

Falcon Families,

Curriculum Chats – This coming week we will begin Curriculum Chats. This is a time for teachers to share class happenings and expectations for the year. This is an informational meeting for parents. If possible, please do not bring students. I would also ask that we respect the teachers' time. If you would like to discuss your child with the teacher, they will have a sign up for Parent conferences available. Curriculum chats are scheduled for:

- **Kindergarten, First and Second Grades – Tuesday, August 28th 6:00pm – 7:30pm**
- **Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades – Thursday, August 30th 6:00pm – 7:30pm**
- **Sixth Grade – Tuesday, September 4th 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

Building Update – Work has begun in the fields to install needed drainage. Once this is complete we will be able to open the outdoor basketball courts followed by the intermediate playground, and finally, when the grass is safe, we will open the fields.

Safety Videos – *Student safety and security is paramount at Freedom Crossing Academy. This year, as detailed in SB 7026, the St. Johns Sheriff's Office (SJSO) will be facilitating statutorily required training to all students, staff and faculty to demonstrate procedures and provide instructions if a lockdown/hostile intruder/active shooter situation occurs. The SJSO has created videos that will be shown once to students and SJSO personnel will facilitate the presentations.*

The videos were created to be age-appropriate for the intended audience and are not meant to frighten students. Instructions and/or demonstrations in the videos will be incorporated into safety drills with students throughout the year. The focus of the videos is on rules and guidelines that will help our students in the case of an actual emergency.

District leadership and elementary administrators have previewed these and we certainly endorse that the video content/narration delivers the right message in a very appropriate manner that will assist students in being prepared.

As part of our emergency operations plans, these videos are confidential and exempt from public disclosure Florida Statute 119.071 (3) (a) 1.

The above message was generated by the School District for all schools to use. We completed this requirement today (Friday). One of our own deputies that our students have seen many times was able to facilitate this presentation. He did a great job and focused all our students on the #1 'Always Rule' to Always Listen to the Teacher. I was very proud of our students and the great audience they were. There were three different presentations that were shown to different ages. Each presentation was directed to that age group. The Sheriff's office worked very hard to make the content age-relevant and they did a wonderful job. We are grateful to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and all the efforts that have been taken to keep our students safe.

Special Announcement for 4th, 5th and 6th Graders – We have been selected to take part in the Jacksonville Jaguar Honor Rows!!! Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Lime, our school was selected to receive 100 tickets to the Sept. 23rd game against the Tennessee Titans. We have started awarding students in these grade levels LiveSchool Points so they can enter a drawing to attend the game. LiveSchool will be explained during Curriculum Chats, so we hope to see you there. This program allows you to see the positives that your child has been recognized for. We will be taking 25 students from each of these grades and staff chaperones. We are excited to be able to attend this event in our first year!!!

Class Visits – This past week our administration has spent most of our time in classrooms and getting to know our students. I want to share how amazing our classes and students are. As I entered several of the rooms, I was greeted by a student who gave me a tour of the room and shared their ‘Social Contract’. We had a lot of fun together. A first grade class even helped me practice hand motions for the “FCA Way”. These motions were developed by a 6th grader once the “FCA Way” was developed. Mrs. Lime, Mrs. Rugan and I have really enjoyed spending time with your children and we are looking forward to spending more time with them.

More newsletter to come – There is more information that we have to share so please look for the first official Newsletter coming next week. It will also give me a chance to add anything I missed this week.



Have a Great Day and GO FALCONS!!!