

Dear Cool Valley Families,

On behalf of the Cool Valley staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year. We are looking forward to a rewarding and exciting year. Cool Valley School is a wonderful place to learn and grow. Our dedicated staff members are eager to provide a positive academic school year for your children.

Please take time to read this book as a family. It contains much of the information you will need throughout the year. If you have any questions about any of the information in this booklet, please feel free to ask your child's teacher or call the office. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you and your child (ren) during the year.

Sincerely,

Suzette Simms

Principal

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

1. **RESPECT YOURSELF**

- a. Be responsible
- b. Complete all assignments
- c. Be clean
- d. Be proud
- e. Be on time
- f. Do your best

2. **RESPECT OTHERS**

- a. Use self control at all times
- b. Call everyone by their given names
- c. Keep hands, feet and things to yourself
- d. To have a friend –Be a friend
- e. Be quiet in the halls, restrooms and cafeteria
- f. Take turns

3. **RESPECT PROPERTY**

- a. It's your school – keep it clean
- b. If it's not yours, don't touch it
- c. Take care of your materials
- d. Use playground equipment responsibly

SPECIAL SERVICES

Our motto, “**Welcome to Success,**” will be implemented by presenting learning opportunities for all students at Cool Valley. The following programs were instituted to create a school culture, which provides an environment where students experience success.

Title 1 – One of the purposes for Title 1 is to improve academic performance of participants in basic and more advanced skills. Title 1 has several components operating within Cool Valley.

Language Arts and Reading – These programs provide individualized instructional support to identified students in grades kindergarten through sixth who are below grade level in development skills, language or reading skills according to Title 1 guidelines.

Counselor – The counselor supports academic and social success by counseling students, parents and teachers in ways to optimize the environment for learning.

Social Worker – The social worker supports student’s families with resources for successful school and home connections.



**FERGUSON-FLOISSANT
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2016-2017 Student Calendar

178 Student Attendance Days
Approved 3/9/2016 (Rev. D)

End of Quarters
1st 10/7/16
2nd 12/20/16
3rd 3/10/17
4th 5/23/17

Student Days: 16

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19 E
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

August
10 - **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
26 - 1/2 Day Student Attendance

September
2 - **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Development Day/District Offices Open
5 - **NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day - District Closed
30 - 1/2 Day Student Attendance

Student Days: 20

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9 E
12	13	14	15	16 E
19	20	21	22	23 E
26	27	28	29	30

Student Days: 18

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4 E
7	8	9	10	11 E
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Student Days: 20

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7 E
10	11	12	13	14 E
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

October
7 - 1st Quarter Ends
17-20 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
21 - **NO SCHOOL** - District Offices Open
28 - 1/2 Day Student Attendance

November
8 - **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Development Day/District Offices Open
18 - 1/2 Day Student Attendance
23-25 - **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break - District Closed

Student Days: 18

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13 E
16	17	18	19	20 E
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

December
16, 19, 20 - 1/2 Day Middle and High Schools - Final Exams
20 - 1/2 Day Student Attendance, 2nd Quarter Ends
21 - **NO SCHOOL** - District Offices Open, Grading Day for Teachers (1/2 Day)
22-30 - **NO SCHOOL** - Winter Break - District Closed

January
2-4 - **NO SCHOOL** - Winter Break - District Closed
5 - **SCHOOL RESUMES** - 2nd Semester Begins
16 - **NO SCHOOL** - MLK Day - District Closed
27 - 1/2 Day Student Attendance

Student Days: 14

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2 E
5	6	7	8	9 E
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Student Days: 18

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1	2	3 E
6	7	8	9	10 E
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

February
17 - **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Development Day/District Offices Open
20 - **NO SCHOOL** - Presidents' Day - District Closed
24 - 1/2 Day Student Attendance

March
10 - 3rd Quarter Ends
20-24 - **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Break - District Closed
27 - **SCHOOL RESUMES**
31 - 1/2 Day Student Attendance

Student Days: 18

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2 E
5	6	7	8	9 E
12	13	14	15	16 E
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Student Days: 19

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7 E
10	11	12	13	14 E
17	18	19	20	21 E
24	25	26	27	28

April
17 - **NO SCHOOL** - District Offices Open
28 - 1/2 Day Student Attendance

May
19, 22, 23 - 1/2 Day Middle and High Schools - Final Exams
23 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** - 1/2 Day Student Attendance, 4th Quarter Ends

Student Days: 17

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	2	3	4	5 E
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

When the decision is made to close district schools because of inclement weather, we will use various procedures to notify the Ferguson-Florissant School District community. Afternoon and evening activity cancellations will be announced by 3 p.m. The district will notify four broadcast outlets: KMOX (1120AM), KTVI (Channel 2), KMOV (Channel 4), and KSDX (Channel 5). School closing notifications will also be sent via the district's telephone notification system and announced on the district's main number at (314) 506-9000, x4.

2016-2017 Snow Makeup Days: Nov. 23, Dec. 21, Jan. 4, April 17, May 24, 25

	= No School		= Return to school from break
	= 1/2 Day School		= Early dismissal Fridays for Middle and High Schools
	= 1/2 Day School - Middle and High Schools		

ORGANIZATIONS

Parents Advisory Council – Is a volunteer organization designed to unite home, school and community in promoting the education, health and safety of children? This organization meets the second Monday of each month at a scheduled time.

Student Council – Student Council members work to achieve council goals promote mutual respect among faculty members and students. Elected representatives from each classroom meet at designated times during school to help promote school spirit.

PBS – Is a general term that refers to the application of positive interventions and system changes to achieve socially important behavior change.

OASIS – Older Adult Service and Information System – matches trained volunteer tutors with children who have undeveloped reading and language skills.

PFI- Positive Female Influence – Girls 4th – 5th grade gather together once a week to discuss issues such as dress, personal hygiene, self-esteem, etc.

Student Ambassadors- Selected Students meet and greet visitors to our school during special promotions or activities.

Career Day – Career Day is in November which gives our students higher goals for learning, There are 50 presenters representing various careers from: doctors, lawyers, singers, writers, and small businesses. We hope to connect children to their dreams. “Shoot for the Stars”

Angel Wishes – The city of Berkeley is sponsoring at Cool Valley School , Angel Wishes, a program that helps make children’s dream come true for the Winter Holiday.

Thanksgiving – Cool Valley will sponsor turkey basket give-a-way to the needy families again this year. V.J. Murphy of the city of Cool Valley backs the initiative.

Special Awards

Academic Honor Roll – Any student who receives A's or B's on their Report card for any quarter of the school year.

Citizenship Honor Roll – Any student who follows Character Plus traits consistently are honored each quarter.

Perfect Attendance – Any student attending school every day on time will be recognized each quarter.

Most Improved – Is an incentive program for all students, grades kg – 5th. Classroom teachers as well as special area teachers choose the most improved student once a quarter. Individual teachers will decide the criteria for selecting their students. The criteria include improvements in academics, behavior/attitude and attendance.

Terrific Kids – Students who are honored by the Kiwans Organization for academic achievement.

AAA – Achievement Award Assembly – Students recognized for honor roll, citizenship and perfect attendance. Students also are rewarded for good behavior through the Positive Behavior Support Program.

Proud Principal Award – Students, who turn in money found on the playground, or in school, will have their names announced over the P.A. system at the end of the school day. Money unclaimed by students will be returned to the finder at the end of the quarter.

Eagle Pledge

**I, as an eagle
promise to live each
day, Displaying
eagle behavior in
every way, To learn,
respect, work and
play, I will be an
eagle today.**

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Students should not arrive at school before 8:20am; **there is no supervision before that time.** During inclement weather students will sit down outside of their classroom until the bell rings at 8:40am. IF SCHOOL IS CANCELED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE ON THE FOLLOWING RADIO STATIONS: KLTH-97 FM, KMOX-1120 AM, KSD-94 FM, KXOX-630 AM, WIL-1430 AM, WIL-92 FM, WRTH-590 AM, ALSO WATCH THE NEWS ON CHANNEL 2, 4, AND 5 TO SEE IF THE DISTRICTS NAME IS ON THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN, (Ferguson-Florissant School District)
2. **Classroom Visitation:**
Parents or guardians are welcome to schedule classroom visits to be supportive of their student's education. These visits shall be schedule in advance with the teacher and principal prior to the actual visitation. In order not to disrupt the instructional process or violate the privacy of students and for safety and security, these visits will be for observation only, not for parents conferences. **All visitors must report to the office to sign in to receive a visitor's badge, this is a safety precaution.**
3. Kindergartens will be dismissed, at 3:20pm without the bell. Car riders and walkers will be dismissed at 3:20pm: **NO STUDENTS ARE RELEASED FROM THE OFFICE AFTER 3:00PM.** Bus riders will be dismissed by the principal/or-designated official as buses arrive. Students **will not** be supervised after 4:00pm; students left after 4:00pm will be transported to Vogt and placed in the Y-Club a \$15.00 dollar fee will be assessed at pickup.

4. It is required that a parent/guardian call school by 9:30am if Student will be absent for any reason. If no call is received, the school will be calling to verify that they are home safe.

5. A note is required from the parent before a child will be allowed to stay in from recess (not to exceed one day.) A doctor's note is necessary for a longer stay inside.

6. All medication must be cleared through the nurse's office with a doctor's directions and in a prescription bottle. Students are never allowed to take medicine on their own.

- 7. Parents should label** book bags, lunch boxes and put nametags in coats, sweaters, etc to prevent loss. Please check the lost and found box periodically, located in the lower east side of the building by room 20.

CAFETERIA SERVICE

Cafeteria services are provided during breakfast and lunch. All breakfasts and lunches served meet the requirement of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and included a choice of drink. Breakfast and lunch is free for all of our families for this 2016-2017 school year. Please don't send soda/carbonated drinks in cans or bottles as part of your child's lunch.

