



Welcome

3rd Grade Open House

Don't Forget...

- Make sure you signed the sign-in sheet or signed in using the digital form (QR Code)
- Take home a copy of the 3rd Grade Syllabus
- Leave supplies at your child's desk

Administration

- **Principal – Dr. Titania Singh**
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- **Assistant Principal – Ms. Amanda Darville**
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- **Assistant Principal – Ms. Wendy May**
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Melissa Renee Beard

- Room 305
- Teaches Science, Social Studies, & Health
- She is from Rome, Ga and she loves history. Her favorite historical item is the USA flag.
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Tia Burton

- Room 307
- Teaches Reading and vocabulary
- She loves reading inspirational books, watching movies, and solving puzzles.
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Sydney Hastings

- Room 309
- Teaches Writing and Grammar
- She loves playing with her dog and making crafts.
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Erica Sergio

- Room 311
- Teaches Mathematics
- She loves to continuously learn and spending time with her family.
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First Day of School

- Monday August 7, 2023
- Students may enter the building at 6:50am – **Please do not drop students off before that time.**
- **Start Time: 7:25am (tardy bell)**
- **Dismissal: 2:15pm**
- How will your child get home? Please indicate this to your child's homeroom teacher!

Building Protocol

- **Per FPS protocol, parents are NOT allowed to come down the hallways.**
- All parent-teacher meetings need to be scheduled ahead of time. You can contact teachers any time via ClassDojo.
- There will be staff members at the front of the school and placed throughout the building to help students get to their classrooms and carry supplies.
- Supplies can be brought in the rest of this week if you want to drop them off before school starts.

Transportation

- **Be sure to indicate how your child will get home the first day of school**
- Dismissal is at 2:15 p.m.
- **Dismissal Locations:**
 - **Bus:** Front of school
 - **Car Rider:** Back side of school (across from soccer fields)
 - **Parent Pick-up and CYS:** Big Gym
 - **Big Brother/Big Sister Walker:** Art Room (Older sibling **MUST** be in 8th grade for this option)
- **If afternoon transportation changes, you **MUST** let the homeroom teacher know with a written note or a message on ClassDojo before lunchtime.**

Daily Schedule

Time	Min.	Period	Beard SC/SS/HTH	Burton Reading	Hastings Writing	Sergio Math
7:25am-7:30am	5	Homeroom				
7:30am-8:00am	30	Intervention	(Math)	(ELA)	(ELA)	(Math)
8:00am-9:00am	60	1 st Period	Sergio HR	Beard HR	Burton HR	Hastings HR
9:00am-10:00am	60	2 nd Period	Hastings HR	Sergio HR	Beard HR	Burton HR
10:00am-10:10am	10	3 rd Period	Burton HR	Hastings HR	Sergio HR	Beard HR
10:10am-10:50am	40	Connections/ Planning				
10:50am-11:10am	10	3 rd Period Continued				
11:10am-11:45am	30	Lunch				
11:45am-12:00pm	15	Recess				
12:00pm-12:40pm	40	3rd Period Continued				
12:40pm-1:40pm	60	4 th Period	Beard HR	Burton HR	Hastings HR	Sergio HR
1:40pm-2:00pm	20	Social Emotional Learning with Homerooms				
2:00pm-2:15pm		Prepare for Dismissal & Move to Locations				

Attendance Policy

- Students are expected to be in school all day unless they are ill.
- Georgia State law only recognizes absences due to illness, religious holidays, medical or legal appointments, and funerals in the family. Parents have the right to present reasons they believe are justifiable to the Principal for consideration of other absences.
- **All absences require a written note from parents/guardians stating the reason for the absence. The note must include the student's full name, reason for absence, date(s) of absence, and parent/guardian signature.** Emailed notes will not be accepted. A note without a reason and date of absence is unexcused.
- **Parents have 5 'parent excused' absences per school year. After 5, then there must be a doctor's note or other type of document for the absence to excused.**
- In order to comply with district regulations and state law, when a student has 10 unexcused absences in one month or ten unexcused absences in one year, Richmond County administrators will petition the Juvenile Court System to seek mandatory attendance by a student.

Attendance Policy

- An **unexcused** absence is defined as any unauthorized absence from school. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 1. Hair appointments
 2. Oversleeping
 3. Shopping
 4. Missing the bus
 5. Concerts
 6. Babysitting
 7. Failure to obtain private transportation to school
 8. Mechanical problems
 9. Failure to obtain leave of Absence request for absences

Tardy Policy

- **Students are not allowed on campus prior to 6:50 a.m.** All students should report to school by 7:25a.m (tardy bell rings). **Any student reporting to the classroom after 7:25 a.m. is tardy. A parent must sign in tardy students in the front office.**
- The accumulation of unexcused tardies may warrant disciplinary action and/or referral to Department of Family and Children Services.
- **Leaving school for unauthorized purposes before the end of the instructional day will be counted as a tardy.** Parents should not pick their children up before the end of the school day except where there is a legitimate emergency. Lawful excuses for tardiness are cited in the RCSS Code of Student Conduct and Discipline. **For the safety of our students during dismissal transition, we will not allow building entry starting at 1:55 pm until 2:10pm.**
- More information regarding attendance is located in the RCSS Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.

Bullying Policy

- At FPS we strive to maintain a respectful environment for staff and students.
- Bullying behavior is defined as any pattern of written or verbal expression or any physical act or gesture that is intended to ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or cause measurable physical or emotional distress upon one or more students.
- A student shall not do, attempt, or threaten to bully any person, including students and employees:
 - a) In the school
 - b) On school grounds
 - c) In school vehicles (including school buses)
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 - e) Or at school activities or sanctioned events
- <https://www.rcboe.org/domain/7821> (Bullying Form for Parents)

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- If you suspect that your child is being bullied, you can fill out this Bullying Reporting Form from RCSS: <https://www.rcboe.org/domain/7821>
- A third instance of bullying in a school year would require that the student be assigned to an alternative educational setting. However, the principal or other appropriate designee may recommend the Alternative Center or suspension, in her discretion prior to the third offense.
- *FOR PRE-K – 5 REFER TO RULES 23 AND 24 (RCBOE CODE OF CONDUCT)
- *FOR 6 -12 DISCIPLINE OPTIONS, REFER TO RULES 23, 24, & 27 (RCBOE CODE OF CONDUCT)
- Code of Discipline for Freedom Park School: Students are expected to display admirable Character Traits at all times. They are representative of their family, school and community. At FPS we have always maintained a respectful environment for staff and students.

Behavior Management

- Students are expected to come to school ready and prepared to learn.
- Each class has expectations that students are respectful, responsible, and safe.
- 3rd grade standards that assess behavior:
 - 3BL1 Follows oral and written directions, 3BL2 Works independently, 3BL3 Work cooperatively, 3BL4 Participates in class, 3BL5 Completes classwork, 3BL6 Completes homework, 3BL7 Produces best work, 3BL8 Demonstrates self-control
- You will be informed if your child has any behavioral concerns.
- Please read the syllabus that includes the Behavior Management Plan with your child. We will send a form via ClassDojo at later date for you to sign stating you've read this document.

School Nutrition

- Breakfast starts at 6:50 am and is free for all students. Breakfast ends at 7:20
- Lunch is **not** free for every student. Please apply for the free/reduced lunch plan in the cafeteria today or online.
- 3rd Grade Lunch Time: 11:10am,
- Students can bring a snack to have during recess or at dismissal time.
- **Online Application Link:**
<https://www.rcboe.org/Domain/89>



School Counselor



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What does a School Counselor do?



- **Whole group classroom lessons**

- Teach students as a class lessons regarding about bullying, character education, coping with loss, stress/anxiety, peer pressure

- **Individual counseling sessions**

- Assist students individually with loss, peer pressure, anxiety, bullying

- **Group counseling sessions**

- Group sessions held with 6-8 students on topics such as such as coping with anger, dealing with peer pressure, social skill development and coping with loss

- **Crisis counseling sessions**

Title I





- Freedom Park School is a Title I school. This means we are provided financial assistance through the Every Student Succeeds Act, Part A.
- Its overall purpose is to ensure that all students have a fair and equal opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on state assessments (i.e. GA Milestones, End-of-Course, etc.), as well as involve parents in their child's education.
- There will be an upcoming Title I Annual Parent Meeting which will outline parent involvement opportunities - you will be sent meeting information via FPS's ClassDojo account later in the school year.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

- Infinite Campus is the platform Richmond County uses for student grades
- Parents can access and view their child's grades and get alerts when grades have been entered.
- **Parent Portal Sign-Up Directions** – Click [HERE](#)
- Parent Portal Sign-Up and troubleshooting on RC site – Click [HERE](#)
- **Sign-up today using one of the laptops in Ms. Beard's room (Rm. 305)**
 - **You MUST have your child's Social Security number in order to sign-up**

Grading

- In the RCSS, 3rd grade uses Standards Based Grading. Students are graded on a scale of 1-4
- Some standards have multiple parts to them. For these standards, students will not be able to score a 3 or 4 until the entire standard has been taught. You will see this on your child's graded papers (score might say 2/2 meaning the highest score could only be a 2)
- Students cannot receive a score of 4 until they consistently show mastery of that standard with zero teacher support over an extended period of time.
- Graded papers will be sent home periodically
- **RCSS Standards Based Grading Guides for Parents:**
<https://www.rcboe.org/Page/46988>

Goal: Get Students to Ride the Bike Independently			
	Distinguished	4	Exceeding the Standard The student can not only ride the bike independently, but also perform stunts (might be above grade level content)
	Proficient	3	Meeting the Standard The student is successful at riding the bike independently.
	Developing	2	Progressing Toward the Standard The student is pedaling and staying upright, as long as someone is assisting (needs additional academic support)
	Beginning	1	Not Meeting the Standard The student is riding the bike, but only with the use of training wheels (needs substantial academic support)



What will my child learn?

- See the Third Grade Syllabus
- **ELA (Writing):** Writing genres to include Narrative, Informational, and Opinion/Argumentative as well as grammar
- **ELA (Reading):** Reading strategies, story elements, text features, text structures, how to ask and answer questions (R.A.C.E), vocabulary etc.
- **Math:** place value, multiplication, division, geometry, algebra, how to answer and respond mathematically (R.I.C.E.), etc.
- **Social Studies:** Native Americans, explorers, government, etc.
- **Science:** fossils, pollution, heat energy, etc.
- **Health:** Disease prevention, healthy habits, etc.

Student Responsibilities

We will support your child with the following responsibilities:

- Plan appropriately and learn to balance the increased workload in order to successfully complete all class work and all homework.
- Using Classlink/Launchpad to access Canvas (online work platform) and other websites for class.
- Participate fully in class, to include discussions online and uploading of assignments to Canvas, as well as asking questions for better understanding.
- Maintain proper behavior at school and while participating online.
- Respect self and others.
- Maintain the M.O.O.S.E. Notebook and its contents (homework, calendar, divided sections of notes, etc.)

Communication

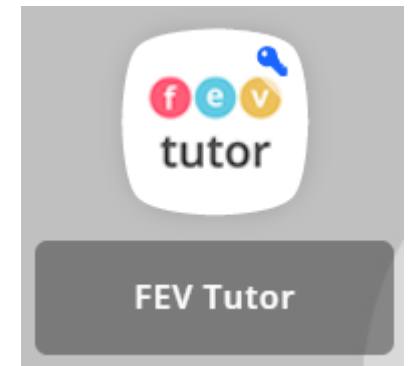
- Sending a message via ClassDojo is the BEST way to communicate with your child's teachers.
- You may also email us or send in a note
- Conferences
- Infinite Campus Parent Portal (view grades)
- Weekly Newsletter sent out via ClassDojo

Student Laptops

- Each student will be assigned a laptop to use in the classroom
- Students will have the option, with parent permission, to take their laptop home each day.
- Room 305 (Ms. Beard) you can go ahead and sign this permission form if you want.

FEV Tutor

- Your child will be using a site called Launchpad
- Launchpad houses all of the apps that students will use throughout the school year
- FEV Tutor is an available app that your child can use for one-on-one tutoring
- FEV Tutor is FREE and can be used at home



*Thank you for coming!
We appreciate your support!*

- Make sure you signed the sign-in sheet or signed in using the digital form (QR Code)
- Say hello to your child's other 3 teachers
- Room 305 (Ms. Beard) has student laptop forms you can sign for permission to take them home & sign-up for the Parent Portal
- Transportation (bus numbers), free/reduced lunch form, etc. – go to the cafeteria or gym to receive information
- Take a photo of your third grader at the “photo booth” between rooms 307 & 309
- Questions?