Mark Your Calendars...

- Nov. 4th—Last day of the 9-weeks; End MP1
- Nov. 5th—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Nov. 11th—Veteran’s Day
  End Benchmark Testing
- Nov. 13th—Picture Day!
- Nov. 15th—Report Cards
- Nov. 18th—Extended Day Program begins
- Nov. 19th—Monthly PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Nov. 21st—SCA Speeches & Elections @ 9:30 am/ JBCary Thanksgiving Lunch (see flyer)
- Nov. 22nd—Harvest Dance @ 2:00 pm
- Nov. 26th—Awards Program for 1st Nine Weeks
  Grades K-2: 9:30am/Grades 3-5: 1:30 pm.
- Nov. 27th—No school—Enjoy your holiday!
- Nov. 28th—Thanksgiving Day

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"REMEMBER: STAY IN STRIDE WITH YOUR COUGAR P.R.I.D.E."

The mission of the John B. Cary, NASA Explorer School, the Launchpad to infinite possibilities is to instill in students a love for lifelong learning by providing challenging, engaging, and real world experiences guided by highly qualified, passionate, and global educators in partnership with families and communities.

Cougars News You Can Use!

November 2013
John B. Cary Elementary School

November is Native American Heritage Month

After nearly a century of advocacy, National American Indian Heritage Month was first recognized through joint resolution by Congress in 1990. Now recognized annually, November is a time to learn more about the history and heritage of Native American people.

TEACHERS:
Engage your students in an exploration of Native American heritage through a study of Native American pourquoi tales. Pourquoi tales explain why something or someone, usually in nature, is the way it is. Have your students read a variety of Native American pourquoi tales, explore the cultural origins and significance of these stories, and share similar stories from their own cultures.

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Cary Cougars it’s time to TURN UP THE VOLUME!

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Keeping in the spirit of Thanksgiving, we will also use this opportunity to give back to our community by participating in a canned food drive.

We are asking all students to bring a canned good to donate to our local food bank as your entry into the dance.

Collections will be taken in the individual classrooms beginning the week of November 11th.

Native American Heritage Month

This First People website includes a selection of tales, including many pourquoi tales. After reading these tales and identifying pourquoi story elements, brainstorm with the class a list of animals with distinctive features or a list of natural events such as lightning, rain, or snow, and then have students write original pourquoi tales for how they came to be. When students finish, they can publish their tales using the ReadWriteThink Printing Press. The "booklet" option allows students to add additional pages to accommodate longer stories. After printing the finished product, students can add illustrations to their stories.


On Saturday, November 16th, the Virginia Historical Society will host "Stories at the Museum" from 11am-12pm. This presentation will include a group reading of the selected history-themed picture book and a craft activity related to the text. Programs take place on the first and third Saturday of each month.

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Giving Honor to Whom Honor is Due

Veterans Day
by Cheryl Dyson
On Veterans Day we honor all. Who answered to a service call. Soldiers young, and soldiers old, Fought for freedom, brave and bold. Some have lived, while others died, And all of them deserve our pride. We’re proud of all the soldiers who, Kept thinking of red, white and blue.

They fought for us and all our rights, They fought through many days and nights. And though we may not know each name, We thank ALL veterans just the same.

Veterans Day is an official United States holiday which honors people who have served in armed service also known as veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. The following lessons, activities, games, and resources will help your students celebrate service men and women past and present.


The above website has a list of children’s literature titles related to this holiday.

John B. Cary Student Council Association

This year the Cougar PRIDE will seek teacher recommendations for student leadership positions in grades 3-5. If your child is interested in participation, it is important to note that parent permission must be granted as students will campaign (e.g., posters and speeches) and if elected, will participate in after-school meetings and other duties and activities as assigned.

SCA Sponsors for the 2013-2014 school year:
- C. Manning (4th Grade)
- T. Mason (School Counselor)
- R. Terry (5th Grade)

We are greatly looking forward to working with this group!

Introducing “Chat & Chew”

The school counselor, school social worker and intern would like to further promote the partnership between school and home.

Beginning with the end in mind, we would like to provide a series of parent workshops to discuss important topics related to student success and achievement.

These meetings will be held the second Friday of each month beginning in December.

Knowledge is Power

Parents be aware of the many informational sessions available in our area. Those highlighted in this month’s newsletter are provided through the Early Childhood Development Initiative (ECDI).

ECDI
www.richmond.gov/ecd:
- Kitchenomics
  Thursday, November 14th
  6p-8p @ VA (6301 Midlothian)
  Thursday, November 21st
  1p-3p @ Goodwill of Central VA (6301 Midlothian)

*Please note: ECDI Workshops are for Richmond parents, grandparents, guardians, foster parents, primary caregivers of children (0-5), snacks, child watch and transportation assistance available.

“We may not be able to prepare the future for our children, but we can at least prepare our children for the future.”
- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Learning Literacy for Life

The following tips are copied from a handout available in the JBC Main Office to all Cougar families interested in improving literacy skills for $1 or less:
- Sticky Notes. Identify and describe items in your house using sticky notes.
- Read Aloud. Read to your child for at least 15 minutes per day.
- Invest in a Dry Erase Board. Have your child begin to identify and write their alphabet.
- The Art of Conversation. Have your child describe an experience or a part of their world.

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