



# The Firebird Screams

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

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Greetings, Firebird Families! Fred the Firebird here, returning from a vacation . I hope you all enjoyed your snow-cation the past couple of days as well!

Lots of big goings-on around the Firebird’s Nest this month. So read on, and stay informed!

-Fred the Firebird

## National School Choice Week

Held every January, National School Choice Week shines a positive spotlight on effective education options for every child. The goal of National School Choice Week (NSCW) is to **raise public awareness** of all types of education options for children. These options include traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, online learning, private schools, and homeschooling.

To meet this goal, NSCW encourages schools, organizations, and individuals to hold positive events that celebrate school choice options, while drawing attention to the need for even greater opportunities for children. With 16,140 events across America, National School Choice Week 2016 (January 24-30) will be the largest celebration of educational opportunity in U.S. history.



Falls Lake Academy is proud to celebrate National School Choice Week by encouraging families in our community to choose the educational opportunity that best meets their child’s needs. Our students and staff are proud to be part of Falls Lake Academy, a great choice for families seeking a college preparation learning environment!

## Snow Make-up Days

Parents, Please note the following changes in our schedule:

Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – Now a FULL day of school - To make up the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Snow Day

Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Now a FULL day of school- To make up the January 25<sup>th</sup> Snow Day

Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - Now a FULL day of school- To make up the January 26<sup>th</sup> Snow Day

**Lunches that were missed due to snow will be made up on our make-up days.**

Lunches that were missed on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> will be served on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are still working out the details on the make up lunches from January 22nd and January 26th. We will let you know about them ASAP!





## Counselor's Corner

Please note that we have moved Bullying Prevention Spirit Week to next week February 1-5th.

- Monday Feb. 1st-Pajama Day-Put bullying to bed
- Tuesday Feb. 2nd-Bullying Prevention Day-Wear Blue
- Wednesday Feb. 3rd-Career Day-Dress as your future career
- Thursday Feb. 4th-FLA Day
- Friday Feb. 5th-Clothing Inside Out Day

We look forward to seeing everyone's spirit!

- Ms. Moore, FLA School Counselor



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

FLA Second Grade Students—

Our second grade students visited with the Mayor of Creedmoor earlier this year. During that visit, Mayor Moss took time to ask and answer some very important questions from our students. Mayor Moss thought deeply about his interaction with our second graders. This experience moved Mayor Moss to include his reflections about the engaging conversation about citizenship with our second graders in his annual State of the City Address. Mayor Moss stated “Starting in 1999 when I was first elected mayor, I give an annual address to review the previous year and look forward to the next.” Thank you Mayor Moss for your continued interest and support of the education of our young people. We are honored to be a part of the January 19<sup>th</sup> State of the City Address. If you would like to read his address, you can find it here: <http://www.cityofcreedmoor.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=3018>



## Talent Show



Falls Lake Academy will be presenting its second annual, all-school Talent Show on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. This is a date change from the original January date.

Auditions will be held the last week of January in Ms. Wallace's room 309. See her door for sign-ups. A list of performers will be posted no later than the next Monday. If a student is chosen, they must sign and return a permission slip to participate. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Wallace. [laceywallace@fallslakeacademy.com](mailto:laceywallace@fallslakeacademy.com).

## Donations Needed

Calling all Tennis Balls!!! Parents, we need tennis balls for the bottoms of our chair legs. They help protect our floors from cuts and scratches. Tennis balls may be gently used. Please help protect our newly waxed floors. Thanks!



## Attention Parents

We are rescheduling our Lockdown Drill for February 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Remember, this is just a drill. Students will be reminded of lockdown drill procedures prior to February 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to make FLA a safe learning environment.

## Mega-Marathon Library Processing Day

Seeking: 40 volunteers + 6 hours = 1500 books processed!

When? Sat., Feb. 20, 2016 - 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00  
Volunteer for just one shift or sign up for both!

Where? FLA Library and Computer Lab

Who? FLA parents, grandparents, loved adults, & middle-school students

What do we need to do?

- Input books into computer program
- Sticker books with barcodes and spine labels
- Re-shelve books on correct shelves.

Get three or six hours per volunteer!

How do you sign-up? <http://tinyurl.com/libmega-6>



## Firebird Athletics

Our middle school basketball teams are ranked #2 (girls) and #1 (boys) in the Central Carolina Middle School Conference with two games remaining in the regular season. The top seed hosts throughout the first two rounds in the and Falls Lake Academy has been chosen to host the Championship games as well. Both teams will finish the regular season at home against #1/#8 seed Vance Charter (girls/boys) on Thursday. Action starts at 4:30/5:45.



## Athletic Academic Policy Updated

Our Middle School and High School Athletic Academic Policy was updated recently. Please go to <http://www.fallslakeacademyathletics.com/forms---policies.html> to see the updated policies.

## Letters of Intent

Letters of Intent for all current students will be sent home on February 8th. These letters will need to be returned by February 25th in order to guarantee your current student a place at FLA next year. Our lottery is currently open for all new students and new siblings. Please make sure that you check out our website for more information: <http://fallslakeacademy.com/admissions.html>

*Okay, Firebird families, that's it for another edition of "The Firebird SCREAMS." The Firebird who is SCREAMING is me, Fred the Firebird, the Keeper of the Flame of Learning which burns away ignorance and sophistry.*

*The FLA Firebirds are ON FIRE for learning as they TAKE FLIGHT into their futures and fortunes. And that makes this place, Falls Lake Academy,*

*The HOME OF THE FIREBIRDS and the SEAT OF BURNIN' LEARNIN'!  
Until next time, here's Fred the Firebird wishing you all a great week!*

