



# The Firebird Screams

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

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## December Dates to Remember:

*Dec. 1 - K-12 Picture Make-Up Day*

*Dec. 1 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm*

*Dec. 15 - Board Meeting (if called), 6:30pm*

*Dec. 18 - End of 2nd Quarter*

*Dec. 18 - Early Release Day for Students and Staff*

*Dec. 21-31 - Holiday - No School, Christmas/Winter Break*

## Message from Mrs. Hobgood

### IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE NCDHHS ON MASK WEARING:

#### **Parents:**

Governor Roy Cooper issued a new Executive Order 180 on November 23, 2020. As part of this order, the mask wearing stipulations have been tightened. Schools were informed that students must now wear masks **EVEN DURING STRENUOUS EXERCISE**. This means that as of today, December 2, 2020, all students will be required to wear a mask during PE and RECESS. When asked what we should do for students that have a hard time breathing when running with a mask, we were told to ask the students not to run. Please help us to enforce this new rule by talking with your students about the importance of not getting overly hot or out of breath when playing with a mask on.

#### **Carpool Reminder:**

On cold days, it is important to remember to remove hats, turn down your heat and roll down your windows prior to getting to the temperature stations in the mornings. High heat in the car will cause your body temperature to increase.

#### **Calendar Updates:**

Please see the updated calendars in this screamer to reflect remote Wednesdays for elementary, middle, and high school students. The new calendars also reflect A days and B days for middle and high school.



Tuesday, December 1st @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 16th (if called) @ 6:30pm

# Updated Elementary Calendar

Elementary

Falls Lake Academy  
2020-2021 Calendar

Revised 11/12/2020

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# Updated Middle and High School Calendar



## Middle and High School

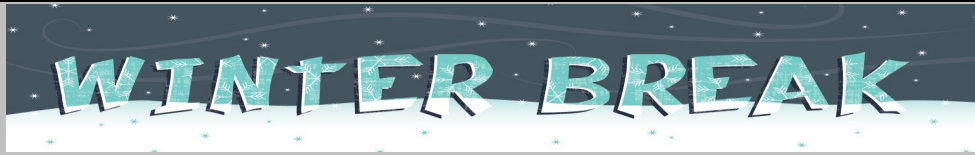
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# Friendly Reminders



Early Release Day

December 18th

## No School:

Christmas/Winter Break

December 21st - 31st

New Year's Day

January 1st

Teacher Workday

January 4th

## HOT LUNCH

The window to order hot lunch for the month of January will be from December 14<sup>th</sup> - December 28<sup>th</sup>. **Please have your order placed by noon on December 28<sup>th</sup>.** All lunch orders must be placed online using the website order form. To place a lunch order, go to [www.orgsonline.com](http://www.orgsonline.com) and enter code 313FLANC.



*Falls Lake Academy's NJHS presents our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual*

*Giving  
Tree*



The Giving Tree Project provides gifts for needy families to help them know the joy that the season brings.

**Look for the Giving Tree to start on Monday, November 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**All gifts will be due by Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

More details will be coming soon

*Thank you for being a blessing!*

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4DA8A62AA4FF2-2ndannual1>


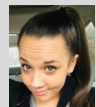


## Teacher Assistant of the Month



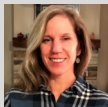
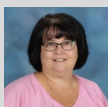


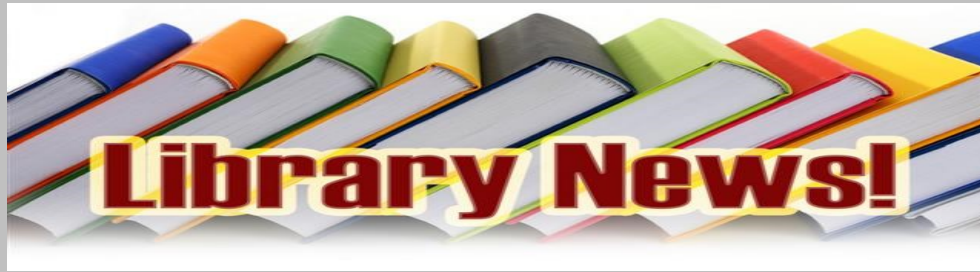
Our Teacher of Assistant of the Month for November is Miss Ashley McRae. Miss McRae is one of our Second Grade TA for Mrs. Schneider and she makes her job so much easier. She is a fabulous worker and makes the students days brighter with her great sense of humor. She loves her kids and they love her back. She does a wonderful job of connecting with her students and supporting them academically and emotionally. She made the transition this year from Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade smoothly. She is always going above and seeks out jobs without being asked to. A big thank you to Miss McRae.

## Meet our PAC Members

Contact these folks with questions or concerns – their job is to keep the lines of communication open, and if they don't know the answer, they know where to find it! PAC meets once a month. You will be hearing from them directly via e-mail and by way of your child's teachers. Don't hesitate to contact them!

GRADE	NAME	EMAIL
K	Megan Ward 	<a href="mailto:meganreneeward2015@gmail.com">meganreneeward2015@gmail.com</a>
1st	Mandy Harris 	<a href="mailto:Blakec1606@gmail.com">Blakec1606@gmail.com</a>
2nd	Amanda Esposito 	<a href="mailto:Amanda.renee65@yahoo.com">Amanda.renee65@yahoo.com</a>
3rd	Laurie Frederick 	<a href="mailto:Lauriecfrederick@gmail.com">Lauriecfrederick@gmail.com</a>
4th	Kristin Zimmerman 	<a href="mailto:krissyz0908@gmail.com">krissyz0908@gmail.com</a>
5th	Alissa Buffalo 	<a href="mailto:ncsunshine97@yahoo.com">ncsunshine97@yahoo.com</a>

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6th	Ashley James 	<a href="mailto:loveabi44@yahoo.com">loveabi44@yahoo.com</a>
7th	Catherine Kendrick 	<a href="mailto:Catherinekendrick44@gmail.com">Catherinekendrick44@gmail.com</a>
8th	Lindsey Shedd 	<a href="mailto:LShedd418@yahoo.com">LShedd418@yahoo.com</a>
9th	Liz Karan 	<a href="mailto:timothykaran@live.com">timothykaran@live.com</a>
10th	Kandi Bender 	<a href="mailto:KandiBender@fallslakeacademy.com">KandiBender@fallslakeacademy.com</a>
11th	Lisa Watkins 	<a href="mailto:watkinslisa2@gmail.com">watkinslisa2@gmail.com</a>
12th	Karin Hodges 	<a href="mailto:hodgesfour@twc.com">hodgesfour@twc.com</a>



Hello Firebird Families,

Now that many of our students are back in school, I would like to ask that you look around your home/check backpacks, bookshelves, and return any Falls Lake Academy library books that you are able to locate but have been unable to or not sure of how to return. I understand that things became a bit confusing last March.

The books that your student may have in their possession are still on their library account as a lost book. There are no late fees being charged, but we would appreciate getting the books back so they can be on the shelves when the students are able to visit the library to check out books again.

When your student comes in the building after being dropped off in car pool, I will have the book return bin in the doorway of the library. All your student needs to do is place their book (s) in it and I will get them checked in. If your child is a remote learner, you can drop the books off at the school but you will need to call the front office when you arrive and someone will come out to your vehicle and collect the books from you.

If you need to check your student's account, go to the Falls Lake Academy homepage, go to **LINKS** and scroll down to **MORE LINKS**. Please scroll down to **FLA LIBRARY SEARCH** found under "Helpful Links."

Once you are at the FollettDestiny page, select Falls Lake Academy  
In the upper right corner, select log in

The username is your child's firstnamelastname, all lower case (johnsmith)

The password is the same password you received for your email/Google account from Mrs. Beth Doerfler. (Example: FLAd5123)

Go to **"MY INFO"** near the upper left side of the page to see if your student has any books checked out in their name. Please check under **FINES** for books that have been marked "lost." If you have those books, please return them and the fines will be removed.

Once the books are returned and checked in, they will be removed from your child's account.

Thank you for your help,

Lisa Pienkosz  
Elementary Library Specials Teacher

Elizabeth Doerfler  
Director of Media and Data Services







### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP THIS YEAR**

Because at least half our year is happening remotely, we need *your* help to fill the book with photos. Here are some of the things we're looking for.

***Photos of your remote workspace*** – Do you work in a *She Shed*? At the kitchen table? Under your bed? In a corner of someone's office? In your garage? Or somewhere else? Send us photos of your remote school workspace.

***Photos of your pets*** – Are you spending more time walking your dog? Is your cat photobombing your zoom class? Have you trained a parakeet to answer to your name for online rollcall? Do you have an exotic pet? Or are you spending more time at the stables? What does your dog look like upside down? (*laying on their back, don't try to teach them to do a handstand*) Send us photos of your four-legged or feathered, or scaly friends.

***Photos of you exercising*** – Are you playing travel ball? Are you just playing one-on-one basketball with a grown-up in the driveway? Are you using the extra time to work on your golf swing? Have you rediscovered the ancient discipline of *Hacky Sack*? Are you working out in a home gym or running laps around the neighborhood. Send us photos (or it didn't happen... yeah, we know EVERYONE *says* they're doing more exercise right now, prove it!)

***Photos of you cooking*** – We know lots of you are spending time in the kitchen, so what are you making? Have you upped your ramen game? Perfected the ideal grilled cheese sandwich? Invented a new recipe that would rival the most expensive French restaurant? Send us those mouthwatering photos of you creating a culinary masterpiece.

***Photos of you playing video games***... or binge-watching your new favorite streaming show... or (and hear us out on this, because we know this one will seem crazy to a few of you) **READING A BOOK!** Tell us your favorites and send us photos of you watching, reading or playing.

***Photos of you flexing your creative talents*** – Have you taken up a creative hobby? Started knitting a sweater for your pet iguana? Like to spend time painting portraits of your family during lock-down? Do you make bows and wreaths for festive occasions? Started your own business selling the things you make? Send us pictures and make the world more beautiful.

***Photos of you outside*** – Yeah, we know most of the time you'd prefer to be inside staring at a screen, but since you *HAVE* to stay inside staring at a screen... for school work, what are you doing to escape the computer? Hiking? Building tree forts? Riding quad bikes? Planning to jump the *Springfield Gorge* on your skateboard? Trail riding? Send us photos of you in the great outdoors.

Those are just a few suggestions.

This year we're definitely making a '*not your usual*' Yearbook, so if you have something new, creative wild or unusual you think would make a great addition to the book, send it to us NOW!

You can upload photographs you think will be awesome additions to our '*Not Your Usual*' Yearbook here <https://images.jostens.com/upload.jsp>

Thanks in Advance,  
Mr. Mettam and the Middle School Yearbook Class



# *FLA Flight Crew Booster Club*

**FLA Flight Booster Club is SEEKING NEW OFFICERS and MEMBERS - Year 2020/2021 - JOIN US!**

Come join us at the Flight Crew Booster Club meeting on **January 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM, FLA High School lobby**. Learn all about what Booster Club does and how to **become a member!** You can make a difference for our School, the Athletic Department and MOST IMPORTANTLY our ATHLETES.

The Booster Club is a group of members that consist of FLA faculty, FLA parents/family and friends. Booster Club is overseen by the Booster Club Board (President, Vice-President, Treasure, Secretary, and Members at large). The main responsibility of the Booster Club is to meet once a month to plan, organize and participate in fundraising events, and coordinate concessions. This is a great way to get involved in your child's school and to support the school, athletic department and the athletes. It is vital to raise funds in support of the athletic program. A few examples of the duties of the Booster Club are:

## **Fundraising Events**

1. Boston Butt, Chicken BBQ, Yard Sale, Car Wash, Dine-Out Nights, Quarter Auction, Drive a ford, etc. (New ideas are always welcomed!)
2. Solicit Corporate and Family Sponsors
3. Sell Season Passes for all MS & HS home game athletic events
4. Set-Up, work and/or coordinate coverage for the concession stands for all home volleyball and basketball Games (MS & HS)
5. Assist the Athletic Director (AD) with set-up and working the Gate table for all home game athletic events(collect money from spectators)
6. Every FLA athletic team will have a designated Team Parent(s) that consists of a FLA Booster Club member or a FLA parent/designee.
7. Senior gifts committee – (organize yearly gifts for all seniors)
8. Developing committees and overseeing them.

FLA has a high percentage of student athletes and that requires a lot of funding to adequately support all their needs. Some examples are listed below; however not limited to:

- Uniforms – Middle School and High School, all sports
- Equipment - Training equipment and aids for all athletic team sports.
- Field Equipment – Pitching mounds, scoreboards, bleachers, balls, bags, clipboards, goals, etc.
- Coaches Fees
- Advertisement Signs/Banners
- Corporate/Family Sponsored Banners

FLA Flight Crew Booster Club looks forward to joining forces with our K-12 parents/families and continuing to grow and support our incredible FLA Athletes.

## ***Roles, Duties and Responsibility***

### **FLA Booster Club's Mission Statement**

The Athletic Flight Booster Club's goal is to support all FLA athletic programs by promoting funding for areas not fully covered by the school. The areas we focus on are uniforms, field rentals, coaches' stipends, officials and miscellaneous equipment. The Booster Club works diligently with school administration and the Athletic Director as well as many parent volunteers. By supporting the athletic program financially we strive to allow our student athletes the best experience possible here at Falls Lake Academy Charter School.

### **FLA Officers and Members at Large**

The board is comprised with a President, Vice-President, Treasure, Secretary, and Members at Large. These positions are held by anyone whom is interested and actively commits to the position and roles and responsibilities. Every two years at the beginning of the school calendar year, the booster club will advertise and promote new members for officer positions. This will be performed during a Booster Club meeting when we vote and sworn newly elected officers. These meetings include all current board members, members' at large and any interested FLA staff, parents, or family interested in joining or participating.



## **FLA Booster Club's Officers Roles and Responsibilities**

### **President**

President provides leadership to officers and members. The president communicates with officers to ensure that they are meeting their responsibilities and oversees the schedule of events and appoints assistants for any and all projects.

- Provides overall leadership and direction to the FLA Booster Club organization.
- Coordinates club activities through the FLA board of directors, school administration, school Athletic Director, and the booster club officers and members at large.
- Presides at meetings of the Booster Club and its members.
- Structures the organization to ensure continuity by providing opportunities for new leadership to develop.
- Exercises overall financial responsibility for the club; co-signs bank accounts with club treasurer.
- Maintains contact on Booster Club activities with FLA Administration, Athletic Director, FLA Board of directors, Booster Club members and the coaching staff.
- Submits annual reports of the Booster Club activities to FLA Administration, Athletic Director, and FLA Board of directors.

### **Vice-President**

Vice President provides back up assistance to the President with similar roles and responsibilities appointed by the President.

- Presides at Booster Club meetings in the absence of the President.
- Plans, coordinates, and recruits committees to manage a series of meetings and club activities.
- Coordinates activities and events with the President, the officers and the members at large.
- Provides timely and interesting information for newsletters and mailings.
- Provides and coordinates information on forthcoming events to the secretary for inclusion in meeting notices, newsletters or electronic distribution lists.

### **Treasurer**

Treasurer is responsible for the managing the flow of money into the Booster Club and for allocating and recording how those funds are spent to run the Booster Club. Treasurer works to ensure the Booster Club is able to meet its day to day expenses and prompts the need for increased fundraising events where a shortfall in income funds exists.

- Create and maintain the Booster's Club monthly and annual budgets.
- Works and coordinates with other Booster Club officers to generate and collect funds.
- Ensures accurate and up to date detailed accounting records of all Booster Club income and expenditures on a monthly basis.
- Ensures payments to our vendors and organizations we hired doing business with.
- Prepare and issue financial invoices and manages the Booster Club's bank account.
- Issue payment reminders to coaches.
- Seeks approval of the Booster's Club committee for major and any expenditures.
- Corresponds with the FLA administration, Board of Directors and the Athletic Director with all financial matters.

### **Secretary**

Secretary is responsible for providing administrative support to the Booster Club's Officers to ensure the overall well-run operations are conducted for all programs and events held by the Booster Club. The Secretary is a pivotal role as it results in one of the most time-consuming roles. Secretary undertakes and coordinates a wide variety of tasks that requires organization and a high standard of verbal and written communications.

- Plan meetings with Booster Club Officers and agree on agenda.
- Circulate details of meetings (time, location, agenda, etc.) to all Booster Club members and FLA family and staff.
- Follow up with relevant parties on key actions or outstanding projects arising from previous meetings.
- Keeping detailed and accurate records of monthly meetings, contact details for members, corporate sponsorship contacts, event planning contacts, etc.
- Assist the Booster Club officers in strategic planning of on-going Booster Club development.
- Assist the Athletic Director in areas of need for advertisement and supporting roles.

### **Members at Large**

Members at large are members that want to be a part of the Booster Club and join the club to support and volunteer in overall events and operations. FLA parents and staff who join the Booster club perform duties of all types such as assisting, organizing, and working fundraising events, sporting events, and any tasks that are appointed to them or any new tasks they create and or develop with the approval of the Booster Club officers. These members are also voted in and or appointed to the Booster club. These members choose to help as much as their time can allow and are **the essential part of the Booster Club's overall operations.**

Anyone can join our meetings and volunteer and assist in any events to help FLA school, Athletic Department, athletes, and the community. It is a great way to earn community or school volunteer hours!!!!!!



PTA Meeting - Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00



Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up Time

Fall Fundraiser pick up day for items sold to customers who did not select the "ship to home" option and for prizes earned is December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please be on the lookout for emails from PTA with further information.



"Santa Claus is Coming to Town!" - Virtual Event - December 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Must Sign Up!

You better watch out. You better not cry. You better not pout. I'm telling you why. SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be going live on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for 6-8 pm. Your child will have 3 minutes to talk to Santa on Zoom. Mrs. Claus will be live on Zoom ready Christmas stories to any and everyone who wants to join. Please sign up and get all the details using the following link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca8a92ca2fb6-santa>



Membership Contest - December 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

We'll be showing our holiday spirit and some Firebird pride! Expect more details soon!

Sign up for the PTA using the following link:

<https://fallslakeacademy.memberhub.store/>

*Thank You!*

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Palmetto Fundshoppe Fundraiser! The fundraiser was a great success and the kids had lots of fun earning the collectibles. Be sure to join the December PTA meeting to find out how much was raised through your generous efforts!

Have a restful winter break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! ...until next year.....

-Fred the Firebird

