abigail Haynes
 Samantha Torres

**CCPSD Superintendent
 to Retire**



Dr. Strader Blankenship

Dr. Strader Blankenship has announced his resignation, effective July 1, 2017. Blankenship's educational journey includes 29 years with Carroll County, four years in Wythe County, three years at

Scott Memorial, three years at Austinville and five years in Galax, totaling 38 years. He began as a social studies teacher, even teaching sixth grade science.

Having been the superintendent of CCPSD has been the greatest honor of my professional life," said Blankenship.

He and wife Ruby, also a CCPSD employee, have compiled a "bucket list" of activities. He said it was not an easy decision to leave what he considers a dream job but it's time for them to go.

(Credit: The Carroll News, March 21, 2017)

**May 2017
 Calendar of Events**

April 27 – May 11
SOL TESTING (Make-up Tests to Follow)

5/17 Fun Day (Schedule to be sent home later.)

5/18 Fund Day Rain Date

5/19 Kindergarten Graduation
 9:00 A.M. - Gym

End-of-Year Celebration
 for Pre-K – 11:00 A.M. –
 Music Room

5/23 School Closes at 1:00
 P.M.

**SUMMER BREAK
 BEGINS!**

6/5 – 6/23
 Summer School –
 8:30 A.M. -1:30 P.M.

8/9 School Opens for the
 2017 – 2018 School Year