

THE FALCON'S FOCUS



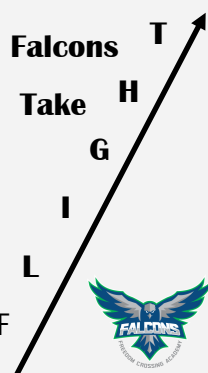
Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

May 1st, 2019



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Falcon Families,

Year End – It is hard to believe that we are a few weeks from the end of the school year. But please do not worry, it is only 78 days before they return to school again. It is wonderful to think that all our students will be returning next year. Please be aware that the last day of school, Friday May 24th is an early release day. Students will be dismissed at 1:50pm, just like a normal Wednesday dismissal.

Parent Input forms – This week we will be sending home parent input forms. These are forms for you to have input on the homeroom teacher for your child next year. There are two important things, I would like to share. First, we do not take requests for teacher by name. The form is used to tell us about your child and how they learn best, then we do our best to match them with a teacher that meets their learning style. We spend most of the summer working on this. Again, we do not accept teacher requests by name. Next, as we continue to evolve in the PLC process a student may spend less and less time with their assigned teacher. We are moving toward an environment where a child is assigned to a grade level, not an individual teacher.

Un-Fundraiser – Thank you for your support of our Fundraiser. We have tried our best to limit what we ask our families for as fundraisers. As parents we know how costly it can be when a school is continually requesting support. As a school, this and the Boosterthon are the only initiatives we have held this year. We also feel strongly about keeping our students safe and not requiring a lot from our families in the effort it takes to sell things. This Un-Fundraiser will help support two of the three initiatives we have here at FCA. We believe that part of our success this first year has been thanks to the PLC process and to the Capturing Kids Hearts training that some of our staff have been trained on. The proceeds from this un-Fundraiser will help support additional teachers being able to attend these trainings. The teachers donate their summer days off to attend these trainings. We are thankful to them for their dedication to these programs and our school. Link to what Capturing Kids Hearts is all about - <https://vimeo.com/332743597/9bf38d3355>

Dress Code – As the weather is getting warmer, there are many students that are wearing warmer clothes. Please help us end the year on a positive note, by making sure your child is following the dress code. All students should be wearing appropriate shoes. All students K-5 go to recess every day. They do a lot of running around and are very active. Please be sure your child is wearing appropriate safe shoes. Tennis shoes on a daily basis are highly recommended.

End of the Year – As we approach the final days of school, we are asking our staff and students to 'Finish Strong'. We are keeping things as normal as possible for as long as possible. We want to take advantage of every day we have with our students. Thank you for your support of 'Finishing Strong'.

Have a great week and Go Falcons,

Principal Allen Anderson

Allen Anderson - Principal

Melissa Lime – Assistant Principal

Amy Rugen - Assistant Principal

Important Dates

2018-2019 FCA Calendar



2018-2019 SJCS D Calendar

Thursday/Friday, May 2 & 3 - FSA Reading 4th-6th

Monday/Tuesday, May 6 & 7 - FSA Math 3rd - 6th

Thursday May 9 - 2nd Grd Field Study (TIAA) - Buchholz, Denny, Johnson Pelkey

Friday, May 10 - 2nd Grd Field Study (TIAA) - Close, Foster, Langston, Zweigle

Thursday/Friday, May 9 & 10 - SSA (Science) 5th

Monday, May 13 - SAC Meeting 4pm

Thursday, May 16 - Drama Performance (Madagascar) 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 16th - Jag Mini Camp for Middle School - See Page 7 of Newsletter

Wednesday, May 22 - 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Thursday, May 23 - 5th Grade Universal Studios Trip

Friday, May 24 - Last Day of School

Clinic News

**24
HOURS**



HELP KEEP OUR STUDENTS HEALTHY

Please be aware that St John's County School District Policy states that children must be fever free (under 100.0 degrees), no vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours WITHOUT medication before returning to school. If they are sent home from school with a fever, they should not return to school the next day. And as always, remind your child the importance of frequent handwashing.

End of Year Medication Pickup

As we near the end of the school year, I remind you to stop by the clinic to pick up your child's medication. School policy does not allow for medication to remain in the school over the summer. It will be important for you to make arrangements to pick up your child's medication since medications may not go home with the student. Any medication left in the clinic after Tuesday, May 28th at 11:00 a.m. will be discarded according to policy.

New medication forms must be completed each new school year. There will be copies of the most common forms put on our website for next year so that you can print them at home before going to MD appointments. I also have them available in the clinic if you would like to pick one up for next year.



Teacher Appreciation Week



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

Join the PTO in thanking our **All-Star Teachers!** Choose a day or two (or all five) to participate, and show your teachers that they are loved and appreciated!

Monday, 5/6 - Bring your teacher a piece of whole fruit to start off his/her week! (Please do not bring anything requiring refrigeration, i.e., cut-up fruit)

Tuesday, 5/7 - Bring in a flower to make a class bouquet for your teacher!

Wednesday, 5/8 - Treat your teacher with his/her favorite snack or treat

Thursday, 5/9 - Tell your teacher how great they are by writing a note or making a homemade card for him/her!

Friday, 5/10 - Root for your teacher by wearing his/her favorite team and/or colors!

"Breakfast of Champions & Tailgate Lunch"

As the end of school draws near we want to express our appreciation to our awesome staff for a great first year at FCA! Our Staff & Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10th. On Tuesday, we will be having a

"Breakfast of Champions"

and on Friday will be providing a tailgate-type lunch, showing them "We're Your Biggest Fan!" The PTO would appreciate if you are able to help fill some needs for these meals. We are also asking for drinks to help with each day's events.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054da9a72fa57-fcastaffteacher>

FCA Community Service Project

This year, Freedom Crossing Academy partnered with our sister school, Crookshank Elementary, for a community service project to raise funds and seek donations for classroom supplies and materials. During the FCA Home Basketball games, FCA families and students donated school supplies to support classroom initiatives and projects at CES. In March, FCA and PVA faculty and staff competed in a charity basketball game to raise funds for the winning school's charity of choice. As the winner, FCA was able to donate funds to Crookshank to further support their instructional initiatives.



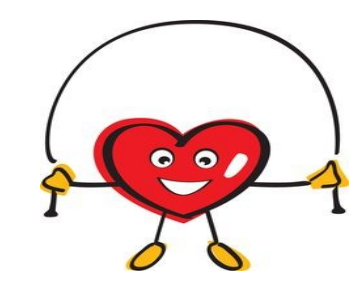
Jump Rope For Heart



Not long ago Coach Wright & Coach Spahija held a
“Jump Rope for Heart” Fundraiser.

We are proud to announce that FCA was able to raise **\$5,472** for the American Heart Association.

- We had over **600** students participate -



Way to go FCA

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.

This was a great year for Jump Rope for Heart

Our Volunteers Help Us Take Flight

We would like to send out a “HUGE Thank You” to all of our wonderful volunteers. We can’t say it enough. You guys are an instrumental part of FCA being a success. Our School is taking flight and Breaking Barriers and you are a huge part of that.



FSA at FCA - We Need Your Help



Each year we are required to have Proctors in each of our classrooms that take the FSA. No experience is necessary. We need you as an extra set of eyes for the classroom. The only requirement is that you are an approved volunteer in SJCSD. Please spread the word to anyone who might be able to help us out. College students often need community volunteer hours and this would count towards that. We appreciate your help.

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FREEDOM CROSSING ACADEMY SAC

Student Advisory Committee

When: 2nd Monday of each month from 4pm - 5pm

Where: FCA Meeting Room

Monthly meetings cover valuable information concerning the direction of the school. It is an excellent guide that helps keep you as well as our community informed. Who exactly are we looking for: working parents, stay at home parents, grandparents, business owners, community leaders, retired teachers, etc. When it comes to shaping the future of this school we want to approach the issues from all points of view. We are in this together and together we will continue the success here at FCA.

You have go to know!!

Physicals



Immunizations

School and Sports Physicals

Pacetti Bay Middle School

245 Meadowlark Lane

St. Augustine, FL 32092

Wednesday, July 10th

9:00am - 3:00pm

Walk-in Only - Last walk-in taken at 2pm

&

Crookshank Elementary School

1455 North Whitney Street

St. Augustine, FL 32084

Wednesday, July 17th

9:00am - 3:00pm

Walk-in Only - Last walk-in taken at 2pm

NO CHARGE TO YOU FOR SERVICES

Children ages 4 – 18 years old

All vaccines available, except Varicella (VZV).

Must bring current shot record. Out of state records are acceptable.

Questions? Call (904) 547-7628



Jaguar Youth Football Camp Is Back - (Middle School Students)



On Thursday, May 16th the Jaguar Youth Football Camp is scheduled to visit FCA for an another amazing LiveSchool incentive for our current and rising middle school students. Our students are very excited about this awesome incentive and are purchasing raffle tickets using their LiveSchool points for the opportunity to participate in this exciting event.

We need several volunteers to help monitor the football themed stations.

The stations will consist of:

Heads Up Tackling, Touchdown Dive, Back Pedal and Run, Oklahoma Drill (2 stations in 1), Vertical Jump, and Quarterback Passing.



Volunteers should arrive at FCA at 8am and wear comfortable shoes and athletic wear. Water will be provided. The Jaguar team will assign stations and go over the drills prior to the students arrival. The students will rotate between stations every 15-20 minutes. Students will arrive at 8:45am and will be dismissed around 10:30am.

If you are interested in volunteering, please register by clicking on the Sign Up Genius link below. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Lime, Assistant Principal, at 547-4237 or by email at Melissa.lime@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Thank you again for your support!
Go Falcons and Go Jags!! -Melissa

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AAA822ABF58-middle>

You must be an approved volunteer to participate.

Pokey Say's



You have been assigned to this mountain to show others it can be moved...