

# Greetings from Yates Elementary!

June 2017

**Mark Kirk, Principal**

**Karnesha Lovick, Assistant Principal**

Dear Yates Parents and Families,

The journey through the school year that your children began back in September is heading into the last weeks with an exciting new experience awaiting them in the fall. They have experienced wonderful amounts of growth throughout the school year and are ready for this important next step. I am joined by the entire Yates staff in sharing how proud we are of the achievements of every child and thank you for your support in helping them achieve their accomplishments.

As we prepare for testing and the final stretch run of the school year, I wanted to share with everyone that I will be moving onto a new challenge after the end of the year. Beginning July 1, I will be moving to York County Public Schools to serve as the Principal of Magruder Elementary School. An announcement has not yet been made as to the identity of the next Principal of Yates Elementary School, but should be coming shortly from the school division.

My years at Yates have been among the most satisfying of my career with Newport News Public Schools. I am extremely grateful for the warmth and support you have shown me during this time. It has been a wonderful experience getting to meet so many of you and to work closely with you. I have always felt that the partnership between families and schools are what helps make a school great. Thank you also for being advocates for your children.

It has also been a sincere pleasure and privilege to be able to work with your children and watch them grow and excel. They each have a bright future ahead of them and I look forward to hearing of their success in the years to come. I will definitely miss them next year and I wish them all the best as they move forward. In the meantime, we have much work to accomplish over the last few weeks of the school year. I look forward to a wonderful end of the year.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Kirk

Principal

## Important Dates:

June 2017	
May 15th- June 9th	SOL Testing Grades 3-5
June 5	Mobile Dental Clinic at Yates
June 12	Field Day GR 3-5 9:30-11:30
June 13	Field Day GR KG-2 9:30-11:30
June 13	5th Grade Bowling Trip Fort Eustis
June 14th	5th Grade Promotion 12noon Menchville High School
June 13th-15th	Early Dismissal for Students 2:10pm
June 15th	Last Student Day/Report Cards Go Home with Students
June 16th	Last Teacher Day
June 20th	School Board Meeting, 6:30pm
June 21st	First Day of Summer

## KINDERGARTEN

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the year! We have learned all the skills needed for first grade! We engaged in reading, writing, listening, retelling and provocation centers to reinforce our learning! Working together cooperatively by sharing and being kind to one another is the most important skill that we need to be a successful student! It is imperative that your child reads, writes and works on math skills over the summer. All this practice will make for a smooth transition to first grade. All Newport News libraries have reading programs and story times for you to attend. Take advantage of all these wonderful learning opportunities! Buy a notebook at the Dollar Tree and have your child keep a journal to write and illustrate all the fun activities your family does this summer! Make a time every day for learning! We appreciate all your support and help throughout this year! Thanks for sharing your child with us! Together we worked to make your child the best he/she can be! You know what they say, " Everything you need to know in life, you learn in kindergarten!"

## FIRST GRADE

We made it to the end of the year! YAY! What a year it has been too. We are all so proud of the growth and progress made by each and every first grader this year. They are reading, writing, solving math problems, and being good citizens. It has been our pleasure to teach these children this year. As we prepare to end the school year, please remember to read over the summer! Don't let all the learning and progress made this year slip away during the summer months. Take time to read each day, talk about math in your world, and even write down those summer adventures! Don't forget to check out your local library for some summer fun reading programs! Watch out 2nd grade, here they come!!

## SECOND GRADE

What an exciting year of learning and growth we have had in second grade! We are tremendously proud of all that your children have accomplished this year as readers, authors, mathematicians, scientists, historians, and most importantly, as strong and caring citizens here in our Yates Mates community! We thank you for all of the things you do at home that allow your children to arrive here each morning ready to learn. We realize that your job as a parent is often the most demanding job, but usually is not your only job. Thank you for recognizing that it is your most important job! We wish you a safe, relaxing and adventure filled summer. Please continue to read daily with your child and be sure that they have a library card. We look forward to seeing you all again in the fall!

## THIRD GRADE

We are coming to the end of a very challenging school year. Certainly you have seen a great deal of growth in your third grader! Students have become much more independent readers and they have demonstrated a wide variety of strategies to solve word problems and locate evidence in text to answer questions. Over the summer, please frequently encourage your child to select books to read. Check out the reading programs at your local library and Barnes and Noble; they often offer incentives and provide a cool and comfortable spot to enjoy a good book. For those who like ReadTheory.org, they can visit the site as well. Review the multiplication facts as they will be important to be successful with the fourth grade math skills, including division. Writing about activities they participate in during the summer is also suggested. Hopefully all will return refreshed and ready to tackle fourth grade!

## FOURTH GRADE

It is hard to believe that another year of learning, growing, and making memories is coming to an end. The end of the year is always bittersweet. The sun is shining, the grass is green, and the air is warm. Students have worked hard to exercise their brains for the past 9 months and are eager to relax and enjoy their summer. We are confident that they are prepared for the independence and responsibility that awaits as they enter 5th grade, their final year of elementary school. Over the summer students would benefit from reading each day and continuing to practice their multiplication facts. Encourage them to write over the summer by keeping a journal of their experiences. They can share them when they return or use them as a keepsake of their summertime memories! Thank you for all of your support and encouragement this year! We hope that you all have an amazing summer and look forward to seeing you next year!

## FIFTH GRADE

Fifth grade is excited to be finishing the year strong and wishing our students well on their journey to middle school. During the month of June we will be preparing for Middle school by taking introducing some Math and Reading concepts students will be taught in middle school. We also have some exciting end of the year activities in store to bring our school year to a close. June 12th will be our field day. June 13th we are going bowling and finally June 14th is the 5th grade promotion ceremony at Menchville High School. We are very proud of our 5th graders and wish them great success in their future endeavors.



# Final Counselor Corner!



Hello, Yates Mates! Congrats to our 5th graders heading to middle school! I hope all our students have a relaxing & enjoyable break! You all have made my first year as a school counselor amazing; and I could not have picked a better school to begin my career with.

## Summer Reading Ideas:

Academic Info - <http://sbo.nn.k12.va.us/summer/elem-read.html>

Barnes & Noble Summer Reading - [http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/\\_/N-rs9](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9)

Summer Challenge by Scholastic Books - <http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2017>

## Newport News Art Camps:

### Peninsula Fine Arts Center Summer ARTventures Summer Camps

101 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606

Contact: Camille Donne

Ph: (757) 596-8175

Email: [info@PFAC-VA.org](mailto:info@PFAC-VA.org)

Website: [www.PFAC-VA.org](http://www.PFAC-VA.org)

### Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Summer Camps

2410 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607

Contact: Joanne Palmeira

Ph: (757) 247-8950

Email: [jpalmeira@nngov.com](mailto:jpalmeira@nngov.com)

Website: [www.DowningGross.org](http://www.DowningGross.org)

### Ohana Art Studio Summer Camps

12388 Warwick Blvd., Suite 104, Newport News, VA 23606

Contact: Lisa Noelani Robbins

Ph: (757) 369-0996

Email: [Lisa@OhanaArtsStudio.com](mailto:Lisa@OhanaArtsStudio.com)

Website: [www.OhanaArtsStudio.com](http://www.OhanaArtsStudio.com)

## Newport News Sports Camps:

### QB - Receiver Camps

Christopher Newport University

Contact: Randy Wright

Ph: (608) 576-0303

Email: [info@TrickeyWrightQBR.com](mailto:info@TrickeyWrightQBR.com)

Website: [www.TrickeyWrightQBR.com](http://www.TrickeyWrightQBR.com)

Description: Join us for a challenging session of developmental drill work during the off season. 2.5 hour sessions, 1-day youth camps, 2-day developmental camps & 3-day advanced camps for quarterbacks and receivers.

**Dance Works Summer Dance Camps**

3120 H-Kiln Creek Parkway, Yorktown, VA 23693

Contact: Emma Mead

Ph: (757) 775-7848

Email: EmmaMeadBDS@hotmail.com

Website: www.Go2DanceWorks.com

**Newport News Family YMCA Summer Sports Camps**

7827 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23607

Contact: Paul Anderson

Ph: (757) 422-3805

Email: Paul.Anderson@PeninsulaYMCA.org

Website: www.PeninsulaYMCA.org

**Newport News FC Soccer Camps**

Contact: Al Cousineau

Ph: (757) 753-3968

Email: DOC@NewportNewsFC.com

Website: www.NewportNewsFC.com

**Elite Cheer Sensation Summer Camps**

700 Thimble Shoals Blvd., Suite 103, Newport News, VA 23606

Contact: Leeann Teasdale

Ph: (757) 595-0516

Email: CheerGymElite@aol.com

Website: www.EliteCheerSensation.com

**Newport News Specialty Camps:**

**Virginia Living Museum Summer Camps**

524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601

Contact: Dan Summers

Ph: (757) 595-1900 ext. 215

Email: Dan.Summers@TheVLM.org

Website: www.TheVLM.org

Description: Week-long camps are offered for ages 4 through grade 5. Museum educators help children explore nature and space through hands-on activities, visits through the museum and love touchable animals.

**Virginia Beach Hunt Club's Summer Farm Camp**

2388 London Bridge Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Contact: Randi Vogel

Ph: (757) 427-9520

Email: info@huntclubfarm.com

Website: www.HuntClubFarm.com/summercamp

Description: At Farm Camp, campers feed, clean and take care of horses, goats, sheep, llamas and rabbits. In the garden, campers pick vegetables, learn about planting and weed! Horseback riding, fishing, water activities, arts and crafts.

**Sailquest Summer Camp (Water and shore activities)**

1 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

Contact: Catherine Townes

Ph: (757) 823-4242

Email: info@SailNauticus.org

Website: www.SailNauticus.org

Description: Your child can learn to sail! Ages 10-14 Beginner & Sail Voyagers program, Ages 15-18 Sail Tech Programs. Training in Harbor 20 Sailboats, (holding up to 5 campers + Certified instructor).

**Mad Science Summer Camps**

1720B South Park Court, Chesapeake, VA 23320

Ph: (757) 502-8124

Email: info@MadScienceOfHamptonRoads.com

Website: www.HamptonRoads.MadScience.org

**Young Chefs Academy Summer Camp**

741 Eden Way North #310, Chesapeake, VA 23320

Ph: (757) 547-8787

Email: ChesapeakeVA@YoungChefsAcademy.com

Website: www.youngchefsacademy.com



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## Summer Registrations and Office Hours

### Yates Summer Office hours:

Monday-Thursday 7:15am-5:15pm

### Student Registration Summer Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm

**Hello Yates Families! The PTA would like to thank all of you for the support you have given throughout the school year. The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and I want to wish all of you a strong finish and a lot of fun during the Summer months. Field Day for Grades 3-5 will Monday June 12th from 9:15-12 and for Grades K-2 it will be Tuesday June 13th from 9:15-12. Please come out to play with us!**

**Fifth Grade Promotion will be held at Menchville High School on Wednesday June 14th at Noon. Congratulations to all of our rising Fifth Graders! Please Like and Follow our Yates Elementary PTA Facebook page for all of the upcoming Fall events. Have a Happy and Safe Summer!!!**