

THE FALCON'S FOCUS



Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

May 21st, 2019



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Falcon Families,

Thank you – This has been an amazing opening of a school. I would like to thank all our families for your support and understanding during our first year. We were able to accomplish so much this year. We believe that the culture makes the biggest difference in any organization. When you have people ranging in age from 5 to over 65, it can be difficult to build a positive culture. Thanks to you, our students and our staff we were able to establish that culture. Within FCA we say we 'Do Better'. This was a very successful year and I can't wait to share good news over the summer, but next year we will strive to 'Do Better'. It is our goal to do better and better each and every year. We take 'Breaking Barriers' seriously and will continue to strive to 'Break Barriers' for the benefit of our students. It has been an honor to work with each and every family and I look forward to our continued collaboration for OUR students. Again, thank you for your continued support. On behalf of all the staff at FCA we wish you all a safe and memorable summer. We will see you in 79 days for the opening of the 2019-20 School Year.

Early Dismissal on the Last Day of School – We will dismiss at 1:50 on the last day of school, Friday, May 24.

School Times Change Next Year – Next year all Elementary and K-8 schools will begin and end 5 minutes earlier. FCA will begin instruction at 8:25am and will be dismissed at 2:45pm (1:45pm on Wednesdays). Middle and High Schools have new start and end times as well. This is all due to our growing community and the limited ability to bus all our students.

Registration - It is very important that all new students register as soon as possible for school. This includes incoming Kindergartners and students new to our school. Early registration is key to hiring all the necessary staff. Verification sheets are also important and required for all our incoming Sixth Grade Students. - Registration is a 2 Step Process -

1st you register with PowerSchool - <https://secure.infosnap.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=16677&culture=en>

2nd you signup for an appointment - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44a9ad22a6ff2-fcaregistration>

Parent Input Forms – We recently sent home forms for parents to give input on the homeroom teacher for next year. Please remember that we do not take requests by name. Again, as we improve the PLC process students will spend more and more time with other teachers to help with specific skills.

Shetland Drive Bus Riders – Next year transportation will suspend bus service for families on Shetland Drive. It was provided this year due to all the construction on that road. Next Year all students living on Shetland Drive will be Bikers and Walkers. We do have a bike area and a side entrance for these students.

Summer Work – FCA will not be sending home any special work for the students over the summer. We would ask that all students read and work on basic math facts. These can be things for families to do together. Below is what is recommended:

Reading:

K-2 – Any Book (Razz Kids will continue to be accessible for our students over the summer)

3-7 – Please read books from the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books

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↗ Lists are also on the last pages of this newsletter.

Math:

Kindergarten – Writing Numbers 1 – 30 correctly

1st Grade – Single digit addition facts

2nd Grade – Subtraction fact families of the 1st grade addition facts

3rd Grade - Single digit multiplication facts

4th Grade – Division fact families of the 4th grade multiplication facts

5th – 8th Grade – All above

*The goal is to know the facts, to have fact fluency.

To conclude there are two announcements from the school district:

Dear Parents of Elementary School Students in the St. Johns County School District,

This message is to inform you that a final report card will not be available on the last day of school. Report cards cannot be finalized until Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) scores are received from the Florida Department of Education. We anticipate receiving scores no later than May 31, 2019 and will finalize report cards as soon as possible. You will receive a message from your school notifying you when final report card grades are available. We appreciate your patience. Thank you for another great year in the SJCSd! Have a safe, fun-filled summer.

Dear Parents of Middle School and High School Students,

This message is to inform you that final report cards will be delayed until State End of Course Exam (EOC) and Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) scores are received from the Florida Department of Education. For courses with a state EOC the score constitutes 30% of the final grade, therefore the district is unable to produce final report cards until all information is available. State scores will be available no later than June 30, 2019. You will receive a message from your school when final report card grades have been posted in Home Access Center (HAC). We appreciate your patience and assure you that we will make the final report cards available as soon as possible. Thank you for another great year in the SJCSd. We wish you a safe, fun-filled summer.

Have a great week and see you next school year.

Principal Allen Anderson

Important Dates

2018-2019 FCA Calendar



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Wednesday, May 22 - 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Thursday, May 23 - Kindergarten Water Day

Thursday, May 23 - 5th Grade Universal Studios Trip

Friday, May 24 - Last Day of School

Monday, June 3 - Summer Camp @ FCA Starts

Monday, August 12th - First Day of School

Free School Immunizations & Physicals

Immunizations & School and Sports Physicals

Pacetti Bay Middle School

245 Meadowlark Lane

St. Augustine, FL 32092

Wednesday, July 10th

9:00am - 3:00pm



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

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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

Summer Camp at FCA



Village Extended Day Services Presents

Summer Camp

REGISTER NOW SUMMER 2019!

SUMMER CAMP AT FCA PROVIDES AN INFORMAL SETTING FOR SUMMER LEARNING AND EXPLORATION. WE ENCOURAGE TEAM BUILDING, VOLUNTEERISM, FRIENDSHIP SKILLS, AND PERSONAL GROWTH ALL WHILE HAVING SUMMER FUN.

Contact Tonie at 904-599-9353 or tonie@villageextendedday.com

- STEM ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIMENTS
- INDOOR/OUTDOOR SPORTS AND CHALLENGES
- WATER PLAY
- PROJECT BASED ARTS AND CRAFTS
- MAKERS LAB
- OFF-CAMPUS FIELD TRIPS
- FUN WITH FOOD COOKING PROJECTS
- ARCADE
- COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

ONSITE AT FREEDOM CROSSING ACADEMY

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8AM - 4PM

SESSION 1: JUNE 3-7 (PASSPORT TO FUN & JUNE 10-14 (ISLAND EXPLORER)

SESSION 2: JUNE 17-21 (DESTINATION IMAGINATION) & JUNE 24-28 (ENGINEERS & INVENTORS)

SESSION 3: JULY 1-5 (HOLLYWOOD) & JULY 8-12 (UNDER THE BIG TOP)

SESSION 4: JULY 15-19 (GO FOR THE GOLD) & JULY 22-26 (PEACE OUT)

REGISTRATION: \$55 FOR ONE 2 WEEK SESSION
\$80 FOR 2 TWO-WEEK SESSIONS
\$90 FOR 3 OR MORE TWO-WEEK SESSIONS
\$174 A WEEK

TUITION: \$174 A WEEK

SIBLING DISCOUNT: \$15 OFF EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD

EXTENDED CAMP HOURS FROM 7-8AM AND 4-5:30PM
\$20 EXTRA PER WEEK

Summer is quickly approaching and spots are filling up fast in our summer camp at Freedom Crossing Academy.

We are very excited to announce that we will be able to use the swimming pool at Aberdeen this summer! In addition to swimming, we have weekly field trips scheduled and will be having in-house field trips as well. Summer Camp begins on Monday, June 3rd and will run through Friday, July 26th. Our hours of operation are 7 am- 5:30 pm for extended hours and 8 am - 4 pm for regular hours.

Please email me at tonie@villageextendedday.com or call me at (904) 599-9353. We can't wait to see you this summer!

To Our Community

Opening a School takes a lot of hard work, dedication, & patience.

We can't say Thank You enough.

Our School Staff is Amazing! Our Students are Extraordinary!

Our Parents are Incredible! Our PTO is Phenomenal!

Our Business Sponsors are Unbelievable! Our Community is Unparalleled!

We are Falcons. We are Family!



FCA Students Are Environmentalists



When FCA opened we were introduced to new technology throughout the school. Many of these advancements are used by the teachers. One in particular was brought in for the students with hopes that they would utilize it. In multiple areas of the school you will find water bottle refill stations. These stations provide chilled, filtered water to our Falcons while tracking the number of plastic bottles kept out of the environment. We are proud to share with all of you that our Falcons...your children, have saved 46,000 plastic bottles from entering into the environment. At FCA we Break Barriers and we can't wait to break that total next school year.

WELL DONE FALCONS!



Here is a breakdown of the number of bottles saved per location

300 Hall - 15,863

400 Hall - 12,912

600 Hall - 6,357

200 Hall - 5228

Cafeteria - 3,538

Gym - 1,919

900 Hall - 98

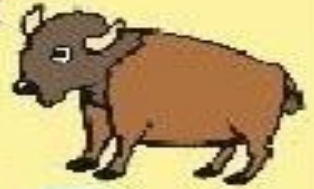
Pokey Say's See You Later Alligator



See you later, Alligator!

After a while, Crocodile!

Gotta go, Buffalo!



See you soon, Raccoon!

Be sweet, Parakeet!

Take care, Polar Bear!



In a shake, Garter Snake!

Hit the road, Happy Toad!



Can't stay, Blue Jay!

Bye-bye, Butterfly!



Give me a hug, Ladybug!



Toodle-loo, Kangaroo!



Time to scoot, Little Newt!



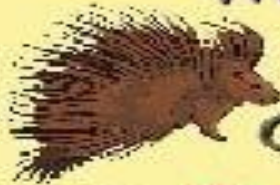
Till then, Penguin!

Adios, Hippos!



Hast manana, Iguana!

Give a kiss, Goldfish!



Get in line, Porcupine!

Out the door, Dinosaur!



On the bus, Octopus!

To your house, Quiet mouse!



Our school day now ends. So good-bye, my Dear Friends!



See ya next year...

3rd - 5th Reading List



Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2019-2020 List for Grades 3-5



***The Ambrose Deception* by Emily Ecton**

Three students are chosen seemingly at random to participate in a scavenger hunt with a ten thousand dollar prize. Is Melissa a forger? Or an entrepreneur? Is Bondi a con man? Or a hard worker? And is Wilf a thief? Or filled with adventure? These three children race around Chicago trying to solve their clues first. But there is much more than meets the eye. This scavenger hunt, and all of the people associated with it, are more than meets the eye.



***Annie's Life in Lists* by Kristin Mahoney**

Fifth grader, Annie thinks it's all her fault when her parents decide to move their family from Brooklyn, NY to Clover Gap, population 8,432 and so does her brother! Annie blames her amazing memory on the move and hides her ability from her new friends. Then Annie discovers a secret hidden among papers in the attic. What really brought her family to Clover Gap and will they ever be able to call it home?



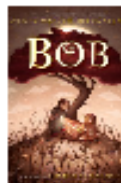
***Ben Franklin's in my Bathroom!* by Candace Fleming**

When Ben Franklin accidentally gets transported to the 21st century, he can't get enough of all the modern inventions like indoor plumbing. Will Nolan and Olive be able to figure out how to return him to his own time before anyone finds out? A great combination of history and humor that everyone will enjoy.



***The Bicycle Spy* by Yona Zeldis McDonough**

Marcel dreams of competing in the Tour De France, even though the race has been canceled for the last two years due to the German occupation of France. While riding his bicycle to make deliveries for his parents bakery, he discovers a secret that will change his world. Will Marcel use his bicycle racing skills, and be brave enough to help his family with the resistance movement and save his friend and her family from serious danger?



***Bob* by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead**

It's been five years since Livy last opened the door to the bedroom closet, but Bob, a small green being wearing a chicken suit, has been patiently waiting for her to return and help him figure out his identity and where he belongs. After all, a promise is a promise.



***Cosmic Commandos* by Christopher Eliopoulos**

Jeremy and Justin are identical twins, but the only thing they have in common is their looks. One morning Jeremy finds a decoder ring at the bottom of the cereal box; he is not very impressed. Little does he know, the ring actually grants the owner a wish. Jeremy suddenly finds himself inside his favorite video game. He will have to battle all the villains to win. Jeremy has never beat the final level of the game. Justin has really good ideas and tries to help. Jeremy is not used to listening to his brother. Will Jeremy be able to get the help he needs to save his town?



***Dragon with a Chocolate Heart* by Stephanie Burgis**

Aventurine is a feisty young dragon who tries to go on adventures/huntings with her family, but they keep telling her she is too young and not ready. She disagrees and is going to prove it! This spunky dragon gets tricked into drinking hot chocolate and then transforms into a human girl. Her desire for chocolate takes her on a whole new adventure into the human world!

6th - 8th Reading List



Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2019-2020 List for Grades 6-8



24 Hours in Nowhere by Dusti Bowling

Gus hopes in just a short twenty-four hours, he can explore and escape the abandoned mine in his home of Nowhere, Arizona. He just has to find the rumored gold, win back a dirt bike from a thirteen-year-old bully, and try not to die from dehydration, cave-ins, and wild animal attacks. But man can't survive on Twinkies alone. A life-threatening adventure such as this requires the companionship of the dirt bike-riding new girl in town and Gus's two former friends. Throughout the day and night, the group of outsiders learn that they have more things in common than they realized, and it's their newly formed bond that will be the key to their survival. Bikes might get damaged and bones might get broken, but their newly formed friendships will thrive in this desert town.



The Adventurers Guild by Zack Loran Clark

Zed Kagari and Brock Dunderfel are preparing for the Guildcullen. The day where children find what path they will take for the rest of their life. Before they can be chosen, they find themselves drafted into the Adventurer's Guild. The guild that travels outside the walls of Freestone, into the wild lands between cities filled with monsters and "Dangers". When the boys uncover that the city might have a traitor, looking to destroy all the city had worked for, they have to work with new allies to save their town and prove their worth.



All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson

As a squire-in-training, eleven-year-old Impy must demonstrate her bravery to move up in the ranks at the Renaissance Faire where her family works. Though she can wield a sword and handle the threats of dragons, will she survive the challenge that is MIDDLE SCHOOL? Impy will learn how to transition from home-schooled child to a public school student. How will she navigate the school hallways? How will she deal with hard teachers? Will she make friends who accept her for who she is? Impy is about to find out just how brave she can be and which dragons she needs to slay to conquer middle school.



Boy X by Dan Smith

Twelve-year-old Ash wakes up in an unfamiliar room with an IV in his arm, a head full of jumbled memories, and a host of superhuman abilities. He has no idea what he is capable of, but if he is going to save the world, he needs to evolve. With the lead scientists locked in quarantine including his mother, it is up to Ash to track a group of criminals intent on releasing a deadly virus into the world. Unfortunately, a dense jungle full of terrifying creatures is between the biosphere where he is being kept and the getaway boat.



Breakout by Kate Messner

Nora Tucker is looking forward to summer vacation in Wolf Creek—two months of swimming, popsicles, and brushing up on her journalism skills for the school paper. When two inmates break out of the town's maximum security prison, everything changes. Doors that were never locked are locked, helicopters fly over, and the police are on patrol. The worse part is everyone is on edge. The fear has brought out the worst in people Nora has known her whole life. Even if the inmates are caught, she worries that home might never feel the same.



Captain Superlative by J.S. Puller

Janey Silverman doesn't know what to make of the girl in the red mask, blue wig, silver swimsuit, high top sneakers and a cape. She's determined to find out more about the girl who runs through the halls of Deerwood Park Middle School championing good deeds and standing up to bullies. When she tries out her secret identity, she gets more than she bargains for as Captain Superlative's new sidekick. Janey also finds out some secrets about herself and what makes a good hero, and a good friend.



Elephant Secret by Eric Walters

Samantha Gray is known as the "elephant girl" since she lives in an animal sanctuary with eleven elephants and her dad. She finds her elephant family much easier to get along with than most people, including her dad's lawyer girlfriend, Joyce. When a beloved elephant dies giving birth to a newborn, Sam's world is upended. She knew raising a newborn would be a challenge, but something is very different about *this* baby. Secrets begin to threaten not only the herd's peaceful existence at the sanctuary, but even Sam and her dad's place among the elephants.