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November

2026



Important Information:

Upcoming Dates:

November 3- *Election Day/Teacher Workday*

November 11- *Veterans Day*

November 18- *Picture Retakes*

November 16-20- *Book Fair; Family Night 11/16 from 4-8*

November 25-27- *Thanksgiving Break*





Please remember to send water bottles for your students. We have water bottle fill stations for all students to use.





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Meet Our Principals:

A Season of Gratitude at Floyd Elementary

As we enter November, we are reminded of just how much we have to be thankful for at Floyd Elementary. We are grateful for the dedicated staff members who show up each day ready to make a difference, the families who trust us with their children, and the students who bring so much energy, personality, and potential into our school. It takes all of us working together to make Floyd Elementary the special place it is.

Our theme this year, #ChooseTheClimb, reminds us that meaningful growth happens one step at a time. We see those steps every day—in a student who keeps trying when learning gets hard, in a teacher who goes the extra mile, in a colleague who offers a helping hand, or in a family who partners with us to support a child. These moments may seem small, but together, they make a tremendous difference.

Thank you for being part of our Floyd Elementary family. We hope this Thanksgiving season brings you time to slow down, enjoy the people who matter most, and appreciate the good things that surround us. We are thankful to be on this journey together!

With gratitude,
Ashley Griffith, Principal
Elizabeth Marshall, Assistant Principal



Ashley Griffith
Principal



Elizabeth Marshall
Assistant Principal

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1. Push notifications about breaking news, closures, weather, events, and more
2. Photos from school events
3. Maps with school locations, phone numbers, and staff information

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1. From a smart-device, go to the iTunes App Store or Google Play
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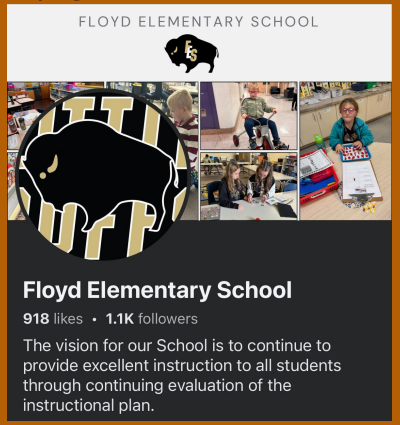

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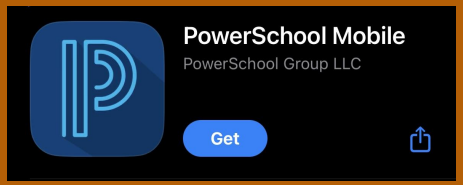

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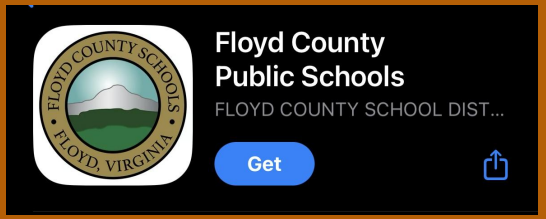
*Assignment Info and much more!





VIRGINIA TECH SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 7, 2026

10 AM – 3 PM

Center for the Arts | Newman Library

Free and open to the public

vt.edu/sciencefestival

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INTRODUCING

The

LUNCH BOX HELPER

BRINGING YOUR LUNCH FROM HOME?



You can still choose delicious menu items at ***ZERO COST TO YOU!*** Simply select at least 3 of the 5 food groups offered in your cafeteria, and make sure 1 of the 3 is a fruit or vegetable!

Fuel your Day with The Lunch Box Helper.

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The Nutrition Group

Nurse Ashley Says:



HELLO NOVEMBER

DIABETES AWARENESS

November is dedicated to raising awareness about diabetes prevention & management.

- Know signs: Increased thirst, frequent urination, fatigue, unexplained weight loss, & blurry vision.
- Healthy Habits Matter: Encourage balanced meals, daily physical activity, & good drink choices.

FUN FACTS

Your heart beats about 100,000 times a day! That's over 35 million times a year - talk about hard work!

A sneeze can travel up to 100 miles per hour! That's why it's important to cover your mouth and nose.

COLD & FLU SEASON IS HERE

Colds & Flu spread easily in classrooms, especially this time of year.

Help prevent illness:

- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Cover coughs & sneezes with a tissue or elbow.
- Stay home if you are sick - especially with fever, vomiting, or persistent cough.

Flu vaccines are recommended for everyone 6 months and older

STAY IN TOUCH

Stay warm, stay well, and enjoy the season

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A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Please remember to:

- Update your child's emergency contact and health information.
- Provide medication forms and refills as needed.
- Notify the nurse of any new diagnoses or allergies.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy and safe this November!!

Reading Tip from Your Reading Specialists

Mrs. Slusher & Mrs. Conner

Strong readers grow through practice, encouragement, and access to books they enjoy! Help your child make reading part of the daily routine by sharing a book, rereading a familiar favorite, or visiting the library together. Keep reading time relaxed and enjoyable—every conversation about a book helps build vocabulary, comprehension, and confidence!



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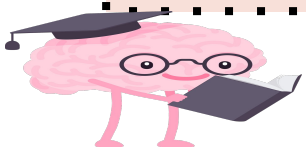
Mindfulness & Coping Skills for Kids

At Home

- Deep breathing - Deep Breathing Exercises for Kids
- Going for a walk/exercising
- Listening to music
- Writing in a journal
- Playing with a pet
- Talking with friends
- Grounding games- Grounding Games for Kids

(Child Mind Institute)



Benefits

- Helps manage anxious or negative thoughts
- Help develop the ability to self-regulate
- Instills a sense of self-control
- Increases attention and focus
- Improves emotional control
- Stronger social skills
- Fewer Behavioral Issues

(Child Mind Institute)

November 2026

Mindfulness & Coping Skills for Kids



In School

- Deep breathing-Deep Breathing Exercises for Kids
- Body scanning- Body Scan for Kids
- Mindful listening- A Mindful Listening Practice for Kids
- Mindful movement- Mindful Movement 4 practices for grades K4-8
- Gratitude circles- Gratitude Activities for Kids and Teens

(Child Mind Institute)





Citations

https://childmind.org/article/the-power-of-mindfulness/

https://childmind.org/give/newsletters/healthy-coping-skills/

November

(Guidance)





Red Ribbon Week has officially come to an end! Before the week began, I had our Group 3 middle school students participate in a poster competition. The winning posters were displayed throughout Red Ribbon Week to help spread awareness and promote making healthy, drug-free choices. It was wonderful to see the students' creativity and participation! Stay tuned for more updates about this amazing week in the December newsletter!

Learning Lab November

PreK-1: We are still working on our building and teamwork skills! We are starting to learn how to properly use our Bee-Bots!

2nd-5th: We have been working on and are continuing to work on learning our Chromebooks and learning new commands on our keyboards. We are also starting a research slides project about a topic!



6th & 7th: We are working on sharpening our typing skills. We have also started creating a Budgeted Thanksgiving Dinner!



Find Your Way to the Book Fair

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

FAMILY NIGHT
4-8 pm

SCHOLASTIC

It's BOOK FAIR time!

FES Library
November 16th -20th
*Family Night - Monday, November 16th 4-8pm *

Exciting kids about reading. Earning funds for your school!

save yourself the hassel of sending cash!



Book Fair eWallet

- **Easy for families to set up, easy for others to contribute.**
- **Book Fair eWallet lets your child shop independently and choose books they want to read without keeping up with cash.**
- **After your school's Fair, any *unspent funds remain in your Scholastic account for future Fairs.***

Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/floydelementaryschool2

In November, students in PE will finish their throwing unit with a student-favorite activity, carnival games, and then move onto our basketball unit.



Art
Quarter 2

SUPPLIES THAT WOULD BE HAPPILY ACCEPTED- PAPER, ERASERS, PAINTS, THINGS FROM NATURE (ROCKS, SEASHELLS, STICKS, PINECONES, LEAVES, FLOWERS, ETC.)

PK- Sharing, Identify where art can be at, Recognize art

K- Work collaboratively. Make connections (art, music, theatre, dance), Explore elements (lines, shapes, textures, patterns), Find inspiration in nature

1- Creative Process, Artists in the community, Spatial relationships

2- Roles of artwork (focal point), Describe elements/principles (lines, colors, form, and pattern)

3- Collaboration, Value of art, Elements/Principles (Color, space, balance, contrast, pattern), Quality and technical skills used in artwork

4- Work collaboratively in the community, Elements/Principles (color, texture, value, pattern, variety, unity), Illusion of depth on a 2D surface

5- Creative process, Artmaking and problem-solving, Elements/Priciples (color, value, form, shape, texture, balance), Inspired by other sources

6th & 7th- Historical influences, cross-curricular connections, Elements/Principles (color, line, proportion, texture, value), Gesture and continuous line

ART SHOW:
ALL FES STUDENTS
APRIL 12TH FROM 5-7
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS-
FIRE & FORK FOOD TRUCK

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Tri-Area Community Health

NOVEMBER TRI-AREA NEWSLETTER

Healthy Minds ● Healthy Choices ● Strong Communities

IMPORTANT DATES

- **November 5th – Floyd Career Fair**
  Tri-Area Community Health will be set up and available to connect with students and families.
- **November 9th – Connection Counts Event 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**
  Stop by our booth for prizes, goodies, and community resources.
- **November 11th – Veterans Day**
- **November 26th – 29th – Thanksgiving Break**
- **November is National Stress Awareness Month**

MONTHLY FOCUS

- National Stress Awareness Month
- Healthy Stress Management
- Positive Coping Skills
- Gratitude and Self-Care
- Mental Health Awareness
- Building Healthy Habits

REMINDERS:

Be sure to register for our School-Based Health Center!

Available for Students & Staff!

How do you manage stress during the holiday season?

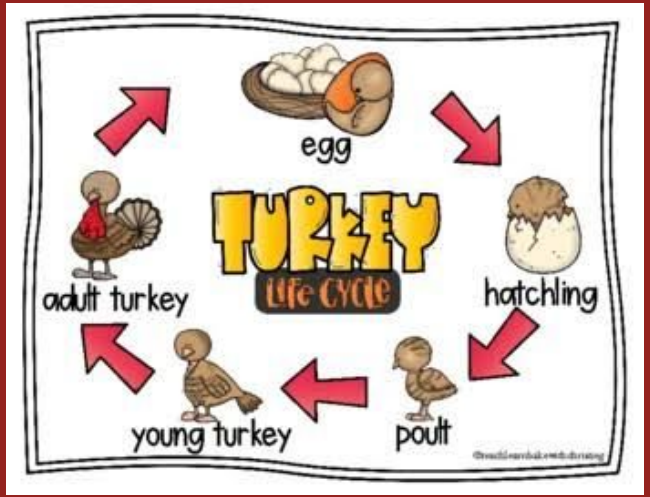
Spending Time with Family • Listening to Music • Taking a Walk
Exercising • Deep Breathing • Journaling • Practicing Gratitude

Kindergarten:

Kindergarteners are ready for fun November learning! We will continue using our five senses to explore all things Fall. Turkeys will be a topic of learning - life cycle, needs, and characteristics. Students will learn about voting, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. In Math, our kiddos will be working on lots of math skills using the numbers 0 to 10. They will also be creating different patterns. We will continue to learn more letters of our alphabet and will put these letters together to read simple words. Students are now writing sentences! We love learning!!!







First Grade News

Reminders

- **Please send a water bottle with your student every day.**
- The weather is getting colder be sure to send a jacket for your student to wear outside.
- Be sure to write your student's name in their personal belongings so that if they get lost we can easily find them.

What We Are Learning

- In History, we will be focusing on the Jamestown, Powhatan Indians, Pocahontas, and Christopher Newport.
- In Math, we will be working on addition and subtraction strategies.
- In Language Arts, we will be focusing on past, present, and future.
- We will be focusing on stories that tell our opinion.

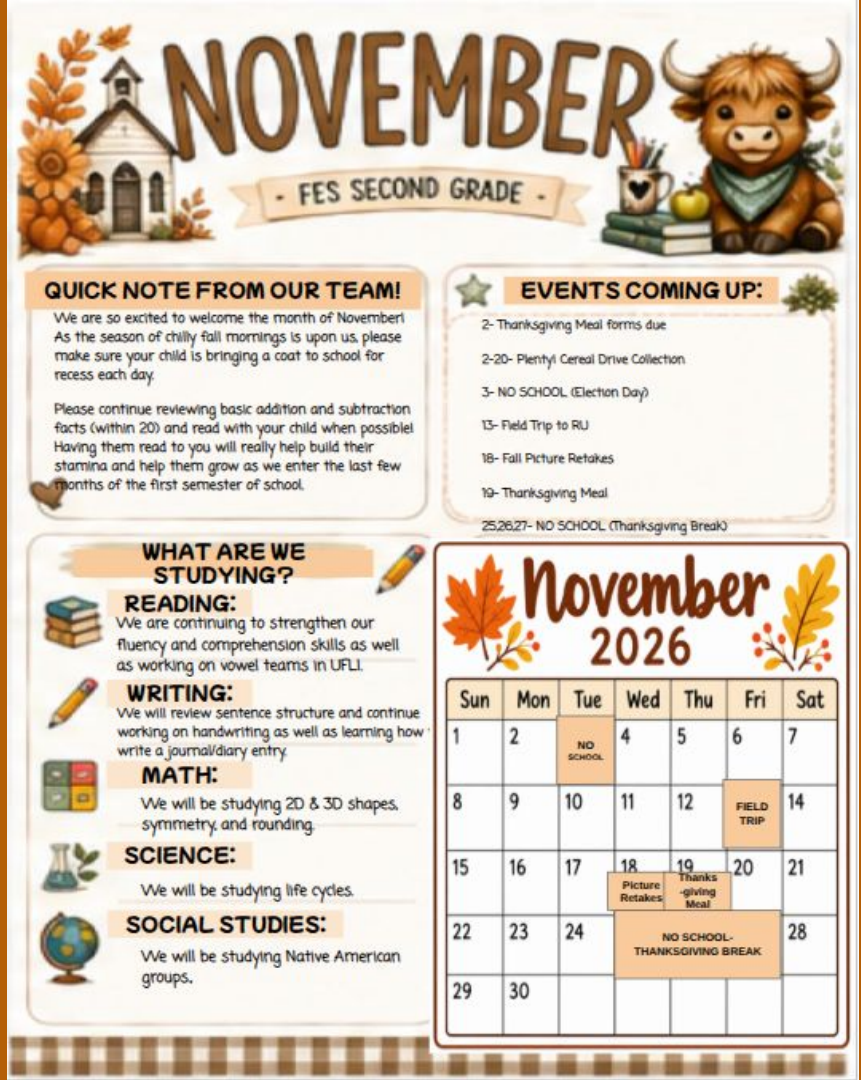
Important Dates

- Nov. 3rd Election Day (No School)
- Nov. 11th Veterans Day
- Nov. 13th Ferrum Field Trip
- Nov. 25th-27th (No School) Thanksgiving Break





2nd Grade:



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3rd Grade:

Greetings from Third Grade!

We have had a great first quarter and are excited to get started with a fresh new marking period. We are also excited to have the nice fall weather for recess! We have been busy with economics and government in our History studies and will soon be talking about natural and human disasters in our environment in Science. Math has been very busy with addition, subtraction, and estimation. Please keep practicing those basic math facts! Soon we will be working on counting money and making change if you'd like to get a head start. And then it will be multiplication! As always, please keep reading!







4th Grade:

NOVEMBER Newsletter

Language Arts	Math
We will be working on Unit 4: Understanding Different POV and Unit 5: Technology for Tomorrow.	We will be working on Double-Digit Multiplication, Long Division, and learning about Lines.
History	**Science**
We will finish up our learning about Colonial Virginia and move onto the American Revolution.	We will be working on our Ecosystems unit and move onto our Ocean unit.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/3- Teacher Workday
- 11/9- Plenty! Field Trip
- 11/18- Midterm Reports
- 11/25-11/27- Thanksgiving Break

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Please make sure you are checking your students' gold folders and planners every night.



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5th Grade:

Math- In Math, we will be working on fractions (adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing)

Science- In Science, we will be focusing on Energy and Electricity/Magnets. I am hoping to have a speaker come in one day from Steel Dynamics

English- during English we will be starting our unit on recognizing author's point of view. We will be having our unit 3 test on 11/12.

History- We are finishing up our unit on the U.S. Constitution.

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5th Grade
Field Trip Fun!













6th Grade:



Science- We will be finishing up our unit on Force and Energy with the Egg Drop Challenge. We will also explore heat and how it is transferred with another fun lab! Students also enjoyed their time at the Thinkabit Lab with VT in creating inventions for space exploration.



English- 6th grade English is getting ready to begin HMH Unit 2, **"Never Give Up!"** Throughout this unit, students will read a variety of inspiring stories about individuals who have persevered through challenges and overcome obstacles, including the world-renowned Malala Yousafzai. Students will explore the importance of perseverance, courage, and determination while making connections to their own lives.

Math- 6th Grade math is working on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing positive and negative integers as well as drawing coordinate plane figures and making a battleship board game with the coordinate plane.



6th grade will be attending a field trip on November 16th to Virginia Tech! We are so excited for this opportunity! Also, 6th grade is at the halfway point in their science class! Next semester students will transition from science to social studies with Ms. T!

7th Grade:

What's Happening?

Mr. Daniello, Math: Students will continue to explore the concepts of algebra! Next week will be about representing and solving one-step and two-step equations!

Mrs. Jefferies, ELA: Students will continue working on vocabulary, grammar rules and sentence structure this week. We will review what we have learned in unit 1. Students will take the 7th grade benchmarks on Tuesday, Oct. 27. They will make the final revisions on their essays this week as well.

Ms. Townley, Civics: CE.8, CE.9, CE.10
We will be wrapping up our political party unit, and heading into our LAST TWO CIVICS BASED UNITS.... Social media and Civic Participation!!!! We will have a quiz/test on Wednesday, October 28th for Elections before we move on.

Once we complete these final two units, we'll be steamrolling through economics, and then into SOL prep!!!! I'm beyond proud of your students and the way they have handled this topic this past week. Please tell them to keep it up... and study!!

What can I do at home?

Mr. Daniello, Math: Practice skills using IXL or mathspace!

Mrs. Jefferies, ELA: Read a book. Study the spelling bee worksheets they received on Friday. We will have our 7th grade spelling bee in a few weeks.

Ms. Townley, Civics: iCivics, Google Classroom reviews, NOTEBOOKS!!!!! Study guides will be sent home for students to review next week. Please work with your students on understanding the different levels and jobs of the government!

ONLINE STUDY MATERIAL
Check out our website for study materials!
https://sites.google.com/floyd.k12.va.us/floydelem-67/home

Upcoming Events:

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English BENCHMARK October 27th
Civics-Election Quiz October 28th
CIVICS SOL DECEMBER 10th

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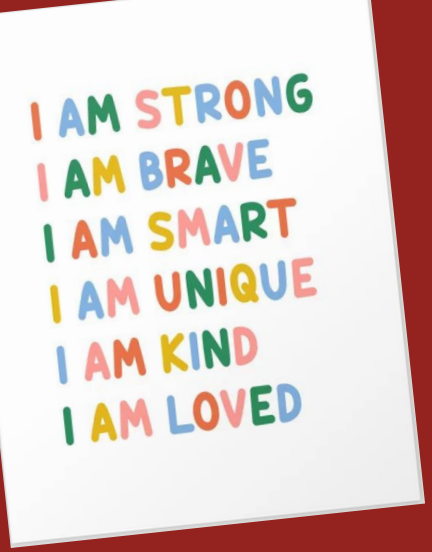
I AM STRONG
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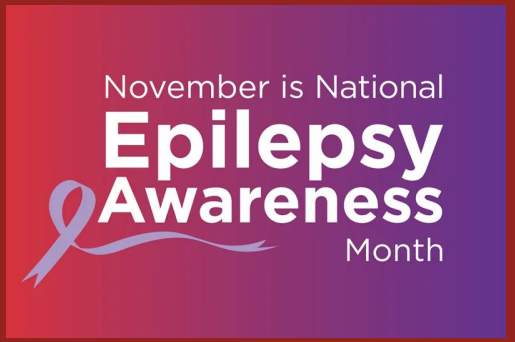
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER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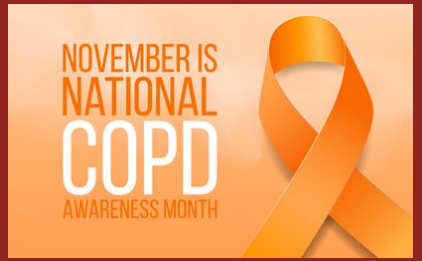
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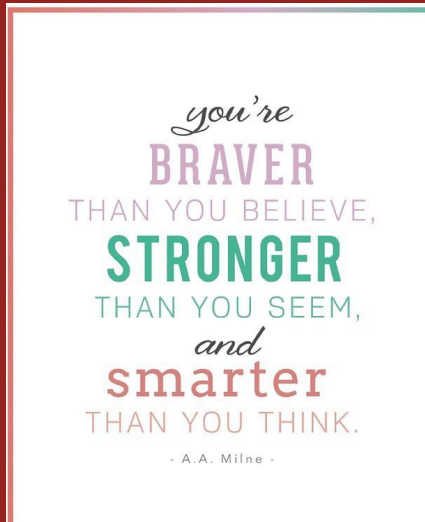
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