

THE FALCON'S FOCUS

Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

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Falcon Families,

Weather / Michael – Please know I will share any information concerning schools and any weather related issues as soon as I receive the information. At the current time it looks like Michael may bring us a wet dismissal later this week. The rest of this section is for your information, it is not to imply anything. Freedom Crossing Academy was built to be a Hurricane Shelter. The past couple of years we did close schools for educational purposes and opened several as shelters. The plan for FCA if it were to open as a shelter would be to open it for those that require medical treatments. Timberlin Creek Elementary is also a local shelter that also accepts pets. If there is potential weather the school district works very closely with several Emergency Services. FCA would not be open to the general public. We get updates on conditions and any impact, as we currently are with Michael. Again, I will communicate any important information pertaining to school as it is received. If schools were open as shelters, please understand that the reopening of schools is dependent on the transitioning from shelters back to being school ready. Let's hope all this is just for your information and we will not have to put it into practice.

The message above was prepared earlier to go out today. As I entered the building today, the weather alert was going warning of high winds. I was thankful that our staff had already taken the steps needed to keep our students safe. In our building there is very little that we do different, our goal is to keep the day as normal as possible. This is a benefit of the construction of the building. We do monitor all situations and adjust as needed.



Allen Anderson - Principal Melissa Lime – Assistant Principal Amy Rugen - Assistant Principal



Costume Parade – We will hold a Literacy Parade to celebrate reading and our favorite book characters. Only grades K-4 will participate. We will have a parade in front of the school which parents may attend as observers. Students are to dress as a character from a book and are encouraged to have the book with them. Costumes should not include masks, makeup, or anything that resembles a weapon of any kind. Fifth Grade already has an activity planned for that day. The parade will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 31st. We will share a start time and parking information closer to the event. Please remember that this is a Literacy Parade and to support your child dressing as a book character.

FCA Volleyball - 'THE BIG GAME' – WOW !!! That was amazing.

Thank you to everyone that came out to support our Volleyball teams at last week's games. We filled the gym with over 500 people. The games were exciting and both FCA teams were able to continue their winning records. There are only three games left, Can they hold on to end the first ever year with a perfect record??

Teachers – This past week our teachers held a mini conference. We have so many wonderful teachers from a variety of locations and experiences. This past week, they opened their rooms and conducted their own mini conference sharing the different things they are doing in their rooms. We are very fortunate to have a group of teachers that are committed to sharing best practices for the benefit of all students.

No School Reminder – This coming Monday, Oct. 15 is a Teacher Planning day as we end the First Quarter. There is **no school** on this day for students.

Boosterthon – Boosterthon is our major fundraiser of the year. Beginning next week you will get information concerning this event. There are no door to door sales. Students are asked to call family and friends to support them as they run laps. We have worked with this organization for several years now and have found them to be the most beneficial organization to fund raise with. They bring a lot of energy in to the school and teach lesson on good character to our students during the process. They also give a portion of their proceeds to help different organizations around the world each year. This year all FCA proceeds will go to our classrooms.

Have a Great Day and GO FALCONS!!!

Principal Allen Anderson

Important Dates

2018-2019 FCA Calendar



2018-2019 SJCSD Calendar



Fri, Oct 12th: Family Bingo Night @ 6:30pm in the FCA Café - See you all there

Fri, Oct 12th: First Quarter Ends

Mon, Oct 15th: Teacher Planning Day - No School for Students

Wed, Oct 24th: Report Cards in HAC

Thurs, Oct 25th: Boosterthon Fun Run

Mon, Nov 12th: Veterans Day - No School

Wed, Nov 21th - 23rd: Thanksgiving Break

Athletics

Home Of The Flying Falcons

Tuesday Oct 9th - vs. POA (Away Game)

Thursday Oct 11th - vs. MCA (Home Game)

Tuesday Oct 16th - vs. LPA (Home Game)

Undefeated - YES WE ARE....



FCA Storybook Pumpkin Patch!



Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers:

Freedom Crossing Academy is growing a storybook pumpkin patch and we need your help! FCA students, staff, and parents are invited to decorate a pumpkin to look like their favorite book character. It's easy and fun for everyone! Bring a decorated pumpkin to school during the week of October 16-19 and we will keep them on display in the Media Center until October 31st!

Rules and Guidelines:

1. **NO CARVED PUMPKINS!** Carved pumpkins rot, attract bugs, and smell. Pumpkins may be painted, hot glued, colored and decorated. Acrylic paints and permanent markers work well. Watercolors tend to run. Other options include yarn, buttons, googly eyes, etc. Gourds and other pumpkin-like squash may also be used. Carved/cut pumpkins will be sent home or discarded!
2. Pumpkins should represent a favorite **book character**. On the entry form, write the title and author of the book and include a copy of the book (or a printout of the book's cover) to display with the pumpkin character. (Do an online search for "storybook pumpkins" for ideas! Pinterest has TONS of great examples!)
3. You can make your own storybook pumpkin, or you can team up with a friend, neighbor, classmate, or sibling! Even better, make it a family project!!
4. Write your full name(s) on the **BOTTOM** of your pumpkin **AND** on your entry form!
5. Pumpkins will be on display from October 16 until October 31st. All pumpkins must be brought home on or before October 31st. Pumpkins that are not picked up will be disposed of.

Have fun and be creative!!

Bring in Pumpkins and Entry Forms	Bring Home Pumpkins and Entry Forms
Week of October 16-19	October 31 st

Entry form attached to this email...

Book Fair



November 6th thru the 9th

Musical Auditions

Hello Fabulous Falcon Families! We are honored to announce our musical for this year...MADAGASCAR! If you are interested in having your child audition for a support roll, please make note of the following dates:

October 9th: k, 1st and 2nd grades

October 10: 5th and 6th grades

October 11th: 3rd and 4th grades



For the audition for grades k-3, students are to be prepared to share a story no longer than 2 minutes. It may be a personal story, fairy tale, or a poem. They will also be asked to sing Happy Birthday.

For students in grades 4-6th: Students need to prepare a monologue between 1-2 minutes long. The monologue can be from a play or movie. There are plenty of websites online that have monologues just for kids. They will also be asked to sing a favorite song, no longer than 2 minutes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Ms. Odom.

Thanks so much!

Gifted Advisory Meetings

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets four times per year to inform the school district about ways in which we can improve our efforts in serving our gifted students. Parents of K-12 gifted students from throughout the district are encouraged to come to all of the meetings.

Gifted Parent Advisory Council and Parent Trainings

2018-2019

Otis A Mason - Elementary School

Tuesday, August 28th

6:30 - 8pm

Media Center

Hickory Creek - Elementary School

Thursday, November 15th

6:30 - 8pm

Media Center

Freedom Crossing Academy

Thursday, February 28th

6:30 - 8pm

Media Center

Palm Valley Academy

Tuesday, April 23rd

6:30 - 8pm

Media Center

Paying By Check Policy

A Gentle Reminder for Parents: When sending in check payments for your child's Lunch account or any reason; please include first and last name and 2 telephone numbers for banking purposes. Our Finance Department will not accept checks without *current* contact information.

Please go to Paypams.com to track what your child/children purchases and payments are.

Thank you



When paying by check, please remember to add any missing information that our check cashing company requires.

- 1) Your check should have: Your Full Name
- 2) Your Address (No P.O. Box)
- 3) Your Home Phone Number (With Area Code)
- 4) Your Secondary Phone Number (With Area Code)
- 5) Your Drivers License # (With State)

Contest



Contest

Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott's Hispanic Heritage Month Art Contest is open to all K-3 students in the state of Florida. Two winners will be selected.

Entry Dates: Entries must be mailed to Volunteer Florida: Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, 3800

Esplanade Way, Suite 180, Tallahassee, Florida 32311. All entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, October 15, 2018. Emailed, scanned, or faxed entries will not be accepted. Contestants are responsible for all shipping costs.

Please see attached flyer for more details.

PTO News

Room Parents

We recently had a meeting for all Room Parents to attend and learn a little more about the responsibilities of being a Room Parent. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please contact Jennifer Lindner at busybooklife@yahoo.com and she can fill you in on all of the details and also provide you with a list of your teachers "Favorites".

Spirit Wear

Due to Hurricane Florence, our spirit wear delivery is delayed. It should be in by the beginning of October, but we will keep you posted!

Boosterthon

The Boosterthon Fun Run is coming up and this years theme is "Mind Spark Mystery Lab". The Boosterthon kickoff will be on 10/16 and we will also be having a door decorating contest that day. The Fun Run will take place on 10/25.

Live School

The Live School store is close to opening! Be on the lookout for a sign-up genius to volunteer. Students will have a chance to purchase something from the store during their lunch time.

PTO Meeting

Our next PTO Meeting will be on 10/12 at 3:45pm at FCA.



Family Night

On 10/12 @ 6:30pm, we will be having a Bingo Family Night with a surprise announcer! We will have lots of fun and you will also be able to meet our amazing business partners!

Community News

Sykes Family Farms Crop Maze

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays,
October 6 thru November 4, 2018

The 2018 Crop Maze will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from October 6 to November 4, 2018. In addition to the maze itself, a number of great fall activities are available at the farm -- hayrides, tube slide, a children's play area, corn cannons, farm animals, duck races, and a cow milking station.



Friday's - 6pm - 10pm

Saturday's - 10am - 10pm

Sunday's - 10am - 5pm

Pokey Says...



Almost everything will work
again if you unplug it for a while.

Including YOU.