

## New Market Elementary School

*NMES works hard, plays hard, thinks hard and demonstrates character.*



Remember to check the FCPS Calendar Handbook, Channel 18, FOF, and the NMES website <http://education.fcps.org/nmes> for school news.

### Dates To Remember

- 9/19- Schools Closed
- 9/26- New Volunteer Training @ 9:30 am & 6:00pm in school cafeteria
- 10/5- 2 Hour Early Dismissal

### Volunteer Training

Volunteer Training for new volunteers will be held on 9/26. Both options for training will be held in the cafeteria for NEW volunteers only. Current volunteers can take the online refresher course, available on our website, under the parents/students tab.

Once you have been re-certified online or have taken the volunteer training, please consider signing up to be a lunch room helper! Any amount is helpful and it's easy to sign up anytime. It's also no problem if something comes up last minute and you can't make it. Staff always has things covered, but help is appreciated by all!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fada72da31-nmes1>

Please contact Lisa Corrigan with any questions or concerns about [lunch volunteering](mailto:corrigan.family@me.com) at [corrigan.family@me.com](mailto:corrigan.family@me.com).

### A Message from Your Administrators

We are off to a great start and running with our school sports theme this year. Our focus this year will be in building a team atmosphere where students are encouraged to take risks, demonstrate effort, collaborate and elevate themselves to MVP status. We know they can do it!

Thank you to all of the families, teachers, and PTA for helping us to "Get in the Game," this year. It has been a wonderful start, and we are looking forward to a championship season.

*Mr. Bowser & Mrs. Reter*

### Car Rider Arrival and Dismissal

As routines and patterns begin to settle within the first few weeks, please know that we are constantly working to make the drop-off and pick-up process as seamless and safe for all involved. We ask for your continued patience in the mornings and afternoons as we try to efficiently manage car riders, bus-riders, and walkers who enter and leave our side entrance. To help us ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal for all, we ask that all adults remain in their vehicles and allow our staff to assist students (if needed). This will greatly reduce the amount of people who may be in the traffic areas, as well as getting students into the school safely. We would like students to only exit their vehicle on the sidewalk/school side of the vehicle,

not in the traffic area. While efficiency is always a goal, student safety is a top priority. Due to extremely limited space and safety for our crosswalk area, we ask that parents do not park in the parking lot in order to meet their child at the blue awning door or gym doors during drop-off and dismissal. This creates unsafe situations in the parking lot as parents and students are walking in high traffic areas.

## Dismissal/ Transportation Changes

All changes in how students go home at the end of the day must be documented by a parent note, ahead of time. Please do your best to notify, in writing or through a phone call, the front office by 2:30pm the day of the change, to best ensure that the message can be delivered to the appropriate student's classroom.

## Sibling policy

When can parents bring in other non-school aged siblings?

### Siblings CAN attend:

- When grade level teams hold certain school events that can accommodate (due to space, type of event, etc.). This will be communicated by each team well in advance so you are aware and can plan accordingly.
- Lunch Visits
- Field Day- when only there to watch; not to participate or volunteer

### Siblings CANNOT attend:

- When volunteering
- Chaperoning
- Recess
- The 2 class parties (Spring/ Fall) This is for the safety and accountability for all visitors, students, staff Dismissal from class must be done in the front office.

*No student should be picked up by the parent/ guardian in the classroom. Instead, come to the front office to sign your child out.*

## All Absences, Late Arrivals, and Early Dismissals

All absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals need a parent note or are unexcused. Be sure to include the child's first and last name and the teacher's name. To review the entire FCPS policy, please visit page 38 of the FCPS Calendar Handbook.

## The Derby

Our new neighbors at the Derby (formally Milo's), have kindly asked staff and any visitors to NMES to please not park in their back lot due to limited space for their customers.

## News from the Media Center

*Jennifer Siderius*

### Read Your Height Challenge

On Thursday, September 13th, contest papers for the Read Your Height Challenge were sent home with all NMES students! This year, Mrs. Siderius, our media specialist, is trying to read her height in books! If your child would like to join her in the competition, please read the information sent home or visit <https://goo.gl/v83MFY>. Any student who participates and finishes reading their height by the end of the school year will receive a coupon for the Curious Iguana!

### Library Book Returns–Text Reminders

Concerned about remembering when your child's library books are due? Sign up for text alerts from the media center through Remind! Please visit <https://education.fcps.org/nmes/mediaschedule> and click on the day of the week that your child has media class. When you click on the day of the



week, a PDF will open with instructions on how to register to receive text reminders about library book returns. For questions, email Mrs. Siderius at [jennifer.siderius@fcps.org](mailto:jennifer.siderius@fcps.org).

### **Ebooks and More!**

Don't forget that the media center databases, such as FactCite and PebbleGo, along with our free ebook resources, such as Bookflix and Axis 360, are always available to NMES students and families! Visit the media center website (<http://education.fcps.org/nmes/mediacenter>) from work, home, school or anywhere to access these great resources. At the top of the chart of databases is a link to the usernames and passwords. After clicking on the link, sign in with your child's school computer username and password to see the whole list. Trouble signing in? Email Mrs. Siderius at [jennifer.siderius@fcps.org](mailto:jennifer.siderius@fcps.org) for help!

### **New Science Books**

Over the summer, I weeded our science books and am working to replace them with updated content that matches your updated curriculums. The link below will show you just some of the new science books that we are getting this year about matter, light, sound, erosion, plant and animal adaptations and more! Let me know when you'd like me to pull them for you to borrow!

<https://app.edu.buncee.com/buncee/49bdfb808dfc41c5abd02cca331a7dd1>



### **Address change**

Please provide a new proof of residency (a copy of a property tax bill, gas bill, electric bill, water/sewer bill or a signed current lease/rental agreement; NO phone/cable bills).

### **Custody change**

If there is a change in child custody, please make sure you share that information with your child's teacher and the office. It is extremely important that a copy of the court document be delivered to the school and placed in the child's permanent record folder. Should the school not have this documentation, we have no recourse but to release your child to either parent upon request.

### **Wellness–Food Use**

FCPS Wellness Regulation 400-82 states in part:

For health and safety reasons, parents/visitors are only permitted to bring in food that is intended for consumption by their individual student.

For health and safety reasons, students are only permitted to bring in food for personal consumption.

### **Weapons**

Possession of any firearm or other weapon by a student on school property is strictly forbidden. This also includes look-alike weapons. The penalties for violation are detailed in the Discipline section of the FCPS handbook. Please remember it is a serious offense to possess a weapon of any kind on school property.

### **Safety Drills**

During the school year, our teachers practice fire and other safety & weather drills with their class. We perform these drills as a school so we can continue to refine our efficiency with these procedures. For more information, check out the FCPS.org homepage, under the Central Office tab, and security and emergency management.

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