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A Message from Our Principals

Dear Gunston Family,

It is hard to believe the year has come to an end. We have so many wonderful things to be proud of this year as our Eagles flourish before our eyes. They are wonderful children who are excited about learning. Thank you for all you do to support your child's education, a strong partnership between home and school fosters greater success for our children. So many wonderful accomplishments have come to fruition! Our teamwork, persistence, communication and collaboration have brought many positive experiences for our children!

As we prepare for our summer break, we encourage you to continue to provide your children with learning opportunities to allow them to continue to move forward in their learning. Studies show students can lose up to 2 weeks of progress for every month they are away from school. Reading and practicing math skills at least 30 minutes a day will help to prevent the summer slide. Activities such as **Dreambox** for math, the grade level **math calendars**, **MyOn** - our reading-web-based program, and our summer **reading BINGO** activities are ways to engage in learning. Gunston will also continue with the following **summer reading activities** that we hope you will attend:

- Book Mobile - Wednesday, July 12th and Saturday, August 5th
- Milk and Cookies - Thursday, August, 17th @ 6:00

We will send more details about each of these events as they approach. If you're not already following us, please do so on **Twitter @GunstonElem**. This will also allow you to stay abreast of all the activities over the summer.

We would like to recognize our sixth graders who are moving up to middle school and salute all their hard work at Gunston! Each student has completed their individual goals and will move on to challenge their knowledge. We look forward to hearing about all of their future successes as they come back to the nest to visit, because "Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!" We would also like to recognize all of our students for completing another awesome year at Gunston, giving 100% of the time! We look forward to seeing each of you in August.

Enjoy your summer and time with your family!

☺ Mrs. Rogers and Ms. Rucinski

Have a fun, restful and enjoyable summer!

Read!
Read!
Read!



PTA President's Message

Greetings Gunston Families!

It's June!!! Where in the world did the school year go?!?! I guess that means my time as your PTA President is almost over. I want to thank the multitude of people who gave their time, energy, and helping hands to make everything happen this school year for our Gunston Eagles.

As in past years we are offering easy school supply ordering from Sprout School Supplies. This is a great way to handle ALL of your school supply shopping with just a few clicks. (see flyer on page 6)

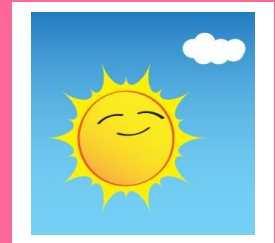
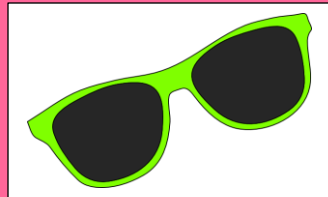
So many people have given their time, energy, and helping hands to the PTA this year. It is difficult to list each person individually, but there are a few people I want thank. Mrs. Rogers and Ms. Rucinski, thank you for your support and willingness to always help! The office staff, you were my bedrock and sanity when I was going in fifty different directions or when one of my kiddos had me going in fifty different directions. Finally, my other half, Brad, and my two girls Meredyth & Haylie. The three of you were always willing to kick in and help me even when it had been a particularly long week; each of you always helped me when I needed your help! I could not have made it through this past year without the three of you!

One of my girls is heading off to middle school, but my youngest will still be at Gunston next year so don't be a stranger when you see me. I look forward to all the great things Gunston will do next year. I will be there cheering our next group of PTA leaders on through their adventure!

Have a wonderful summer with your family and loved ones. Enjoy every minute as time does go by way too fast!

Respectfully,

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6th Grade
Promotion

Monday,
June 19th

9:00am – 11:00am

Do you or a neighbor have a child
who will turn 5 before
September 30th?

**It's time to register for
Kindergarten!**

All Student Library Books
are due back to the library
by Friday, June 9th.



Lost glasses in the office!





Reflections is a nationwide competition held annually for all grades by the National PTA.

It is time to start thinking about next year's theme "Within Reach". Students can create a visual arts, music composition, dance choreography, literature, or film production entry that shows their interpretation of this year's theme. Students can even enter in more than one category if they like. Summer is a great time to get started on your entry. Official rules will be released at back-to-school time but the rules change very little from year to year. Rules may be found at <http://www.pta.org/Reflections>.

The 2017 – 2018
School Year
Calendar is Now
Available on the
FCPS website

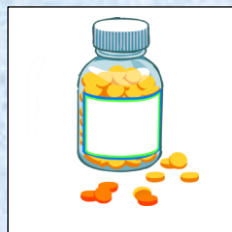


And speaking of next year ... As you start to make plans for summer vacations and other activities, please make sure to check the calendar. **Remember that this year, school is slated to start before Labor Day on Monday, August 28th.**

Reminder from the Clinic

All medications must be picked up from the clinic by 1:00 pm on June 23rd.

Items not retrieved will be discarded.



Attention Rising 7th Grade Hayfield Students...

You will be able to check-out books from Hayfield's library over the summer.

Mrs. McIntyre will be at Hayfield on Wednesday, July 12 from 3:00-4:30.

Summer Reading!

The end of the school year is almost here, and while summer may mean a vacation from school, it does **NOT** mean students should take a vacation from reading! During Language Arts in the next few weeks, students in many classrooms will reflect upon ways they have grown as readers this school year, create lists of books they would like to read over the summer, and set goals for summer reading. You can help your student meet those goals by making reading a priority over the summer. Keep your eyes open for the **Summer Reading Bingo Challenge**, which will come home in Thursday folders on June 15th.

The **Gunston bookmobile** will also make the rounds through neighborhoods once again this summer on the evening of **July 12th** and the morning of **August 5th**.

We hope you will join us. Have a wonderful summer and remember to **KEEP READING!**

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. McIntyre



Important Information for Parents of Current 5th Grade Students/Rising 6th Graders

Effective July 1, 2014, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entering sixth grade.

When the 2017 school year begins, sixth graders for whom the office has no documentation of the Tdap shot will not be assigned to a teacher.

If you have questions regarding the immunization, you may contact, Kala Diamond, the school public health nurse at 703-541-3600



Glory Days Dining for Dollars Program:

Gunston Elementary PTA is partnering with Glory Days Dining for Dollars program from **October 1, 2016** through **September 30, 2017**. Glory Days Grill will donate 10% of the food and beverages purchased on collected receipts to Gunston Elementary PTA! Save those receipts!

Open House

Thursday, August 24th
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

What happens at Open House?

- Teacher assignments are posted in cafeteria
- Meet your teacher in the classroom!
- Add money to student lunch card
- Join the PTA
- Pick up Welcome Packet
- Sign up for Kiss & Ride
- Bring supplies to classroom ahead of time
- Drop off medication & forms to clinic (forms found on FCPS website)

Can't make it? You may call the office on Friday, August 25th for teacher assignment!

The lost and found is still over-flowing!

All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the school year.

SOL
Schedule
is
posted
on the
last
page!



Congratulations on your retirement, Mrs. Carr!

AAP School Based Services Referral Form

Please fill out and return this form by June 6th if you would like to refer your child for Level II or Level III services. If a student has already been identified there is no need to submit this form again.

Level II Services

Differentiated lessons are offered to students who show potential in areas of specific academic strength. Eligibility for differentiated lessons (Level II services) is determined by a school-based screening committee.

Level III Services

Students identified by a local school screening committee for advanced academic services (Level III) are challenged through models and strategies designed to extend and enrich the POS in the four core subject areas. Students receive direct instruction from the advanced academic resource teacher in one or more areas of academic strength at their local schools.

Each year a local committee screens all students in grades 3-6 for possible participation in advanced academic (Level III services). The Advanced Academic resource teacher provides direct services for these students. Students who receive AAP school-based services are challenged through lessons, models, and strategies designed to extend and enrich the POS in the four core subject areas.

https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AAPSchoolBasedServicesReferralForm_0.pdf

June Brainwork

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"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Malcolm X

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Visualization</p> <p>June is the first month of summer. Draw a picture of what you visualize when you see summer.</p>	<p>Analogies</p> <p>How is a beach like a stove? How is a popsicle like a swimming pool?</p>	<p>Fluency</p> <p>June 14 is Family History Day. List as many ways that you can celebrate your family.</p>	<p>Evaluation</p> <p>June is audiobook appreciation month. Do you think it is better to listen to a book on audio or read from a paperback and why?</p>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>People like to go camping during the summer. Others do not like to go because it is too <u>muggy</u> outside. What does the word muggy mean?</p>
<p>Fluency & Flexibility</p> <p>List things which should <u>only</u> be done on summer vacation. List things which should <u>never</u> be done on summer vacation.</p>	<p>Originality</p> <p>Who might want to get rewarded with each of the following: * 1000 pencils * 50 computers * 300 water bottles</p>	<p>Point of View</p> <p>Write a diary entry as if you were a dolphin at the ocean. What would your typical day be like?</p>	<p>Fluency & Evaluation</p> <p>During the month of June we celebrate Father's Day. Make a list of things you can do to honor your father.</p>	<p>PMI</p> <p>What are the pluses of summer vacation? What are the minuses of summer vacation? What do you find interesting about summer vacation?</p>
<p>Encapsulation</p> <p>Encapsulate what you have learned about this school year.</p>	<p>Analyze</p> <p>Do you like summer or winter better and why?</p>	<p>Color Your World</p> <p>Every year California has the Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon Festival. Color a picture of what you want your hot air balloon to look like.</p>	<p>Mindmapping</p> <p><u>Mindmap</u> summer – What can you do? Where can you go? What would you eat or drink? Things you might celebrate.</p>	<p>Fluency & Flexibility</p> <p>On June 2 is Donut Day. List as many types of donuts as you can think of. What are some new flavors of donuts that you would like to invent?</p>
<p>Create</p> <p>June is National Candy Month. Create a new candy that you think others would enjoy.</p>	<p>Math</p> <p>Would you rather have \$100 dollars to spend on ice cream for the entire summer or would you rather put your name in a raffle to win \$200 dollars for Dairy Queen. Explain your thinking.</p>	<p>Fluency</p> <p>June is National Smile Month. Create a list of all the things that make you smile. 😊</p>	<p>Questioning</p> <p>The summer <u>solstice</u> always happens in June. Study the summer solstice and write a list of questions that you researched.</p>	<p>Visualization</p> <p>Describe the perfect summer day. What would you do? Where would you go? What would you eat? Who would you spend the day with?</p>
<p>Encapsulation</p> <p>On June 14, 1777, the second constitutional congress passed the flag resolution. If you were to make a new American Flag what would it look like?</p>	<p>Evaluation</p> <p>June 5th is World Environment Day. What can we do to make sure that we are making the world a better place for posterity?</p>	<p>Originality</p> <p>June is National Dairy Month. Write a list of ways you can use milk.</p>	<p>Folktales</p> <p>On June 28th, we celebrate Paul Bunyan Day. Create a new folktale to honor him.</p>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>The students were preparing for a test and learning to <u>justify</u> their answers. What were the kids learning to do?</p>

Million dollar words for June: *jauerty – jostle – junta – jollity*



Gunston Elementary PTA presents....

Sprout School Supply Sale for 2017-2018

Order Dates: **May 10 - July 31**

Save time and money driving from store-to-store and "go green" by ordering online this year. Your child's supply kit includes the exact teacher requested supplies and ships directly to the school before the first day of class!

Ordering Instructions:

1. Log onto www.sproutsupplies.com/supplykits and enter **GES001**
2. Select the appropriate grade pack. Be sure to choose **next year's** grade level.
3. Pay with a debit or credit card. You will receive an email confirmation once you purchase your child's kit.
4. Order dates: May 10 - July 31
5. Every kit includes all the exact teacher requested supplies, viewable online.
6. Your kit will be delivered directly to **Gunston Elementary School** in August!
7. Questions? Contact Sprout at help@sproutsupplies.com or call 571-403-0899

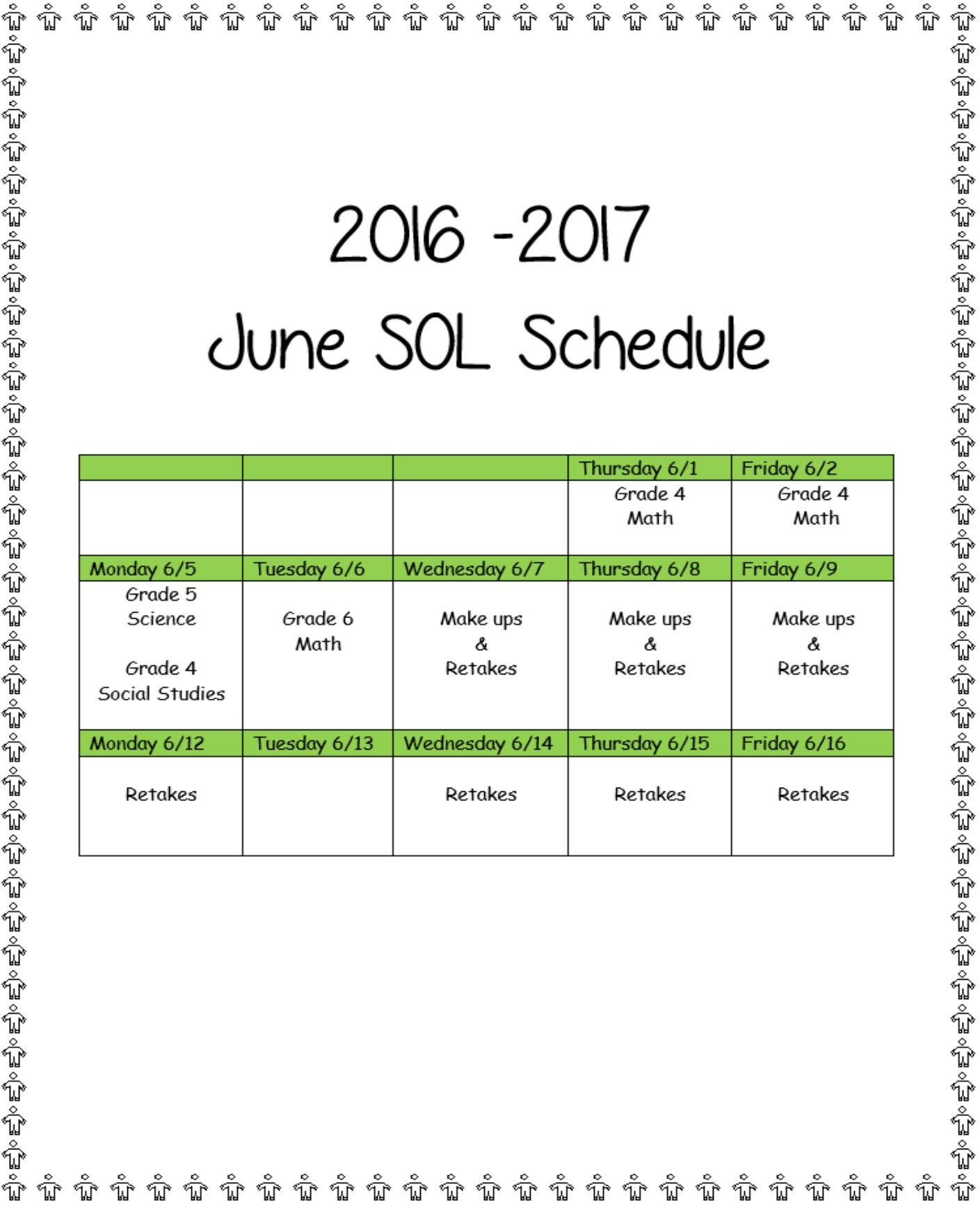


June 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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SOL testing (see attached schedule)						
4	5 SOL testing	6	7 Variety Show Dress Rehearsal	8	9 Variety Show 1:30pm - 3:00pm Note date change!	10
11	12	13	14 Spring Concert 6:30pm - 8:00pm	15	16 Field Day Note date change!	17
18	19 6 th Grade Promotion 9:00am- 11:00am	20	21	22 6 th Grade Picnic Pohick Bay Park	23 Grade 6 vs staff volleyball game Last day of school! 2 hour early release	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**Students return to school
Monday, August 28th**



2016 -2017

June SOL Schedule

			Thursday 6/1	Friday 6/2
			Grade 4 Math	Grade 4 Math
Monday 6/5	Tuesday 6/6	Wednesday 6/7	Thursday 6/8	Friday 6/9
Grade 5 Science Grade 4 Social Studies	Grade 6 Math	Make ups & Retakes	Make ups & Retakes	Make ups & Retakes
Monday 6/12	Tuesday 6/13	Wednesday 6/14	Thursday 6/15	Friday 6/16
Retakes		Retakes	Retakes	Retakes