



Freedom Crossing Academy

April 2022



Dear Falcon Families,

April showers bring May Flowers! I am sure you wait with anticipation when we have bad weather forecast. I greatly appreciate your grace and patience with our weather predictions 😊



Our first week of FSA testing has gone well. We are so proud of our students for their positivity and efforts. Our teachers have worked to help your students prepare including transforming classrooms into *Writing Boot Camps* and *Drafts Park*! Go FCA!!

There will be no testing next week and we resume testing the week of April 19th.

Upcoming April Assessments:

April 20-25 Middle School District Final Exams

April 26-27 2nd-3rd iReady Math

April 28-29 KG-1st iReady Math

See our web page for more testing information:

<https://www-fca.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2022/03/FCA-Spring-21-22-Testing-Calendar-Overview.pdf>

Good News!

Congratulations to 7th grader **Emma York**, as she earned **1st place** in Engineering at the Florida State Science Fair! She also received a special award from the Florida Engineering Foundation. Her project is titled “ **Testing the Impact of Different Fin Lengths on a *Heat Sink with a Thermoelectric Cooler (TEC)***.”

We want to send a great big SHOUT OUT to **Lila Vipperman** in Ms. Ringdahl’s 3rd grade class. Lila was recognized by the American Heart Associate for raising \$ 8345.00 during the **American Heart Associate Kid Heart Challenge**. Thank you to Coach Jeremy Reed for promoting this event!

Field Day - Our K-2 students enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities. Thanks again to our resource team and coaches for creating such a memorable day!

Metrotown in a Day experiential lab was held on Saturday April 2nd. Students had a great day team building and focused on deep conversation about labels and what we can do as a school community to support each other at FCA.



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Mother and Son Mad Science Night was held this past Thursday for students in grades K-5. It was an entertaining night learning how fun science can really be! So glad so many of you joined us. Thank you to PTO for hosting this event!

The **Multicultural Club** recognized its inaugural members this past week. Thank you to FCA's ESOL Paraprofessional for Marisol Luna creating this organization and celebrating our students and their cultures.

School News

Falcons...Purple Up!!!

April is the Month of the Military Child Honoring Our Youngest Heroes

- Every Friday in April: Purple Up!! Everyone wear purple.
- April 6th: Wall of Honor Pictures and Posters Due: Pictures will be displayed in the main front hallway, all month, of our military students/families and posters made by students telling their story as a military child (with pictures, stories of where they have lived, what branch their family serves in, fun facts, etc...their creativity can be endless...this is their time to shine! [See link below to sign up.](#)
- April 14th: Special Military Child Breakfast and Award Ceremony for ALL active-duty military students K-8. See link below to sign up your student to attend!

Sign Up Link for Parents:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V9CzsxL8P0-S9HK_boRDUCRiA1qI-ktCqEUJLeohuVFUN0JTRUhCTkpMTIRNVFFCWVJHMzRNTTgxOC4u

- Special announcements/news segments throughout the month will be made on the Wake-Up Wing News to showcase our military students! Please reach out to your grade level school counselors with any questions. Ms. Ellis (K & 5) *Ms. Rainey (1 & 2) *Ms. Duffey (3 & 4) *Ms. Ward (6 & 7(A-L)) *Ms. Brazil (7(M-Z) & 8)

Movers for Moms

The 4th graders at FCA have teamed up with Two Men and a Truck to participate in a service-learning project called "Movers for Moms". **ALL** students at FCA will be encouraged to collect supplies during the month of April to donate to local women's and family shelters, including Hubbard House, Betty Griffin Center and Quigley in St. Augustine and Jacksonville. The flyer attached has more information and a collection supply list.

The 4th grade students will box the items and the items will be delivered to these shelters just before Mother's Day. The collection will begin on **April 11th** and ends on April 20th.

Please send all supplies to any 4th grade teacher's classroom or to the boxes in the 600 common area or to the main office if you do not have a student in 4th grade.



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April Wild Challenge

During the month of April, our Capturing Kids Heart goal is to go “wild” with affirmation!

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
								1	Friendly Friday Be intentional about your smile
4	Making hearts happy Monday Write a note to a student who is working hard and/or doing the right thing!	5	Teach it Tuesday! Have your kids teach a lesson!	6		7	Try it Thursday Try a new teaching technique, get ideas from your peers!	8	Fun Fri-yay Do something fun and unexpected for your kids.
11		12	Totally awesome Tuesday! Write a note to a staff member to share how they are awesome!	13	Why Wednesday Remember your why and act on it!	14	Thankful Thursday! Express your gratitude, have your kids show their gratitude or teach a lesson about gratitude.	15	No School
18	No School	19	Thinking about you Tuesday! Think of 3 things you do well and say them out loud	20	What's up Wednesday Talk to a colleague that you do not know yet.	21		22	Fearless Friday! Model being fearless and breaking barriers and have your kids set barriers to break.
25	Mix it up Monday! Combine 2 or more subjects into 1 lesson!	26		27	Wild Wednesday Create a wild game/activity for your kids!	28	Thoughtful Thursday Write a thoughtful note to a student(s) who is working hard and/or doing the right thing!	29	

FCA School Play

FREEDOM CROSSING ACADEMY THEATRE PRESENTS

PETER PAN

JR

APRIL 29TH @ 6:30 PM
APRIL 30TH @ 2:00 PM & 6:30 PM

TICKETS @ WWW-FCA.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US



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Freedom Crossing Academy Theatre Presents Peter Pan Jr., April 29th-30th, 2022

Purchase tickets below or at the door (cash only).

Show length – 70 minutes Ticket Price: \$8.00

<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/Peter-Pan-JR-April-29th-630-pm/SdiNqpn?p=yes>

<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/Peter-Pan-JR-April-30th-200-pm/SdsDLK7?p=yes>

<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/Peter-Pan-JR-April-30th-630-pm/SbdxcCk?p=yes>

Playground update

We are still waiting for the 2nd-5th grade playground to be secured in its new location. The ground is still saturated which has delayed the move. We are hoping for a few days of sunshine so this can be installed soon!

April Character Counts

In April, we focus on the **All 6 Character Counts Pillars** –trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. More information at <https://ccstjohns.com/>

COVID Update

The Department of Health released an update to their DOH Rule 64DER21-15. In DOH Rule 64DER21-15, a positive student is allowed to return to school after a 10-day quarantine, no fever, and symptoms are improving. This new DOH Rule adjusts that students may return to school after a 5-day quarantine, no fever, and symptoms are improving.

Please see our district website for more information at

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/>

Safety Update

Bus Loop - Throughout the school year we allow cars to enter the bus loop for drop-off and pick up once busses have cleared the area. Cars should **ONLY** enter the bus loop when busses have departed and are not present. Thank you for your understanding. This keeps our students safe.

Fortify Florida

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows students or parents to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. By accessing FortifyFL at <https://getfortifyfl.com/> or <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/blog/fortifyfl-app/>, individuals can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and rollout.

This information is being presented by Deputy Fornash at our Middle School Expectations Meetings.

Transportation Changes

Please email transportation changes to FCATransportationChanges@stjohns.k12.fl.us Please be mindful that we receive numerous requests for transportation changes each day. If it is possible to maintain your traditional method for afterschool pick up this would be helpful.



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On the Horizon

Apr. 15-18 – No School, teacher/student holiday

Apr. 26 – 4th quarter Interims Issued

Apr. 29 – Drama presentation of Peter Pan

Apr. 28 – School Advisory Committee Meeting @ 4 pm

Take Flight and Break Barriers!

Respectfully,

Gina R. Fonseca

Principal

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