

**Principal's Weekly Update**  
**Mrs. Janiece Dilts**

**Sunday, August 18, 2019**

**Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It**

**Bus Evacuation Drills:** Parents, bus evacuation drills will take place Tuesday, August 20, starting at 7:40 a.m. This will delay carpool in the bus loop. Please be patient as we are required to do these drills, and it helps keep our children safe. Leave yourself plenty of time, and please, do NOT pass any buses completing these drills. If need be, please use the front of the school for carpool and make a right hand turn in order to get to your destination. Thank you for your support.

**Open House:** Our second fall Open House date is Thursday, August 29 (for tracks 3 and 4). [Here](#) is the schedule. There are opportunities to join the PTSA, purchase spirit wear, get an athletic pass, sign up as a volunteer, and acquire your PowerSchool account. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Officer Ross:** A kind parent has volunteered to organize some kindness to send to Officer Ross. Over the month of August, we will be collecting cards for Officer Ross to show her how much she's loved and how many people are thinking of her. There is a box at the front office until Friday, August 30, for anyone who would like to drop off a card.

**School Dances:** Our first dance will be Friday, September 6, and the time has been bumped back to 3:30-5:30 p.m. We will be sending home some permission forms and will have a process for students to secure their belongings. We will have more details about dropoff (for trackout kiddos), pickup, prices, and procedures soon. Thank you for your continued support of all of our students.

**Fall Pictures:** Wednesday, August 28, we will have our fall pictures for tracks 1 & 3. All Students will have their picture taken (to be included in yearbook). Here are some things you should know:

- Pictures will be taken during Health/PE class.
- Picture Packages are Prepaid, please send money on picture day in the provided envelope.
- Student will pay the photographer directly (please do not send in advance or give to teacher).
- Only students who purchased a package on picture day will receive a package (in a few weeks).

**After School Activity Bus:** Starting in the 2019-20 school year, the activity bus will now be offered for students participating in after-school activities on Mondays-Thursdays. Students must report to the cafeteria daily at 4:45pm-5:00pm for bus sign in! There will be an announcement by the late duty administrator each day.

ASA Bus Stops:

Fuquay Varina MS - 5:15

Ballentine ES - 5:15 - 5:25

Vance ES - 5:30 - 5:45

Banks ES- 5:55

**Instructional Spotlight:** Students in 7th grade on Track 2 have had the opportunity to experience a virtual field trip during K9 to NASA while learning about the new shuttle launches that will actually land on land, and not on water! Ask them about why they are trying to avoid the salt water for a landing location.