

# STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY



## ***BOBCAT NEWS***

May 18, 2017

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School Hours are 9:00am to 3:30pm

**Doors open at 8:45am**

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- May 18 - Night of Excellence, 6:30-8:00pm
- May 19 - School Closed, Professional Learning/Articulation Day
- May 24 - Interim Progress Reports Issued
- May 26 - Field Day
- May 29 - School and Office Closed, Memorial Day
- May 31 - Simulated Congressional Hearings, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- June 1 - Chorus and Choir Chimes Concert, 7pm

### **SFES End of Year Survey**

WANT TO HELP YOUR CHILD EARN 10 BOBCAT TICKETS?  
HERE'S HOW....

1. Use the link below to fill out the End of the Year Survey to help us plan for next year...  
<http://tinyurl.com/2017surveySPA>  
<http://tinyurl.com/2017surveyENG>
2. Write your child's name on the "10 Bobcat Tickets" paper sent home on Monday, email or write a note their teacher.
3. We will give your child a special ticket worth TEN Bobcat Tickets that can be used toward a variety of rewards on the SFES Prize Menu!  
~DUE BY MAY 26~

¿DESEA AYUDAR A SU NIÑO/A A OBTENER 10 BOLETOS DE GATO MONTÉS (BOBCAT)?  
AQUÍ LE INDICAMOS CÓMO...

1. Use el enlace siguiente para completar la Encuesta de Fin de Año para ayudarnos a planificar para el año entrante...

<http://tinyurl.com/2017surveySPA>  
<http://tinyurl.com/2017surveyENG>

2. Escriba el nombre de su hijo/hija en el papel "10 Bobcat Tickets" enviado a casa el lunes, correo electrónico o escribir una nota a su maestro/maestra
3. ¡Le daremos a su niño/a un boleto especial por un valor de DIEZ boletos de Gato Montés (Bobcat) que pueden usarse para obtener una variedad de premios en el Carro de Orgullo de la Escuela Primaria Stevens Forest (SFES)!  
~COMPLETAR ANTES DEL 26 DE MAYO~

### **Toys at School**

We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are bringing toys to school and ask for your assistance by monitoring what your child is bringing to school. Note that this does not include toys or other items brought in for "show and tell" or other instructional purposes with teacher and family permission.

The school cannot assume responsibility for toys that are misplaced or taken and it is difficult to console a child when that occurs. In addition, toys are a distraction to the learning. We have recess games/equipment for student use during outdoor and indoor recess.

A toy of note is the appearance of the "Fidget Spinner," a new and very popular item, which many children are excited about. As stated above, please monitor that your child is not bringing one to school. If you believe that your child needs to have an item at school to help him or her, please contact our School Counselor, Ms. Jenny Carlson or our School Psychologist, Ms. Keren Kreitzer to discuss

the matter in further detail before sending the item. Thank you for your support.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade End-of-Year Events

Please note the following dates as you plan ahead. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade team will share more details as the dates approach.

**May 23** - Oakland Mills Middle School Visit (no chaperones needed)

**May 31** - Simulated Congressional Hearings (SCH)

- Students prepare for their Simulated Congressional Hearings by creating speeches that they present before judges. Students spend the day defending the Constitution.
- Students come to school dressed for success.

**June 9** - Students vs. Staff Kickball game and end of year celebration (times TBD)

**June 14** - Promotion Ceremony 9:30am cafeteria, students dress for success

### Free Summer Meals

In 2015, about 3.8 million children received Summer Meals – far fewer than the 21 million children who receive free or reduced price lunches through the National School Lunch Program during the school year. This means that during the summer we are not reaching the vast majority of children who rely on school meals to meet their nutritional needs.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) operates summer meals programs to address this problem. The HCPSS will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program, where meals will be provided at Stevens Forest Elementary School to all children without charge regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. **Free summer meals will be provided in the cafeteria from June 26th to August 4th, 2017 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at SFES.**

More details will be included in your child's Friday Folder. Please contact our office at (410) 313-6900 if you have any questions or need additional details.

### HCPSS Community News

The school system provides community news items on a weekly basis on its website at this link <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> Please visit regularly for updates.



**FREE SUMMER MEALS for KIDS & TEENS**  
Being Served in your Community

**OPEN to ALL children, 18 and younger.**

**NO Application, NO Enrollment, NO Cost!**

#### Open Sites:

**Harper's Choice Middle School**  
5450 Beaverkill Rd., Columbia, MD 21044  
June 26 – August 4, 2017  
(11:30 am – 1:00 pm)

**Murray Hill Middle School**  
9989 Winter Run Rd., Laurel, MD 20723  
June 26 – August 4, 2017  
(11:30 am – 1:00 pm)

**Thomas Viaduct Middle School**  
7000 Banbury Dr., Hanover, MD 21076  
June 26 – August 4, 2017  
(11:30 am – 1:00 pm)

**Stevens Forest Elementary School**  
6045 Stevens Forest Rd., Columbia, MD 21045  
June 26 – August 4, 2017  
(12:30 pm – 2:00 pm)



For more information please contact HCPSS Food and Nutrition Services at [www.hcpss.org/food-services](http://www.hcpss.org/food-services) or at 410-313-6743.



**COMIDAS EN VERANO para NIÑOS y ADOLESCENTES**

Que se Sirven en su Comunidad

**ABIERTO para TODOS los niños menores de 18 años.**

**¡SIN Solicitud, SIN Inscripción, SIN Costo!**

#### Edificio Situado en:

**Escuela Secundaria Harper's Choice**  
5450 Beaverkill Rd., Columbia, MD 21044  
Del 26 de junio al 4 de agosto del 2017  
(de 11:30 am a 1:00 pm)

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