

2018-19 Sudley Elementary School Year



Home of the Roadrunner

On October 4th, we had a guest speaker visit to talk to 4th and 5th graders about strategies for school and home to work through stress and staying calm. Cory Martin shared his personal experience growing up, and together with his father they speak around the country sharing ideas with teachers, students and their parents. One strategy shared was to come up with a code word between parents and their child for when a timeout is needed. This can work for all ages. For more information, you can go to

www.celebratecalm.com



Trunk or Treat- Friday, October 26th 6:00-8:00 PM

Families are invited to come out and either Trick or Treat in our school parking lot from the car trunks and/or decorate a trunk for our students to enjoy. There will be games, and also refreshments for purchase.



Veterans Day Assembly, November 9th, 9:30-10:30 AM

We would be honored to have any Sudley Family members who are Veterans, and their family members, attend the Veterans Day Assembly. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling our main office no later than November 7th, 2018 at 703.361.3444.



Parental Notification of Assessment Opt Out Policies under *The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*

According to the Virginia Department of Education, "All students in tested grade levels and courses are expected to participate in Virginia's assessment program, unless specifically exempted by state or federal law or by Board of Education regulations." On December 10, 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* (ESSA) was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(2) of ESSA states that parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know about state or division policies regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by ESSA, including any policy, procedure, or parental right to opt students out of such assessments. The Commonwealth of Virginia does not currently have an Opt Out policy for SOL assessments. However, Section 22.1-253.13:3.Cof the Code of Virginia states that, "The Board of

Education shall not include in its calculation of the passage rate of a Standards of Learning assessment for the purposes of state accountability any student whose parent has decided to not have his child take such Standards of Learning assessment, unless such exclusions would result in the school's not meeting any required state or federal participation rate." Prince William County Public Schools regulations state that, if a parent or guardian decides to not have a student take a state or local assessment, then the person making the request should be informed about the academic consequences that decision could have on the student.

If you would like to receive more information about this topic, please contact the principal.

PARENTAL RIGHT TO INFORMATION ABOUT TEACHERS:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, most recently reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act, states that parents in Title I schools have the right to request certain information about



their child's teachers. The information that you have a right to request about your child's teacher is:

- a. Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subjects the teacher is teaching.
- b. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing has been waived.
- c. The baccalaureate degree major of certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- d. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.



At Sudley Elementary, we are extremely proud of our teachers and paraprofessionals, and are happy to provide you with any of the information above pertaining to your child's teacher(s). If you have such a request, please call the school at 703.361.3444 and ask for the information you are interested in.



We hope to see you at these and many other school events this year!

Upcoming Dates:

- 10/16, 18, 23 & 30** PEP
- 10/22-10/26** Red Ribbon Wk
- 10/26** Trunk or Treat
- 11/2** Picture Day
- 11/6** Parent Teacher Conf.
- 11/9** Veterans Day Assembly
- 11/14** Report Cards for Q1
- 11/20** Turkey Trot

