



The Firebird Screams

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

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January Dates to Remember:

Jan. 3- Lottery Application Begins
Jan. 3- Teacher Workday, No School For Students
Jan. 3- Board of Directors Meeting 6:30pm
Jan. 4- Students Return from Christmas Break
Jan. 5- Report Cards go home
Jan. 5- PTA Meeting 7pm
Jan. 9- Winter Sport Pictures 3pm
Jan. 13- Middle School Dance 6pm
Jan. 16- No School Holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 17- 9th grade Duke and Chapel Hill Field Trip
Jan. 17- Board of Directors Meeting, if called 6:30p
Jan. 18- Elementary Open House 6:30pm
Jan. 18- Middle and High School Open House 7:30pm
Jan. 19- Band Booster Meeting 6:30pm
Jan. 23- 9th grade College Field Trip to Duke and Chapel Hill
Jan. 31- PAC Meeting

NEW Improved Carpool!

We are going to step-up our carpool and get a bit more high tech! Please use the following link to register your carpool. When you get to the list of students, there are no high school students listed since they don't participate in carpool. If you regularly alternate pick up with someone else, please make sure that only one of you registers your carpool. You will be sent a confirmation email with a QR-code. You can take a picture of it, text it to your carpool partner(s) or print out as many tags as you wish. This system will allow us to project the students' names and the station number that they are supposed to report to. Resulting in fewer of you needing to pull forward and park, waiting on your child that didn't hear their name. This should allow our carpool to be even more efficient. Of course there will be an adjustment period, but as ever we are working hard to improve at FLA.



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctDtdedofQocwNMJYRiHrpGTug5Zp1f-I64beIaZMOR4iQXw/viewform>

Parent-Family Volunteer Hours Reminder

Families are required to have 10 hours of volunteer time at Falls Lake Academy each year. The hours should be logged online and should be for volunteer time at Falls Lake only. If you have not started logging your volunteer time, please do so as soon as possible. We will be notifying families of the remaining hours that need to be met prior to June. Need ideas for volunteer hours? Below you find a list of volunteer opportunities for parents:

- *Collect gate fees at a basketball game
- *Work the concession stand at home games
- *Assist PTA with upcoming dances or fundraising opportunities
- *Participate in Band or Athletic Booster meetings
- *Participate in PTA meetings
- *Volunteer during lunch
- *Volunteer in the media center re-shelving books
- *Volunteer to assist with grounds keeping
- *Chaperone a fieldtrip
- *Help in the classroom as requested by the teacher
- *Proctor for End of Grade testing in May
- *Assist with weekend volleyball tournaments (See Coach Vincent for Details)



A Few Reminders from your Student Services Dept.

As we begin the second half of our school year, it is a great time to sit down with your student and make sure that they have all the supplies that they need to rock out the end of the school year. Restock those pencils, glue sticks, high lighters, graph paper, etc. Also, please make sure that they have the correct calculator that was originally listed on their supply lists. Many math teachers will begin to use the calculators much more regularly as we move toward the end of the year.



Hopefully this wonderful, long, holiday break has allowed everyone to relax and get healthy. As we return to school, parents please remember that should your child become ill, they must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school. Fever free, no vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours. Adhering to this will help keep all of our Firebirds healthy!

Don't forget to log those student community service hours! I am sure that many of us took part in reaching out to our communities over the holiday. Be sure to log in to the community service tracker site and record those hours. The link for students can be found on our FLA website under the NEWS tab.



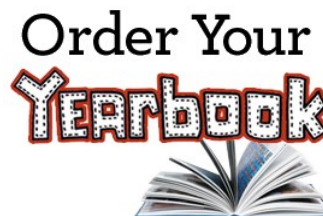
Student Service Hour Requirements for promotion to the next grade:

Students in Kindergarten, 1 st and 2 nd grades:	5 school-community service hours per year
Students in grades 3-4-5:	7 school-community service hours per year
Students in grades 6-7-8-9-10:	10 school-community service hours per year

Again, we hope that each of you have enjoyed a wonderful break with your families.

2016-2017 Yearbook

The new year is a great time to buy your yearbook! Think of all the cool things that have happened so far! They are available online only at www.jostens.com for \$25 at the elementary level and \$45 for the middle/high schools. Delivery is anticipated late May 2017!! Contact Ms. Gale with questions at hillarygale@fallslakeacademy.com



Want your pictures to be in this year's yearbook? Download the Jostens ReplayIt app for your phone to add your pictures of school and class events to this year's yearbook! Or add #flayearbook to your social media posts! We especially need help with photographs covering field trips and PTA events, and more pictures means more options for our yearbook staff to choose from!



PTA Corner



Bingo, bingo, bingo, we need prizes for Bingo. If you have a small local business or know of a business that would like to sponsor one of our bingo games, contact Randy Shaver 919-482-8835. Sponsors can supply goods or services or make a cash donation. Bingo

prizes should be equal to \$50 or more. Any donations smaller than \$50 will be used as a raffle prize. You don't have to be in business to donate. Friends and families of FLA can donate as well. \$30 donations = 1hr of community service. Also any person or business that donates a bingo prize will be recognized during the game they sponsored as well as throughout the event.

\$50 = Bronze
\$100 = Silver
\$200 = Gold
\$300+ = Platinum

Prize deadline Feb. 14th Valentine's Day (should be easy to remember)

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



Firebirds Have Talent

Mark your calendars now, our 3rd Annual Talent Show will be February 16th at 6:30 in the gym. If students wish to be in the talent show, they may audition on Monday January 30th or Friday February 3rd starting after carpool. Sign-ups for the two days will be available by January 20th on Ms. Wallace's stage door. Students may audition individually, or in groups. They may sing, dance, play instruments, or any other entertainment they've been working on. Students are responsible for bringing their own materials to audition, such as music and instruments. Only complete and school appropriate acts will be chosen. Start practicing!



Welcome to Karin Hodges, our newest Board Member



karinhodges@fallslakeacademy.com. Karin was born in Raleigh but grew up in Rutherford County. She graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a BA in Early Childhood Education. After getting married in 1993, she and her husband, Jim, moved to Wake Forest for seven years and have lived in Granville County for the past 16 years. Karin and Jim have two children. Seth is a Senior at Granville Early College High School and Rebecca is an eighth grader at FLA. Karin has spent years volunteering in various Granville County schools and the past year and a half at FLA, as well as volunteering with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She has worked for 25 years with people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in community mental health programs, the Durham Children's Developmental Services Agency and, for the past 11 years, at Murdoch Developmental Center. Currently she is the Quality Assurance Officer at MDC. Karin and her family are active members of Creedmoor United Methodist Church. As the newest member of the BOD, Karin is excited to learn more about the different functions of the board and is ready to dive head first into making FLA the best educational experience for all children currently attending and those yet to come.

Enrollment for 2017-2018



The application period for the 2017-2018 school year will begin Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Applications can be completed electronically through a link found in the Admissions tab. Email confirmations will be sent after applications are submitted. Paper applications will also be available in the school office during regular business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30pm) or may be printed from the website. The application deadline is 5:00pm on Friday, March 3, 2017. Applications received after the deadline are not entered into the lottery but will be placed at the end of the grade level waiting list. The lottery will be held on Friday, March 17th at 6:30pm in our school gymnasium. Visit our admissions section for more information and links to the application. Applications are available in Spanish. Spanish speaking families that need help with the application process should contact Lily Seccia in the front office.

Letters of Intent

Letters of intent for current students will be distributed on February 3rd (electronically and printed) and should be returned to school by February 24th to secure the student's current spot at FLA. Students that do not return the letter of intent will lose their enrollment slot at FLA for the 2017-2018

Well firebirds, that is all for this edition of "The Firebird Screams". This is Fred the Firebird wishing you all a Farewell until next time.

