



The Firebird Screams

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

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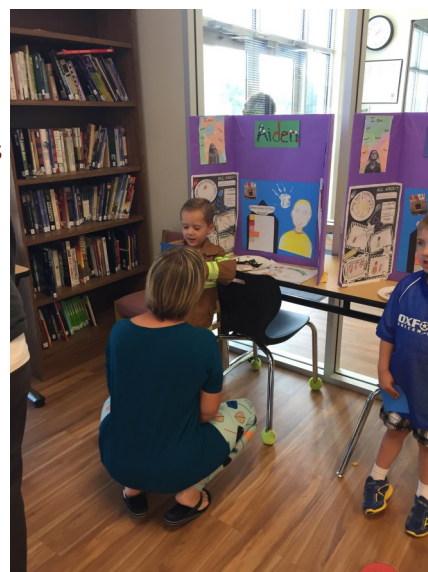
October Dates
To Remember:

- ◇ Fall Picture Day—October 7
- ◇ 3rd -5th Grade Dance right after school—October 7
- ◇ High School Dance 6pm-9pm—October 7th
- ◇ Fall Break—October 10-12
- ◇ Report Cards Go Home—October 13th
- ◇ Flight Crew Meeting—October 17 6:00pm
- ◇ PTA Meeting—October 17 6:30pm
- ◇ Pre-ACT (10th grade) - October 18
- ◇ K-2 Night—October 21st
- ◇ Red Ribbon Week—October 24th—28th
- ◇ Oct. 29th Fall Festival

Project Based Learning

We are off to a fantastic start with our Project Based Learning presentations! We call these presentations POLs (Presentation of Learning). This year, our teachers will be scheduling presentations as they naturally fit into the curriculum, instead of on a school-wide presentation date. Teachers will notify parents at least two weeks in advance of their child's presentation date and time. Parent participation in the student's presentation of learning is a vital piece of our student's develop-

ment into 21st century citizens. When you attend your child's presentation, remember to ask questions, engage students in meaningful conversations about their learning, and give them feedback about their presentations. Be prepared to be amazed- the work our students have done will blow you away!



10th Grade Field Trip



Hopefully by now you have reviewed the information for our amazing trip to NY! In an effort to help increase your chances of being able to go I spoke with the tour director and deposits for the trip will not be due until October 15th! HOWEVER, we need you to get the deposits in ASAP. There are tour reservations (Broadway Shows etc.) that we will benefit from hitting the magical number of 40-Sooner rather than later. Thank you for your interest and we cannot wait for this trip! It will be a memory that will last forever for our students! We have a group of parents working on fundraising ideas. If you have an idea that could benefit our students and reduce the cost of the trip, please email Mr. Decker. Thanks to everyone that has helped thus far.

Volunteer Opportunity: Mom and Pops on Patrol

We are in need of volunteers to help direct traffic in our High School parking lot in the mornings from 7:30-7:45 daily. We would like to more closely monitor the traffic flow in the high school lot to ensure students are exiting vehicles safely. However, we just don't have the staff to put on patrol during that time of day. If you are interested in volunteering before work a few days a week, we could really use the help. We will happily train you and put you to work quickly. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, please sign up using the sign up genius below. We will put out new signups each month. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4FAFAE28A2F49-moms



Field Trips

Falls Lake Academy believes in the value of learning experiences outside the walls of our school. Fieldtrips are always great fun for our students, but require a great deal of planning for both teachers and parents. In order to better assist families in the planning process, we have set trips for certain grade level that will occur each year (barring any unforeseen circumstances that make the trip impossible). Some grade levels will take several local day trips that are not listed, but support the learning in the classroom and the PBL process. Please remember that field trips are not required but highly encouraged.

K-3 rd Grade:	Local day trips
4 th Grade:	Overnight trip to the NC Mountains
5 th Grade:	Overnight trip to Washington, DC
6 th Grade:	TBD
7 th Grade:	Renaissance Faire (Day trip)
8 th Grade:	Overnight trip to Wilmington, NC
9 th Grade:	College Tours (Day trips)
10 th Grade:	New York City (Multiple night stay)
11 th Grade:	TBD
12 th Grade:	International Trip (TBD each year)



Attentions Sophomores and Their Parents

The Pre - ACT will be given to **all** 10th grade students on October 18th! This assessment is provided at no cost to students by the Department of Public Instruction. The Pre-ACT "simulates the ACT testing experience and empowers students, parents, and educators with valuable insights for college and career readiness." More information will be sent home this week.



Fall Break



Enjoy some rest and relaxation with your family. We will be on Fall Break October 10, 11, and 12th. We will see you back at school on October 13th.



Counselor's Corner

Welcome back Firebirds! It has been wonderful seeing all of you! I would like to welcome all of our first year students to FLA. We have had a great start to the school year! Our Kelso's character lessons for K-5 will start in October! I had the awesome privilege to spend time with our freshman through their Freshman Seminar class. The students made CFNC accounts and explored their learning styles and career interests. Our school wide Drug Prevention week will be October 24-28th! Look for details in the screamer! That's all for now! Come by and see me!

Mrs. Moore

"Discovering your internal strength will allow you to soar!"

Red Ribbon Week October 24th-28th

This year we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week as a school from October 24th-28th! Red Ribbon Week is a time to remind all students of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, the importance of being drug free, and making healthy decisions. Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign for drug prevention. We will celebrate with many fun activities throughout the school! Please note that all students must continue to follow the dress code during all of this week's activities.



Students will have the chance to enter an "I Pledge to be drug Free" poster contest: Any student can enter the contest. Posters will be judged by grade levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-10 with three winners per group. All students who wish to participate must turn in their posters to Mrs. Moore by Thursday October 27th for judging. Posters cannot be larger than 16x20.

We will also have "I Pledge to be Drug Free" banners for students to sign. One banner for (K-6) and one for (7-10).

Students who participate in the activities will have a chance to win a PRIZE!

- **Monday** (24th) - All teachers will be given a roll of stickers for the students in their class. "United we stand Against Drugs"-wear your best patriotic clothing-red, white, and blue!
- **Tuesday** (25th) - My character counts, I'm Drug Free!"- Dress as your favorite book, TV, movie, or game character!
- **Wednesday** (26th) -"Team up Against Drugs"- Support your favorite sports team!
- **Thursday** (27th) - "The Drug Free Force is with me"- Dress up as Star Wars Characters!
- **Friday** (28th) - Say "Boo" to drugs! Wear your costumes in support of being drug free! Remember no masks or weapons of any kind!

Archery News



Thank you to everyone that bought tickets and supported our Archery Team! We have drawn 3 names for our Raffle this morning. 1st place for a Diamond Infinite Edge Bow is Cora Avery. 2nd place for a \$50 gift card to Bass Pro is Robert Chalifour and 3rd place for a 20oz Yeti Tumbler is Eli W. Again, thank you so much. This fundraiser has paid for a backstop for our Archery Range. This means no more lost arrows for those rare misses, plus the added safety that arrow bounce back is no longer a worry.



Every Cent Counts

The music department needs more instruments! We want more instruments in student's hands. Ms. Wallace would love to eventually get a class set of Orff Xylophones for elementary students to play, but they are quite expensive. One xylophone costs around \$500! From October 17-28, 2016 we are having our fourth Every Cent Counts Fundraiser! In the last 3 years we've been able to purchase 9 xylophones as well as a few smaller classroom instruments. Each classroom will have a jar for students to donate any change they can from 1 penny to any size dollar bill or check. Business and parent donations are also acceptable (and encouraged). The classroom with the highest total will get an Ice Cream Party! So break open those piggy banks and let's see how many instruments we can get!

Improv Coffee House

Come enjoy coffee and pastry as 10th grade and 9th grade theatre students go head to head in an improv extravaganza! Competitors depend on your applause to decide the winner so come out and support these young actors!!

When: October 21st at 7pm

Where- FLA gymnasium

Cost: \$5 gets you coffee, treats and a show!



Athletic Admission Fees



Please take note that FLA will be charging \$5.00 for admission for ALL SPECTATORS beginning with our winter sports and for every season thereafter. Students will be allowed to purchase tickets for home games DURING LUNCH time for \$2.00. Students that do not purchase tickets during lunch will be required to pay full price at the door. Again, this will begin with the 2016-2017 Basketball season. Season passes are available for \$50.00 each. Season passes must be presented at the gate.

PTA Corner

Save the date! October 29th 5-9pm Fall Festival. 6-8pm Trunk or Treat

Fall Festival is fast approaching! It is going to be a wonderful night of fun for the community. We will need numerous volunteers to make this evening a success! There will be volunteer opportunities for both parents and students! The sign-up genius will be coming soon.

October Activities:

Oct. 7th 3-5 grade dance right after school
Oct. 7th High School dance 6pm-9pm
Oct. 21st K-2 night (rescheduled from October 14th)
Oct. 29th Fall Festival



Box Top Contest

It's that time of year again to turn in your Box Tops for Education!

We are running a contest to see who can turn in the most. The winning PAA class will enjoy an ice cream party, and the winning PAA will receive a \$25 gift card toward school supplies.

Box Tops must be turned in to your PAA no later than Tuesday, October 18th to be counted toward the contest. We will be busy counting and packaging them up, so turn them in as soon as you get them. We will announce a winner the end of October.

Remember to check the dates, we cannot accept expired Box Tops. We will be sending home collection sheets as well, so take the time to paste them on a sheet. Be sure to label them with your PAA so we can be sure that the proper class gets credit. Each Box Top is worth 10 Cents, that adds up quickly!

October PTA meeting is October 17th at 6:30pm

Also:

Follow Falls Lake Academy PTA on Facebook so you'll get all of our updates!

Or check out our website: www.firebirdpta.weebly.com

Fall Book Fair



Our Fall Scholastic Bookfair will be Nov. 14th - Nov. 18th in the FLA Library. We receive at least 50% of our sales to buy books and supplies for our school library and classrooms. Sign up now to volunteer!

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Mega-Marathon Library Processing Day

We'll be holding another Mega-marathon Library Processing day on Saturday, October 15th. This is a time that we input library books into our card catalog system so that students can check them out. We have two shifts, 9-12 and 1-4. You can sign up for one or both shifts. It's easy. It's fun. And any adult, middle school, or high school student can earn up to six volunteering hours by coming to help out. We need about 40 volunteers, so please use this link to sign up!

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