

THE FALCON'S FOCUS



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*Proud to be an
"A" School in the
#1 School District
in Florida*



Falcon Families,

We would like to congratulate our fabulous FCA receptionist, Mrs. Katie Richard, as our School-Related Employee of the Year. If you see her or talk to her on the phone, please be sure to congratulate her. We all want to thank her for everything she does to make our school a wonderful place.

This past week a small team from FCA went to visit a couple of schools that are model "Capturing Kids' Hearts" schools in the state. While we still have some things to improve upon, there were parts of the process that our staff does very well. It was great to see that we are on the right path and what things could look like after we have been doing this for a few years.

In addition, I recently listened to some of our students give speeches about how "Capturing Kids' Hearts" has impacted them. One of my favorite parts was hearing how this has influenced them at home. Several students shared that their family has adopted "Good News" as a part of their family meals. As your principal, I hope that this home to school connection continues to grow as we work together for our children.

Holiday Cool Kits: Parents, your child may be bringing home a Holiday Cool Kit Program envelope. This contains 7 ornaments and 4 gift tags with your child's portrait on them. If you would like to keep them, the packets are only \$10.00 and you can return payment via cash or check (made payable to Leonard's). If you would like to decline this offer, simply return the product to your teacher. All payments or returned products should be returned within 1 week. If you did not receive a Holiday Cool Kit or if you had a retake portrait taken, you can order ONLINE at www.leonards.com/coolkit.

On behalf of the entire Falcon Faculty, we hope you and your family enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving Break.

Sincerely,

Allen Anderson



Important Dates



Nov. 27 - 29—Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
Dec. 2-6 - Winter Wonderland Store
Dec. 5 - Jacksonville Jaguar Youth Football Camp Incentive
Dec. 7- FCA Advanced Band to St Augustine Christmas Parade
Dec. 20 - Early Dismissal and Rock Your School “Circus Theme”
house celebrations
Dec. 20 - End of second quarter and end of first semester
Dec. 23 - Begin Winter Break

Music News

Thank you to FCA Cafeteria Manager, Mrs. Damiano, and the FCA Culinary Club for serving such a delicious meal before our Band Concert Thursday night! Thank you also to the amazing FCA Band Booster Organization for sponsoring this event!



Open Tryouts for Battle of the Books



Monday, Dec 2 – Friday, Dec 6

Third - Fifth Grade and Sixth - Eighth Grade

*Visit the Media center anytime during
the week to take the test*

Longleaf Church/FCA 5K Jingle Run

**Saturday,
December 7, 2019**

**Supports Freedom
Crossing Help Fund,
established to help
kids in need at FCA**

**To register, go to
www.longleafchurch.net**



Message from the School Nurse

Accidents Happen:

Kindergarten, First, and Second grades: Please remember to keep a change of clothing for your child in their backpack. The clinic has a very limited selection of clothes and sizes.

Fever Guidelines:

Students must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. This helps the child to be completely recovered and prevents the spread of illness.



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



See the latest PTO news-
letter here:

[https://www.smores.com/f1mr2-
news-from-the-nest](https://www.smores.com/f1mr2-news-from-the-nest)

FCA PTO Presents: Winter Wonderland Gift Shoppes



Wonderland Gift Shoppes

making merry memories



We're celebrating the joy of giving December 2-6, 2019!

The holidays are near, and your PTO is hosting a kid-friendly shopping event: Wonderland Gift Shoppes. Students will have a special opportunity to experience the joy of giving by choosing and purchasing their own holiday gifts for others!

Item prices and budgeting

Prices range from \$0.25 to \$19 with 70% of the items under \$6. For an idea of the types of gifts Wonderland Gift Shoppes provides, visit [their website](https://www.wonderlandgiftshoppes.com/our-gifts) at <https://www.wonderlandgiftshoppes.com/our-gifts>

We'll send home a Budget Envelope so that you and your student decide together how much to spend on gifts.

Assigned shopping days

Your student's teacher will let you know the class shopping day. On their assigned shopping day, your student will attend this kid-friendly event with their class. Parent volunteers will help your student shop for special gifts while staying within their budget.

Thank you for supporting your FCA PTO!

FALCONS TAKE FLIGHT!

Our competitive cheer team received THREE trophies at the Falcon Frenzie Competition at Pedro Menendez HS on Saturday, November 16!

1st Place Middle School Non Tumbling Division (against Gamble Rogers)

1st Place Stunt Group. All teams including experienced Varsity teams had to put a girl up in an extension. Our girls were the last ones standing at 2 minutes and 40 seconds!

1st Place GRAND DIVISION CHAMPS against all Middle School Teams.

We are so proud!

