Families,

I hope you and your families are enjoying these last few days of school. In this newsletter I would like to address three topics:

- 1. Introduction of our Assistant Principals
- 2. Location of FCA offices during the summer
- 3. Extended Day rates

Assistant Principals

It was a very exciting day last week when we got the word of who our Assistant Principals will be. They are going to be a great addition to a very strong staff. We are very fortunate to have these amazing ladies working with our students. They both officially start at FCA on July 1st, and will continue to work at their current schools as they finish all their administrative duties to that school. We are hopeful that they may be able to join us prior to July 1. I am very happy to introduce:

Melisa Lime (currently AP Murray Middle)

Prior to joining Freedom Crossing Academy, Ms. Lime served as assistant principal at R.J. Murray Middle School, curriculum coordinator at Switzerland Point Middle School and served as IB-MYP coordinator and instructional literacy coach during the IB authorization of Pacetti Bay Middle School. In addition, she has served as instructional literacy coach at St. Augustine High School and St. Johns Technical High School and reading/language arts teacher at Gamble Rogers Middle School. The St. Augustine native earned her Master's Degree in Elementary Education and her Educational Leadership certification from the University of North Florida. Ms. Lime has a wealth of knowledge and experience in secondary education and has a strong background in literacy, curriculum, and instruction. She is nationally recognized as a PDK Emerging Leader (2010), an ASCD Emerging Leader (2014), and has been invited to present at the 2018 ASCD National Teaching Excellence Conference on Arts integration and STEAM instructional strategies.

Kimberly Miller (currently AP Cunningham Creek)

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I introduce myself, Kimberly Miller, to Freedom Crossing families, faculty, and staff. I come to FCA as Assistant Principal directly from Cunningham Creek Elementary and previously, Durbin Creek Elementary. It is quite an honor and a special opportunity to continue to serve the school community in which I live and love.

I started my career in education in 1999 when I graduated from the University of North Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. I spent the first half of my teaching career working with all elementary grade level students with a focus on the unique needs of gifted learners. Furthering my career and leadership desires, I widened my lens to begin working with teachers and teams as an Instructional Coach and Testing Coordinator. In 2012, I earned my Masters Degree in Educational Leadership to continue my administrative journey. Moving to St Johns County, I have been blessed to serve the students and families at Nease High School, Durbin Creek Elementary, Cunningham Creek Elementary, and now Freedom Crossing Academy.

As we take flight in opening FCA, I am elated to continue soaring to great heights with my Cardinal friends at CCE and my new Hawk friends from HCE, and going on bigger and better adventures with my Explorer friends from DCES! Together as Falcons, I am thrilled that we get to connect these three excellent learning communities into one fabulous flock.

FCA Summer Offices

Beginning Wednesday, May 30th the FCA offices will be located in the Media Center at Creekside High School. We will be using Tuesday the 29th as a moving day, so please excuse us if we are not available that day. We are very thankful to Creekside H.S. for allowing us to relocate. We are very hopeful that this will assist our families as they register new students for school. Creekside High School

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Extended Day

I came to my attention that there were some concerns about the cost of our extended day program. Please be assured that there was a lot of work by Village Academy that went into setting the prices for extended day services. I did share your concerns with them and we collectively did an audit of the pricing schedule. I am happy to announce that Village Academy will be adjusting enrollment pricing for additional children within a family. The price for a single child was within the area average, but the cost for additional children within a family did need to be adjusted. Village Academy is adjusting this rate and the new rates will be listed on <u>their website</u> later sometime this week.

Again, I hope you enjoy these final days of the 2017-18 School Year.

Allen Anderson Freedom Crossing Academy

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