

THE FALCON'S FOCUS



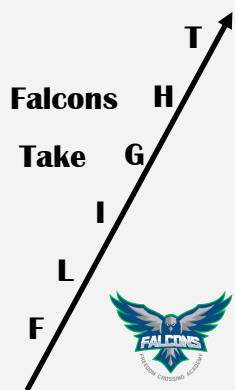
Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

December 19th, 2018



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Falcon Families,

Events this Friday - We just want to be sure that all our families are clear as to what will be happening this Friday. Once the school day begins students will find out what Team they will be on. All students will be separated into teams (Kindergarten is its own team) and escorted to a room where that team will be together. The teams will all be watching the movie, "Polar Express" and completing an activity based on the movie. Teams will receive Live School points based on this activity. After the movie we will resume the rest of the day. We hope this is a memorable experience for all students and will move us further by adding team into our positive behavior system. Please know that all students should have brought home an opt out form if you do not want your child to participate in this activity.

Safety practice- Yesterday we held a few of our drills and have one more that we would like to practice before the break. It is our hope that we have made our students comfortable with these and it was not a big deal to them. Our staff has worked to prepare them for these and it showed yesterday as things went very well. We will continue to practice these through the year.

Happenings in the 900 Hall - This year we are fortunate that we do not have any classes in our third story hall. We have been able to take advantage of this in recent weeks to enhance the learning of many of our students.

Indian History - Recently we were able to use this area to keep our students out of the cold as they enjoyed a guest speaker. Jimmy Sawgrass guided our fourth grade students through the history of Indians in Florida.

Second Grade at Ellis Island - Last week the hall was transformed into Ellis Island so our second graders could experience what it was like for early in our history as people tried to immigrate to America. Many of the participants were even deported back to their home country after enduring several tests.

This week a group has transformed this hall into a scene from a holiday classic as we prepare for our house activity this Friday. We are all very excited as we anticipate Friday being an experience that our students will be excited to share all during the holiday break. We would like to thank all the parent volunteers and teachers that have dedicated a lot of time and effort to make these experiences so powerful for our students. These are the experiences they will remember for a life time.

Winter Break - We would like to wish all our families the happiest of holidays. If you are traveling, please have a safe trip and we hope everyone will be making positive memories with family and friends.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays,

Principal Allen Anderson

Important Dates

2018-2019 FCA Calendar

2018-2019 SJCSO Calendar



Fri, Dec 21st: FCA Express Day - House Selection Party

Fri, Dec 21st: Early Release @ 1:50pm

Mon, Dec 23rd: Winter Break Begins

Mon, Jan 7th: Class Resumes - Woo Hoo

Our Awesome Mathletes



Team Winners for Noetic Learning Math Contest

Parvathi Arathi Praveen & Amrita Ketireddy

National Honorable Mention

Awarded to the top 50% Mathletes

Alex Steffano

Aneesh Sattiraju

Arjun Polaty

Blaze Cecil

Eden Freeman-Warren

Frank Wittmann

Greyson Yaeger

Krishna Patel

Leilany Fresse

Mason DeWolf

Ryan Nunez

Vishnu Gupta

Zoe Schmookler

Correspondence with FCA

Falcon Families: A Gentle Reminder

Please be sure you always include first and last name of your child, Classroom Teacher (HR) and Date on all correspondence sent into school: to include **checks with two phone numbers, Field Trip Money, notes for the school nurse and allergy alerts.**

FCA's Preferred method of lunch payments: Paypams.com Please use this great informative on-line feature when depositing money & checking student spending.

This saves Teachers valuable instructional time minutes!!!

School Activities

COOKIE DECORATING WITH SNOLAF

An Exclusive LiveSchool Incentive for Kindergarten and 1st Graders

Who: The Top 3 students with the highest LiveSchool points in each class this school year.

When: December 19th

Kindergarten: 8:30am-9:15am

1st Grade: 10am-11am

Where: 200 Commons Kitchen



Students will enjoy story time from a very special guest.

School Activities

ALL ABOARD THE FCA EXPRESS

Freedom Crossing Academy celebrates the holiday season with the FCA Express.

During the week of December 17th, all students will enjoy story time in designated Winter themed rooms. Special guests will be reading holiday stories to the students.

On December 21st, students will receive a golden ticket revealing their FCA House name; they will "board" the FCA "train" to watch the movie with their House.

Students will need parent permission to watch the movie.



Questions?

Please contact Mrs. Lime, Assistant Principal at

904-547-4237 or by email at melissa.lime@stjohns.k12.fl.us

ESE Parent Meeting

ESE PARENT ADVISORY ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
THE ESE PARENT ADVISORY, ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

- WELCOMES -

MARLENA JENKINS, LEAD CLINICIAN FOR THE UF JACKSONVILLE
DIAGNOSTIC LEARNING &
RESOURCE SYSTEMS MULTIDISCIPLINARY CENTER

FOR A DISCUSSION ON:
STRATEGIES TO ASSIST CHILDREN TO COPE WITH ANXIETY

GOAL: In an effort to provide parents of 504, Gifted, and
ESE students with strategies to cope
with anxiety, Marlena Jenkins, Lead Clinician from
UF Jacksonville FDLRS-MDC, will disseminate
information and resources.

LOCATION:
FULLERWOOD TRAINING CENTER
10 HILDRETH DR ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32084
Jan 8, 2019
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Reunited & It Feels So Good!!!

FCA Lost & Found is overflowing. Teachers have walked their
classes by and have asked them to check for their missing
items. If your child has come home missing a coat, shirt, hood-
ie, water bottle, lunchbox, etc. Please have them check for their
lost items before the Winter Break.

All unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill over the break.



Band News



Box Tops for Education!

Our Falcon Band is collecting Box Tops for Education. Look for Box Tops on various food items. Clip and save them in a zip lock bag! Send them to Mrs. Zentz anytime!

Thank you for supporting our band program!

Community News

Do you have concerns about your child's:

**Speaking
Moving or Playing
Getting Along with Other Children**

**Understanding
Seeing or Hearing
Learning and Paying Attention**

Self-help Skills Including: Feeding, Dressing, or Toileting

FDLRS/NEFEC Child Find Provides information about community programs and can answer questions or concerns about children birth—5 years of age. Please contact them Toll Free 1-800-227-6036 or at their website www.nefec.org.fdlrs.

Pokey Says



Take pride in how
far you have come and
have faith in how far
you can go!