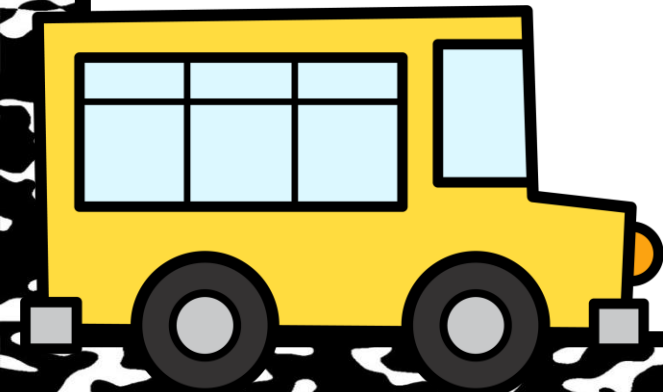


Welcome!

OPEN HOUSE

4th Grade



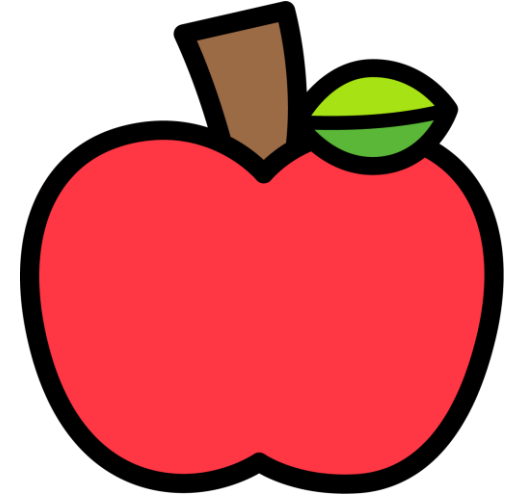
FPS ADMINISTRATORS:

- Principal – Ms. Crystal Middleton
middlcr@boe.richmond.kl2.ga.us
- Assistant Principal – Ms. Amanda Darville
darviaam@boe.richmondkl2.ga.us
- Assistant Principal – Ms. Wendy May
maywe@boe.richmond.kl2.ga.us



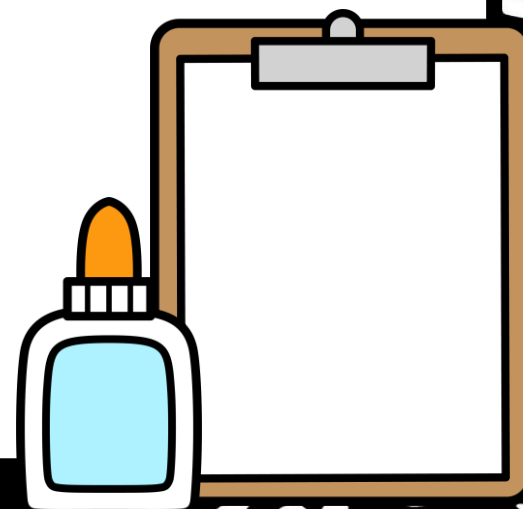
4TH GRADE TEACHERS:

- Ms. Latrecia Abero – Math
aberola@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
- Ms. Sydney Hastings – ELA
hastisy@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
- Ms. Shonta Nelson – Science & Social Studies
nelsoshl@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us



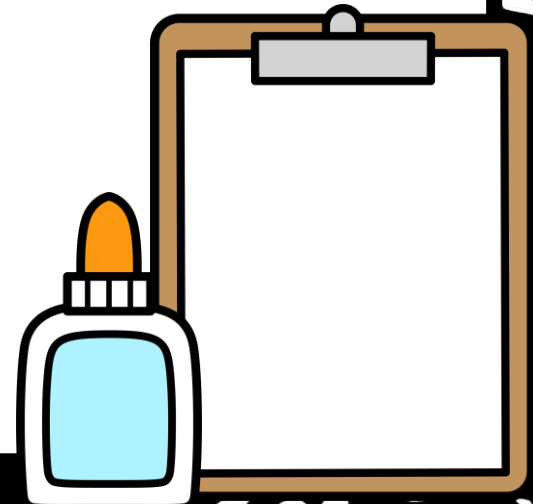
SCHEDULE:

Time	Period	Abero Math	Nelson SS/Science	Hastings ELA
7:25-7:50	Homeroom	SEL Lessons/Problem of the Day		
7:50-9:05	Class 1	Nelson's HR	Hastings' HR	Abero's HR
9:05-10:20	Class 2	Abero's HR	Nelson's HR	Hastings' HR
10:20-11:35	Class 3	Hastings' HR	Abero's HR	Nelson's HR
11:35-12:05	Lunch			
12:05-12:25	Recess			
12:25-12:30	Switch back to HR			
12:30-1:00	Intervention			
1:00-1:50	Connections			
1:50-2:15	Homeroom	All students at dismissal location		



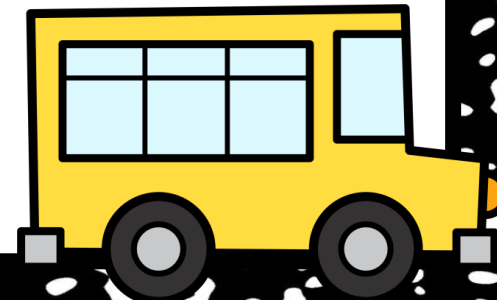
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

- Tuesday, August 5
- Students may enter the building at 6:50am
- Breakfast is served from 6:50am-7:20am
- The tardy bell rings at 7:25am



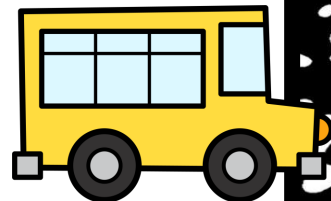
TRANSPORTATION:

- Be sure to indicate how your child will get home the first day of school.
- Dismissal starts at 2:00 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)



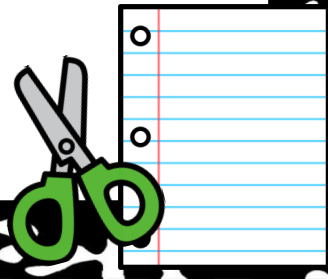
TRANSPORTATION:

- If your child's afternoon transportation changes and you know ahead of time, you **MUST** send in a **WRITTEN** note.
- If it is an emergency change of transportation, then you must email the front office staff and they will notify us of the change. Please send your email to: burgeam@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us, mulleka@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us, jonesto@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us, and henslco@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
- If you have multiple children with the same transportation change, please include all children's names and grade levels in your email.
- Transportation changes will **NOT** be accepted via ClassDojo.



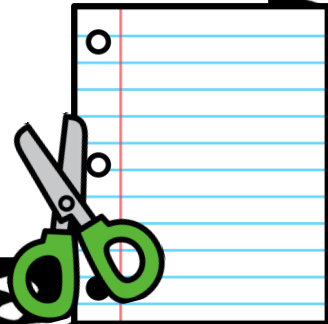
ATTENDANCE:

- You can notify us via ClassDojo about an absence, but a physical note MUST be sent in to the school in order for the absence to be excused. The note must include the student's full name, reason for absence, date(s) of absence, and parent/guardian signature.
- Students are not allowed on campus prior to 6:50 a.m. Any student reporting to the classroom after 7:25 a.m. is tardy. A parent must sign in tardy students.



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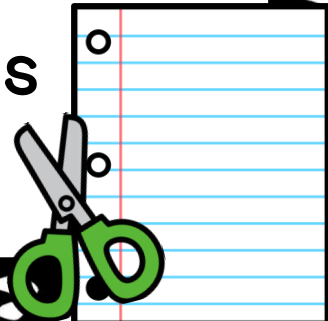
- Parents are allowed 5 Parent Excused absences per school year. They cannot be used for consecutive days - each Parent Excused Absence can only count for ONE day. After the 5 are used, then a doctor's note or other official documentation must be sent in for the absence to be excused.
- A picture of the doctor's note will not be accepted on ClassDojo - you must send in the doctor's note or a hard copy of the doctor's note.



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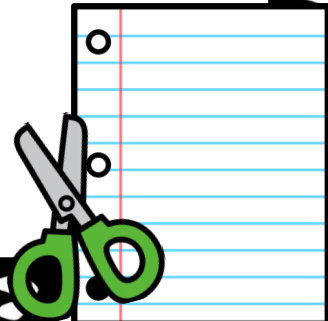
- In order to comply with district regulations and state law, when a student has 10 unexcused absences in one month or ten unexcused absences in one year, Richmond County administrators will petition the Juvenile Court System to seek mandatory attendance by a student. An *unexcused absence* is defined as any unauthorized absence from school. Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Oversleeping
2. Missing the bus
3. Failure to obtain private transportation or vehicle mechanical problem.
4. Failure to obtain leave of Absence request for absences
5. Shopping, Hair appointments, Concert, or Babysitting.



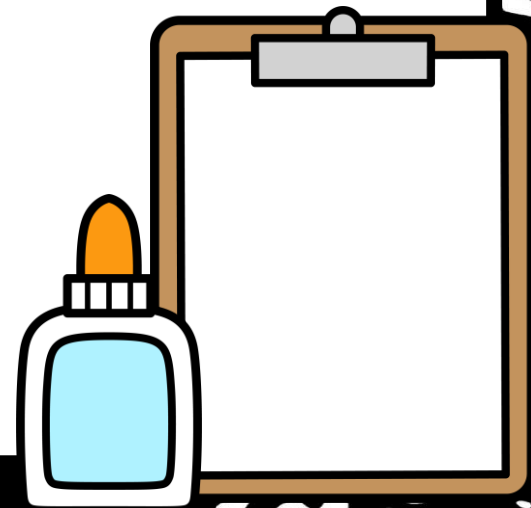
ATTENDANCE:

- 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.



SCHOOL NUTRITION:

- Breakfast and lunch are FREE to all students.
- You do not need to fill out a free/reduced lunch form.
- Breakfast is served from 6:50am - 7:25am.
- Lunch is at 11:35am-12:05pm



COMMUNICATION:

- Class Dojo is the best way to communicate with the 4th grade teachers
- If you are not signed up, we will send you an email or text with directions
- Please set up notifications for your Class Dojo – this is how we will send out important information



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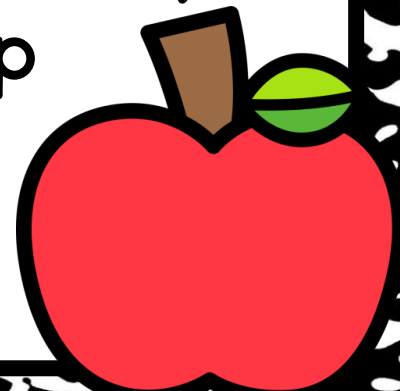
- Infinite Campus - you can use the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus to check your child's grades and attendance information
- For information on how to create and access an account use the link below:

[Parent Portal / Parent Portal \(rcboe.org\)](https://rcboe.org)



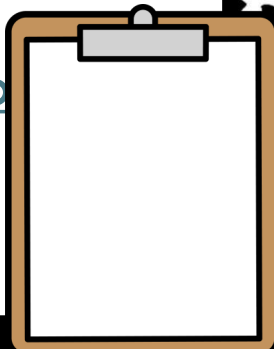
MOOSE NOTEBOOK:

- The MOOSE Notebook is the students' binder that they will bring to school daily.
- Management of Organizational Skills Everyday
- The MOOSE Notebook will be organized by subject using dividers.
- It will be used to store important papers, classwork, homework, and parent communication and will help students practice the skill of organization.
- Please check your child's MOOSE Notebook.



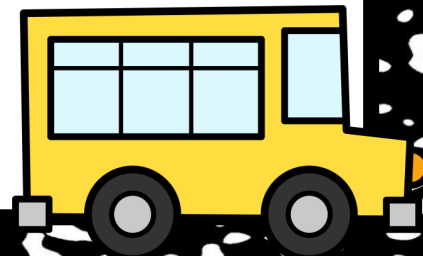
BULLYING

- 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)
 - d) At school bus stops
 - e) Or at school activities or sanctioned events
- For PRE-K-5 refer to RCBOE Code of Conduct
- Bullying form for parents:
- [Bullying or Harassment Report Form / Bullying, Harassment or Intimidation \(rcboe.org\)](#)



BEHAVIOR:

- Students are graded on the following Conduct standards:
 - 4-5 WH1: Follows oral & written directions
 - 4-5 WH2: Works cooperatively
 - 4-5 WH3: Completes classwork
 - 4-5 WH4: Produces best work
 - 4-5 WH5: Works independently
 - 4-5 WH6: Participates in class
 - 4-5 WH7: Completes homework
- If your child has any behavior issues, we will notify you via Class Dojo.
- Every Friday a conduct sheet will come home for parents to review their child's behaviors for the week and return signed.
- We will also recognize positive behaviors in various ways throughout the school year!



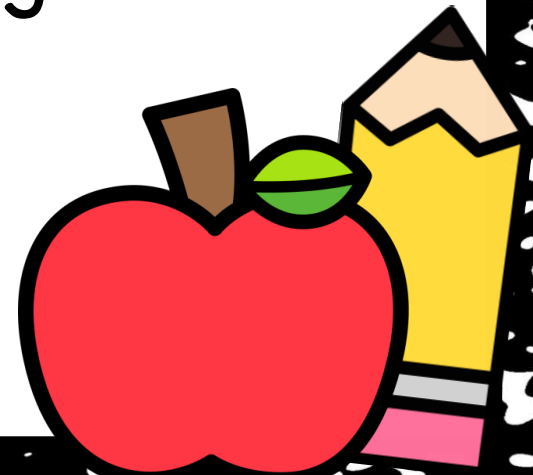
GRADING:

- 4th grade uses percentage-based grading
- Graded papers will come home every 2 weeks. Please sign and return ALL papers for our files.
- Infinite Campus - you can use the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus to check your child's grades



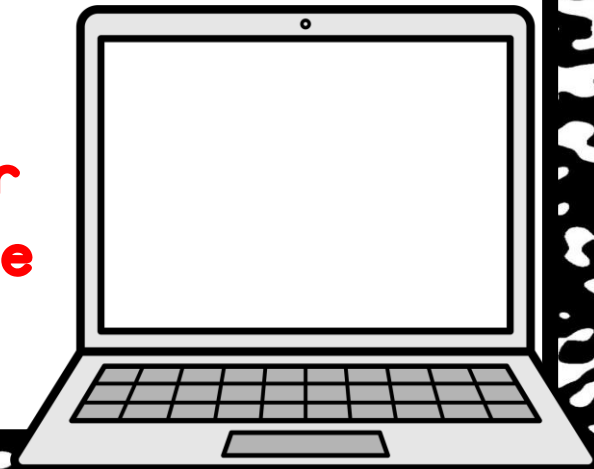
HOMEWORK:

- Homework will start going home the first week of school.
- Homework will be indicated on the weekly newsletter.
- Homework is reviewed in class. It is not graded for accuracy, but students will receive a Conduct grade for attempting to complete it.
(4-5 WH7: Completes homework)



TECHNOLOGY

- Freedom Park is a 1 to 1 technology school!
- Parents have the option for their child to leave their laptop at school or take it home – **you must sign the laptop permission form for either option**
- If a laptop is taken home, it is the student's responsibility to charge it.
- All students are **required** to have their own headphones/earbuds. Please keep a working pair of earbuds at all times.
- **After 3 times of not bringing the laptop to school charged or forgetting it at home, the child will no longer be allowed to take their laptop home.**



LAUNCHPAD

- Launchpad is the platform that students will use daily at school. They log in one time and then it gives them access to the apps we use such as i-Ready.
- Launchpad can be accessed from home
- Students use their username and password – we will be using this daily, so they should know how to get onto Launchpad. However, if you need assistance, please message us on Class Dojo.
- <https://launchpad.classlink.com/rcboe>



CELL PHONE POLICY

- Students are NOT permitted to use a cell phone or other device, such as a smart watch, while in the school building
- Please see the RCBOE Code of Conduct for more information



I-READY

- Richmond County uses the i-Ready program
- Richmond County requires that every student passes 2 i-Ready Reading lessons AND 2 i-Ready Math lessons per week (70% or higher) . Students will have some time in class to work on lessons, but can complete them at home as well.
- Students will take the i-Ready Diagnostic for Reading and Math at the beginning, middle, and end of the year.



TITLE I

- Freedom Park School is a Title I school. This means we are provided financial assistance through "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 as available.
- If you have any questions, contact the FPS Title I Parent Facilitator, Ms. May.



GEORGIA MILESTONES TESTING:

- 4th grade students will test in Reading and Math during the month of April.
- If a student does not pass, they will have the opportunity to retake the assessments
- More information will be provided during GMAS night later in the school year.



SCIENCE FAIR

- All 4th grade students will be participating in a Science Fair. More information will be given later.

4-H

- All 4th grade students will be participating in the 4-H program. This will occur during class time. More information will be given later.



ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR

What does an Elementary School Guidance Counselor do?

Whole Group Classroom Lessons: Teach students as a class on lessons regarding bullying, character education, coping with loss, stress/anxiety, and peer pressure

Individual Counseling Sessions: Assist students individually with loss, peer pressure, anxiety, and bullying

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

Our elementary counselor is Ms. Kalpurnia Summers - summeka@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us



**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING
OUR OPEN HOUSE!**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!**

