



# TEMPERANCE NEWS

August 2018



Hello Temperance Family,

Welcome to the 2018 - 2019 school year! We are off to a great start. My name is Cindy Copp, and I would like to introduce myself as the new principal at Temperance Elementary School. I have worked in Amherst County Public Schools for many years in several different positions. My last assignment was the Assistant Principal at Amelon Elementary School. I am thrilled to be part of Temperance Elementary School as the Principal. I hear so many positive comments about how great the students, teachers/staff, and parents are at TES! I am truly looking forward to becoming part of this wonderful team as we work together making TES a positive learning experience for all our children.

Please remember that parent involvement is important to each child's success. You are invited to visit the school regularly and communicate often with your child's teacher. Also, our website <http://tes.amherst.k12.va.us> will keep you informed of events happening in the classroom and at our school. We are delighted to have new faces join our staff. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Diane Thompson as our new fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Jodi Davis as our new speech teacher, and Mrs. Martha Blanks as our new music teacher.

## Accelerated Reader

After entering the school you will notice our Temperance Terrific Readers Wall. This wall will recognize students achieving 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 and 200 Accelerated Reader points. Parental assistance is greatly appreciated in helping student's achieve their "AR" goals. Happy reading!

## Articles Appropriate at School

Parents should continually monitor the items their child brings to school. Items that are appropriate would be normal school supplies needed to successfully participate in the established curriculum. All other items would be considered inappropriate at school or on the school bus. Please do not allow your child to bring toys, electronic devices, trading cards, cellphones, i-Pods, i-Pads or other items that would disrupt the learning environment.



The TES Back to School Night and PTO Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., in the TES gym. You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and ask any questions you may have thus far. We look forward to seeing each of you on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Calendar of Events

- ☺ August 30th  
Back to School Night  
6:00 p.m. (TES gym)
- ☺ September 3rd  
Schools are closed-Holiday
- ☺ September 4th  
PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- ☺ September 10th  
Fundraiser orders are due -  
make checks payable to  
Temperance PTO
- ☺ September 20th  
Interim Reports go home
- ☺ September 27th  
Parent/Teacher Conference  
4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.



### School Web-Site

<http://tes.amherst.k12.va.us>



### Email the office

[ccopp@amherst.k12.va.us](mailto:ccopp@amherst.k12.va.us)  
[bpcampbell@amherst.k12.va.us](mailto:bpcampbell@amherst.k12.va.us)

1981 Lowesville Road  
Amherst, Va. 24521  
434-946-2811 (phone)  
434-277-5594 (fax)

## Car Riders

Car riders may be dropped off between 8:30-9:00 in the morning and picked up at 3:45 in the afternoon. Please use the south side parking loop. Your child will be waiting with an adult. Place the child's orange name card in your front window so we may identify your car. If you have someone else picking your child up or going home as a car rider rather than bus, please call the office.

## Communication

We would like to take the time to stress the importance of communication. We are a team and we need to know your concerns and affirmations. We have implemented several communication tools to assist in making the faculty, staff, and administration easily accessible. Agendas are used daily to communicate important information, and to assist students with management and organization needs. Also, teachers are sending home newsletters and posting newsletters on the TES website. Along with these tools, we also welcome you to call or come by the school to visit. ***Please look for student folders to be sent on Mondays.*** This will give you the weekend to review the folder, sign and return it to school on Monday. Your concerns are our concerns, and our accomplishments are your accomplishments.

## Food Allergies

Parents are welcome to join their student for lunch, but due to food allergies, following the ACPS practice we are not allowing outside food to be shared with other students. Unfortunately this does include cupcakes, cakes, etc. for birthdays.

## Physical Education Safety

Parents, please remind your child **not to wear** open-toed shoes such as flip flops or sandals, dress shoes with heels, or cowboy boots on our P.E. day (Friday). We ask that children wear tennis shoes (sneakers) on Fridays for safety.



PowerSchool's Parent Portal gives parents and guardians (grades 2-12) real-time information including attendance, grades, school information and student course requests. Student information may be viewed at any time from home or at work. To access your student's information you will need to pick up a confidential username and password from your student's school. You can pick up the username and password, along with information regarding the PowerSchool Parent Portal by showing photo identification to office personnel.



Power Announcement is fully integrated with the parent portal in PowerSchool. You will need to log into the parent portal to update your contact information and set your preferences for how you would like to be contacted in situations such as weather closings or for other notifications. If you do not have Parent Portal access, you will need to contact your school for Power School parent portal log in credentials. Please visit the ACPS Home Page and click the PowerSchool parent icon located at the bottom of the page. When you are able to log into your Parent Portal account, click on "Power Announcement" on the left. You will be able to see all the contact information the school division has listed for you. Within this section of the Parent Portal, you will also be able to choose your communication preferences based on message category, such as School Closures or Student Bulletins, and message type (email, voice and/or text message). **\*\*Please remember to update your information such as phone numbers, cell phone numbers and email addresses. as things change\*\*** If you haven't signed up for Power Announcement and bad weather is in our area or strongly forecasted, we encourage you to follow the "Emergency Closing & Delayed Openings" procedures located in your child's agenda. If you have any questions about school closings listen to the local TV & radio stations. You can also call the ACPS "Hotline" at 946-9386, ext.7, or visit the Amherst County Public Schools Website at [www.amherst.k12.va.us](http://www.amherst.k12.va.us). As the weather changes, so can the information about schools for that day. **If school is on a two hour delay, breakfast will not be served.**

## PTO Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful PTO for all they do especially, the new **Temperance** lettering on the front of our school.



Our children are encouraged to attend school every day, except for illness and family tragedy. The state (ESSA) Every Student Succeeds Act requires that students attend 95% of the school year (171 out of 180 days). Student attendance will be monitored by the school and by the ACPS Student Accountability Coordinator. Regular school attendance is important if students are to make satisfactory school progress and be excited about their learning. Students should be punctual to school (no later than 9:05 a.m.) and remain until closure (3:45 p.m.) each day. When students are sick, parents are encouraged to notify the school by 9:00 a.m. on the day that the child is absent. Students who are absent should bring a valid note stating the reason for the absence upon returning to school. All notes should be turned into to the office. **If we do not receive a written statement the absence will be marked as unexcused.** Also, a written statement from the physician attending the child, giving reason for the absence, is required. Excessive absences are reported to the ACPS Student Accountability Coordinator.

## SCHOOL HOURS

Please be reminded that our school does not open until 8:30 a.m. Most of the staff reports prior to this time, but no one will be on duty to receive and supervise children until 8:30 a.m. School dismisses at 3:45 p.m., all car riders should be picked up at this time. Thank you for helping us to ensure our students are safe.

### Student Agendas

All students receive a student agenda to use for the school year. Please help your child take responsibility for following the teacher's directions as they use this agenda daily. It is a helpful tool for reading, homework, and home/school communication. (Lost agendas may be replaced by purchasing them in the office.) The Student Handbook is part of the agenda. Please take the time to read through this information. Included are many county and school policies that have been developed for the safety and well-being of your child, and additional information.

### Student Safety

Due to safety procedures, parents and visitors **will not be allowed** in the hallways or classrooms after 8:30 a.m. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

### TES Cafeteria

You may pay for your child's meals in advance. Many children pay on Mondays for the week, or at the beginning of the month for the whole month (or longer). Please send **written clarification** with younger children when paying in advance. Also, be reminded that you should only write checks for food items in the cafeteria. Please do not include money for pictures, yearbooks, book orders, etc. with your meal purchase. If you plan on eating with your child, please inform the office so the cafeteria staff can prepare for your visit.



Elementary Breakfast - \$1.00  
Elementary Lunch - \$2.25  
Milk - \$.50  
Ice Cream - \$.75  
Adult Breakfast - \$1.30  
Adult Lunch - \$3.05





Virginia Diner/Yankee Candle PTO Fundraiser packets will come home, Friday, August 24th. All orders and money are due on Monday, September 10th. All checks should be made payable to the Temperance Elementary PTO. Once again, thanks for your support.



We welcome parent visitation at school during lunch. In order to offer a safe learning environment for our students, ACPS require that all visitors report to the office upon entering the building. The visitor will register at the office and receive a visitor's badge to be worn at all times in the building. When leaving the building the visitor will need to check-out in the office and return the visitor's badge.



We greatly appreciate all of our wonderful volunteers. Your assistance benefits our teachers and students, ensuring the success of our school. In order to more effectively utilize your talents, we request that you contact the school and provide a schedule of the dates and times you can volunteer. As a reminder, individuals who wish to volunteer or chaperone in the ACPS must complete a background check with ACPS. We strongly recommend that individuals complete the background check **at least 6 weeks prior** to volunteering or chaperoning. This will help to prevent delays in being cleared to volunteer or chaperone. Background checks are offered in the Office of Human Resources, 153 Washington Street in Amherst (434-946-9376), Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., except for school holidays or inclement weather days. Saturday background checks will be conducted in the Office of Human Resources from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on August 25, 2018. Individuals who completed a background check since the 2005-2006 school year **will not be required** to complete another in the 2018-19 school year.

**Reminder: Fieldtrips are for TES students only.** Once again, thank you for all you do for TES!

### YMCA Child Care

Our YMCA program provides before and after school child care. Both, fulltime and part time (punch card) child care slots are available. Part time (punch card) slots are available for morning or afternoon slots. If you are interested in YMCA before and after school care at TES, please contact the TES office at 434-946-2811.