



The Firebird Screams

"Ask not for whom the Firebird screams, he screams for you!" - Fred the Firebird

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Welcome to the **SCREAMER!**



Greetings, Firebirds and Friends! 'Tis I, Fred the Firebird, **SCREAMING** at you once again from deep in the Firebird's nest, here on our modular campus at Falls Lake Academy. There's a lot happening in Firebird Country these days, so read carefully, lest ye be uninformed!

-Fred the Firebird

The Book Fair is Coming!

The First Annual Falls Lake Academy Book Fair will be held at school next week, from Monday November 18th through Friday the 22nd. The fair will be open from 8am-4pm each day, with a special Family Night on Thursday, November 21st from 5-7pm. If you can't make it out to the book fair, we will also be holding an online book fair at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fallslakeacademycharter>. Thank you and see you at the fair!



T-Shirt / Sweatshirt Order

Only one week left to order before Christmas!! We're taking one last order for Falls Lake Academy t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, caps, magnets, and adult polo-style shirts. Also, we've added Firebird sweatpants, pink hoodies, and camo hoodies this time! Order forms were emailed out to all parents recently, and can also be downloaded from the FLA website. Completed orders, including checks for the total order amount, are due in the FLA office absolutely no later than noon on Friday November 22nd.



Makeup School Pictures

Next Wednesday November 20th is school picture makeup day. All students who didn't get their pictures taken earlier this year – including all 4th-graders, who were on a field trip on the first picture day – will have their pictures taken first thing that morning while they are still clean and neat. Order packets have just gone out – please contact your child's PAA if you didn't get one. We respectfully request

that all students be photographed, whether parents intend to buy photo packages or not, because we use those school pictures on the students' permanent folders. Since all our kids came to us from other schools, we don't have current photos of most of them, and that's something we really need. We need them for the yearbook, too. So please, parents, help us out by making absolutely sure that your Firebird sparklet gets his or her picture made next Wednesday if they didn't do so earlier. Thanks!!



Sports News

Basketball Season

The 2013-14 Firebird basketball season starts this Thursday the 14th as the boys' and girls' teams travel to East Wake for their season openers. This year we must play all our games away, since we have no gym of our own. If you find yourself in the vicinity of Zebulon on Thursday afternoon, come on out and cheer our b-ball teams to victory!



Cheerleading Coach Needed



Speaking of basketball season, we are still looking for a cheerleader coach for this year. So far, we have no cheerleaders because we have no coach. If you're interested, or you know someone who might be qualified and interested, please send us a completed FLA sub / volunteer coach application (you can download one from our website) and a brief resume to let us know about qualifications and experience. Previous cheerleader experience and/or coaching experience highly preferred!

Student Volunteering Update

Falls Lake Academy THANK YOU!

We collected 22 Soccer Balls and over 40 Dolls to distribute in Tanzania.

One of the dolls made by our own Alyssa Garry will be used as the mascot for the crew going to work at the orphanage. WE will be pasting a link for tracking the groups progress on the Facebook page soon so you can see the dolls progress around the world.

Pictures will also be pasted to show the distribution of your gifts...thank you again for looking beyond the walls of our school and the borders of our community to show what the Falls Lake Family can do!

Firebird Flock students stayed after school on Nov. 5th and made blankets and wrote cards to give out to veteran's groups in the area. The response was so HUGE we had to open up a second room to accommodate all the students that volunteered to help!

A special thank you to our 6th and 7th Grade History students who sent 64 letters to Afghanistan to encourage and uplift Coach Vincent's cousin Daniel who is currently serving there. Thanks for making Veteran's Day extra special and hopefully he will receive our letters by Christmas and find a small "taste of home" comforting while he is away.



PBL Presentations

Project-Based Learning project presentations will be going on in all classrooms and grades next Thursday and Friday, November 21st and 22nd. Classroom teachers have the schedules for when which groups will be presenting. Parents, you are invited to come witness project presentations if you like, but please bear with us as we hustle and jostle back and forth with hundreds of parents and guests coming and going in and out of our limited spaces throughout those two days. And please forgive us our lack of sitting space, too!



FLA High School

Recently we've been asked a lot about our plans for Falls Lake Academy High School, which we'll kick off in school year 2015-2016 with the arrival of our first-ever entering high school freshman class. The Board and administration are engaged in preliminary plans for the high school programs now, and we are planning a roll-out of those plans sometime in January for all interested parents and students. Keep an ear open for the announcement of where and when that presentation will take place!

American Education Week

Next week is American Education Week. Remember our outstanding, dedicated staff and our wonderful kids every day next week!



That's it for this time, Firebirds! Till we meet again, this is Fred the Firebird reminding you to keep **SCREAMING!!**