

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026

BOTETOURT Bugler

Home of the Bulldogs!

A Community Engagement Publication

NEVER MISS AN UPDATE!

School Website

Breakfast/ Lunch Menu

26/27 Academic Calendar

PTA



GCPS Website

26/27 Yearbook

OCTOBER

Custodian Appreciation Day.....Oct 2
World Teachers Day.....Oct 5
School Security Officer Appreciation Day.....Oct 5
Instructional Coach Appreciation Day.....Oct 6
Bayport Savings Day.....Oct 8
All Pro Dad Breakfast.....Oct 15
Paw Pride Friday.....Oct 16
Bullying Prevention Spirit Week.....Oct 19-23
Bus Driver Appreciation Day.....Oct 21
Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm.....Oct 22
Duke Day.....Oct 23
First Day of the Second Quarter.....Oct 26
PTA Spirit Night @ Short Lane's.....Oct 29
Picture Day.....Oct 30
Halloween.....Oct. 31

NOVEMEBR

No School- Teacher Work Day.....Nov 3
Veterans Day Parade.....Nov 11
Bayport Savings Day.....Nov 12
World Kindness Day.....Nov 13
PTA Back-to-School Night.....Nov 13
Reading is Fundamental Week.....Nov 16-20
Book Fair Family Night.....Nov 18
4th Grade Music Concert.....Nov 19
Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm.....Nov 20
Substitute Educator Appreciation Day.....Nov 20
Paw Pride Friday.....Nov 20
Thanksgiving Break.....Nov 23-27

Conversations with the Counselors

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing summer. We are very excited to welcome students back into classrooms and cannot wait to collaborate with parents and teachers to provide the best education for your children.

Classroom guidance lessons will be scheduled once a month again this year. All classes will have a lesson on Kelso's Choices (our conflict resolution program) in September and a lesson in October to address bullying. October is Bullying Prevention Month so be on the lookout for more information on special school-wide activities.

Classroom guidance lessons for the month of November will be focused on identifying emotions and healthy coping skills. Fourth and fifth grades will participate in a health lesson on November 20th. Be on the lookout for more information about this lesson.

Small groups will begin in October. We will use information from the DESSA, a rating scale that teachers complete, to invite students to participate in small groups. These small groups will take place during lunch to ensure that students do not miss important classwork. Ms. Peters will be working with kindergarten, 2, and 4. Mrs. MacBride will work with grades 1, 3, and 5.

We look forward to working with your child/children this year. Please call or stop by if there is anything we can do to help.



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MILITARY FAMILIES,

A Message from your MFLC...

If you are interested in having your military-connected student join focused small groups, one-on-one counseling, and more with Mrs. Jingst, please reach out by phone to fill-out a consent form (please leave a voicemail to receive a call-back).

I look forward to working with our Botetourt Military Families this school year!

Gloucester County Department of Community Engagement & Public Information

The CE&PI department strives to inspire YOU to build a thriving community.

What does our Botetourt Coordinator do for you?

- Community resources for families and school staff.
- Volunteer opportunities, in the school and community.
- Up to date school & county information via the Botetourt Bugler
- Newsletters, E-Bulletins, social media, flyers...and so much more!

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Interested in Volunteering?
Fill out the Volunteer Interest form

Community Resources
Check out the 'How Can We Help You' Guide

Stay Connected!
Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for the latest updates
@botbulldogs
@botetourtelementary_gcps

Always in need of the following Volunteers:

PTA Events • School Events • Lunch Buddies • Helping Hands • Study Trip Chaperones • Reading Helpers

YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION



The Gloucester County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. C. Scott Davis as its new County Administrator. At its meeting on Tuesday, September 15, the Board approved an employment agreement with Dr. Davis and made the formal appointment. Dr. Davis brings 20 years of leadership experience in local government, public safety, planning, and higher education.

In 2017, Davis became Assistant Town Manager in Farmville, Virginia. He later served nearly a year as Interim Town Manager before being appointed Town Manager in 2020, succeeding a town manager who had served for 40 years. As Town Manager, Davis instituted comprehensive financial management policies to strengthen the Town's fiscal position and accountability. The Town subsequently earned Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) certificates of achievement in financial reporting for successive years and received its first-ever credit ratings.

Dr. Davis, right, is shown with Ashley Chriscoe, chairman of the Gloucester Board of Supervisors



Comprehensive Plan Update: Charting Our Future

This is Gloucester County's opportunity to plan thoughtfully for the years ahead —and we want your help shaping Gloucester's future. Whether you're a longtime resident, a business owner, or new to the community, your ideas, experiences and vision are an important part of this process.

What is a Comprehensive Plan? A comprehensive plan is a long-range guide that helps Gloucester make decisions about growth, land use, transportation, housing, natural resources, and overall quality of life. This update looks ahead through 2051—when Gloucester will celebrate its 400th year—guiding growth and preservation as the County enters its fifth century. This plan will help ensure Gloucester continues to be a place where people want to live, work, and invest—now and for future generations.

Help chart Gloucester's future. By participating, you can help set priorities and guide the decisions that will shape the next chapter of Gloucester's story and ensure the community continues to thrive for generations to come. Stay informed, share your ideas, and help chart Gloucester's future. Begin by taking this survey by scanning the QR Code above.

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YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

ExperienceFall atItsCoziest Homestead Market + CommunityYard Sale

Join us Sunday, October 25 from 11–5 PM at the Old Page Grounds in Gloucester, VA for a picture-perfect autumn afternoon. Crisp air, colorful leaves, and cozy blankets set the scene for a cozy, fall-inspired market celebrating simple living and local charm.

- **Shop handcrafted goods, homegrown products, and seasonal décor**
- **Enjoy baked treats, local eats, and all your favorite autumn flavors**



- **Browse vintage finds and hidden treasures at the Community Yard Sale**
- **Soak in a warm, small-town atmosphere perfect for the whole family**



Members of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors joined members of Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad (GVFRS), Inc., Gloucester's Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the public for the official groundbreaking of the new GVFRS Station 1 on Main Street Sept. 27.

County and GVFRS leadership worked alongside the EDA to finance the project, which will include a new state-of-the-art facility that will meet National Fire Protection Association standards and serve the needs of the community for many years to come.

The operation has outgrown its current facility, as fire apparatus had become much larger than the station could house, necessitating the move to property located further down Main Street that the organization purchased in 2019.

NEWS from the PTA

Botetourt Elementary School PTA

Botetourt PTA

JOIN US FOR A
VIRTUAL

PTA GENERAL MEETING

Monday, October 12th
6:00 PM

Review and vote on this year's budget, get information on upcoming events and more!

LINK TO JOIN:
https://bit.ly/BOTBoard

Follow us for up-to-date information!

@BotetourtPTA



PAW PRIDE FRIDAYS

Every 3rd Friday of the Month!

OCT. 16
NOV. 20





CLICK HERE

Order Spirit Wear!

CLICK HERE

Join the PTA for $6!

Available on MemberHub
www.botetourtpta.memberhub.com

Botetourt Elementary PTA Spooktacular Spirit Night

Short Lane Ice Cream

Short Lane Spirit Night
Thursday, October 29th
6:00-8:00PM

Join us for a fun family night & support our school! Come dressed in your favorite costume to be entered into the contest.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!
@botetourtpta

BOTETOURT BULLDOG Back-to-School Bash!

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | BOTETOURT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Come celebrate the start of the school year with friends, family, games, and **Bulldog spirit!**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

BACKYARD GAMES
- Giant Connect Four
- Cornhole
- Yard Games & More!

BOARD GAMES
Enjoy family-friendly favorites and challenge your friends!

PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS
Win fun prizes throughout the evening!

INTRODUCING THE BULLDOG WHEEL OF WACKINESS!

SILLY DANCE-OFFS | CRAZY HATS | KARAOKE SONGS | MYSTERY CHALLENGES | BULLDOG SPIRIT CHALLENGES | MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES

Want to see your favorite teachers take on **wacky Bulldog challenges?** Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to spin the **Bulldog Wheel of Wackiness** and choose a fun challenge for one of our teachers!

★ RAFFLE TICKETS ★
★ $1 EACH ★

Bring your family, invite your friends, and help us kick off an amazing school year!

FUN ✦ FRIENDS ✦ GAMES ✦ SCHOOL SPIRIT

START THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH BULLDOG PRIDE!
Hosted by the Botetourt PTA
All proceeds benefit Botetourt PTA programs and activities for our students.

What's Up at Botetourt?

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https://botetourt.gc.k12.va.us/

COMING SOON

EARLY DISMISSALS
10/22 & 11/20

ELECTION DAY- NO SCHOOL 11/3

THANKSGIVING BREAK
11/23-11/27

ALL PRO DAD BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025
7:45AM
@ BOT CAFETERIA

October is "Bullying Prevention Month"
Spirit Week | Oct. 19 - 23

Monday 10/19	Tuesday 10/20	Wednesday 10/21	Thursday 10/22	Friday 10/23
Put a Lid on Bullying!	Flannel for Friendship	UNITY DAY OCT 21 WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE ENCOURAGE kindness, acceptance, and inclusion HELP BUILD COMMUNITY throughout the year	Team Up Against Bullying	Bulldogs Stick Together!
Wear a hat	Wear Flannel		Wear a team shirt	Wear your Botetourt shirt or blue and white

*ALL SPIRIT WEAR OUTFITS MUST BE SCHOOL-APPROPRIATE

VETERANS DAY

PARADE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026
2:30PM @ BOT GYM

In celebration of Veterans Day on 11/11, Botetourt is hosting a Parade through the halls for our Bulldog Veterans!

If you, or a member of your family, is a Veteran or Active-Duty Military Member who would like to participate, please turn in registeration form by 11/6/26.

**Only those who have pre-registered will be able to participate.

Botetourt Holiday Assistance Application

PICTURE DAY 10/30

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