



# The Skipjack

## Fruitland Intermediate School

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Welcome Back to School!

### A Message to our Parents ~Jon Shearer, Principal

This newsletter welcomes you to or back to Fruitland Intermediate School for the 2017 – 2018 school year!

As you may know, we welcome to our school Assistant Principal Ms. Christina Stewart replacing Mrs. Marie Baker, who has moved on to support our friends at North Salisbury School. Ms. Stewart joins us after serving our district as a literacy coach and classroom teacher. She already has brought her insight and expertise to our instructional conversations, and she has enhanced our preparations for the upcoming school year with her suggestions and encouragement.

We welcome to our school additional staff members who will support our efforts to reach all of our students with quality instruction and support services. Mrs. Christina Tawes moves from the primary school to a grade three teacher; Ms. Ashley Simon supports grade three special education students as she replaces Mrs. Jane Kitzrow, who retired last year; Mrs. Lisa Riggan moves from Glen Avenue School to a grade three teacher; Ms. Katheryn Acon will teach in the self-contained special education room, replacing Ms. Jessie Brown who moved with her family to Florida and Mr. David Bush replaced Mrs. Patricia Hastings as bookkeeper. Ms. Alyssa Krepps and Ms. Jennifer Pitoniak will support our art instruction as they are itinerant teachers with home schools elsewhere.

We acknowledge and thank our joint Fruitland Schools PTA partners, in collaboration with our primary school partners, who support our efforts to enhance classroom experiences and bring a sense of our greater community to our school's life. Already, we have made plans for our back to school events and other events to which you will be invited as we make our way through this school year. Please consider our event calendars and Facebook page as we post these and all of our school events.

In addition to our PTA, our joint parent advisory team will be active this year, as well. We will continue to meet collaboratively to discuss and resolve issues associated with our schools. As always, however, please connect with your child's teacher or school administrators to quickly resolve issues associated with your child before small problems grow unmanageable.

We continue our collaboration with our faith partners, *Crossroads Church of God*, under the leadership of Pastor John Kalfayan. Pastor John's church will provide a luncheon for our staff members as we return to school next week, and they will hold a prayer walk around the school on Sunday, August 27, starting at 12:30 p.m. What a wonderful service they have provided for us and will continue to provide over the coming months as they volunteer time & talent and donate school materials & supplies! In addition to this partnership, we look forward to continuing our relationship with Pastor Dana Stauffer and her new charge, Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, Fruitland Campus, especially as they connect with our local neighborhoods and families.

In our increasingly digital environment, our district has reduced significantly the amount of paper copies it will provide for schools to distribute to homes by way of students. They and we no longer will send home paper copies of the district's Student Handbook and our Fruitland Intermediate School's Student Handbook. In addition, we will send home this two-page document that refers you to our web and Facebook presence that includes our calendar of events and other information. If you need access to a computer to view any of these documents or access any of the information that we provide, please connect with your child's teacher or a school administrator; we will arrange to open a computer for you after school. In addition, we can provide you with information from Comcast that may enable you to access the Internet at home and obtain a notebook computer for a significantly reduced cost. Please make every effort to maintain connections with school as we utilize new digital resources to enhance our communication efforts.

We look forward to our new school year that is full of promise and hope. Let's get about it!

### Lunch with the Captain

If you would like for your child to have a chance to eat lunch with Mr. Shearer, principal, please review this newsletter, our Facebook page and the web site with your child, answer the question and return this completed form to the school by September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will hold a drawing and several students will be able to eat lunch with the captain during the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Who are two new staff members with whom your child may come in contact this year?

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fruitland Intermediate School Calendar of Events, September, 2017

Date & Time	Event
August 27, 12:30 p.m.	Prayer Walk led by our Faith Partners, Crossroads Church of God.
August 29, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Community Visit. (See published schedule.)
August 31	School closed through 1:00 p.m. District back-to-school event and luncheon hosted by our faith partner, Crossroads Church of God.
August 31, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Back-to-School Barbecue. (Bring your family to celebrate and open our school.)
Sept. 4	Labor Day (Schools & offices closed for students and staff.)
Sept. 5	First day of school!
Sept. 13	Fundraiser Assemblies & Kick-Off
Sept. 27	Fundraiser concludes
<b>Looking Ahead</b>	
October 5	Mid-Term reports distributed
October 23, 6:00 p.m.	PTA Business Meeting & Classroom Visits @ FIS with FPS Faculty

School website: <http://fis.wcboe.org/>. And...Like us on Facebook. Find the official site at: [www.facebook.com/wcboefis](http://www.facebook.com/wcboefis).

### Parking Lot, Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

Please note the following procedures to ensure the safe passage of everyone in and around our school.

**Drop-Off:** Enter the parking lot, loop around the back of the building, keep right and pull as far forward as you are safely able to maneuver as you adjust to cars in front of you. Have your student ready to leave the vehicle promptly, and when it is safe, he or she may exit on the right to the sidewalk, then in the building, as directed. Do not drop off your student from the travel lane.

**Pick-up:** As the queue begins early, recognize that delaying your pick-up until after 3:55 will assist you and our school to prevent back-ups. Enter the parking lot, loop around the back of the building, keep right and pull as far forward as you are safely able to maneuver as you adjust to the cars in front of you. At the rear of the building, you will be directed to form two dismissal lines. Students who usually get picked up will have a number assigned to them that must be associated with the number tag that we issue to the parent. This number tag must be displayed prominently on the mirror or other conspicuous place so that the monitors quickly can match the student with the car. Students will be dismissed from the west hallway, adjacent to the west exit, as the queue moves to free up the next wave of cars. Drivers in this queue must be attentive and must remain with their vehicles. As students embark, and as soon as it is safely possible, drivers must exit the school grounds by turning right out of the parking lot on to Main Street, going east. We are coordinating our efforts with our primary school partners as our procedures will be similar, and numbers assigned by Fruitland Primary School are acknowledged here at Fruitland Intermediate School.

**Entering the school building:** Our facilities partners and our contractors have provided additional parking spaces for our use, but parking remains severely limited at our school. We have reserved a few spaces out front for guests, and additional parking is available at the side and the rear of the building. Please ensure that you utilize marked spaces and that you do not block access to sidewalk cuts or otherwise prevent normal egress for others. Please refrain from entering the building if you will be picking up your child at the normal dismissal time. **If you must enter to bring or take your child during the instructional day, park in a marked space, secure your vehicle and enter by the front entrance to the office to conduct your business. Please do not park on the front circle; move around to a marked space so that you do not block other vehicles' access to parking. Please bring in your driver's license for positive identification to ensure that your child is secure as we release him or her. We require a driver's license if you plan on visiting a classroom. Our visitors' badges are generated as you scan a state-issued identification card.**

**Field trip parking:** On days when we will send many parents on field trips with their children, we will open the gate by the tennis courts off of School Street, and you may park on the playing fields at the rear of the school. We will direct you to a convenient space after which you may cross the playing fields to enter the building for loading on buses from classrooms.

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