

May 2023

FCA Parent Newsletter



*May's Character Counts Pillar is Citizenship
(Emphasis on Patriotism)*

CKHs - Capturing Kids Hearts Monthly Focus – Citizenship/Integrity

Dear Falcon Families,

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the incredible support and strength our community has shown during this difficult time. As we continue to navigate through the obstacles and uncertainties of these past few weeks, I've been humbled by the resilience, love and compassion that I have witnessed among our families and students. It is during difficult times like these, that we truly come together. Whether it is shown with kind words, gestures of support, or simply being there for one another, our families have demonstrated what it means to be part of caring and compassionate community. I'm truly touched by the outpouring of support that FCA has received. As we move forward, I want to assure you that we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a nurturing and caring learning environment. With your support, I'm confident we will emerge from this experience stronger and more united than ever before. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Important FCA News

Please review the important information regarding placement and class schedules for the 23-24 school year.

Current K-4 parents:

Please review the attachment below to access the parent input form used to help with placement.

<https://forms.office.com/r/MxZtNHUKwh>

Current 5-7 parents:

Please review HAC for 23-24 course request. Once we receive FAST State testing data, we notify parents during the summer to review HAC at that time for any class level changes.

Creekside High School scheduling information:

8th Grade Parents/Guardians/Future Knights,

Student course requests in HAC are visible, any changes parents/students requested with their high school counselors at registration should be visible. If you need any changes made, please reach out to your Creekside Counselor listed below. Thank you! **Mrs. Abbey Mander** Assistant Principal

For information regarding Bartram Trails High School or other school's please check the high schools website.

GOOD NEWS

It is an honor to announce that Freedom Crossing Academy was recognized a for the 2nd year in a row as a **Capturing Kids Heart National Showcase School**. At FCA, we believe in setting high expectations for student behavior and learning, building trusting relationships with all stakeholders, and creating a family atmosphere with high performing collaborative teams and a shared ownership for student learning. We believe in creating a culture of leadership and innovation where students can soar to new heights in their academics and character development. Our commitments, hopes, and dreams for creating an outstanding culture inspired our school mission statement, "Falcons Take Flight," our vision statement, "Breaking Barriers," and the schoolwide PBIS behavior matrix and expectations known as the "FCA Way."

Congratulations to our teachers, staff and students for all they do to follow the FCA Way and Capturing Kids Hearts Culture.



**FREEDOM CROSSING ACADEMY'S
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

**FCA TEACHERS & STAFF ARE
PLANE AWESOME!**

WEEK OF: APRIL 24TH-APRIL 28TH

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR FIRST CLASS FACULTY & STAFF THE LAST WEEK IN APRIL AS THEY TRAVEL WITH FCA PTO AIRLINES. BELOW IS AN ITINERARY OF THE WEEK'S EVENTS WITH SUGGESTIONS ON HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUN OF SPOILING OUR FCA FALCONS WITH THE THANKS THEY DESERVE!

Monday LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN
Send in an in-flight note, postcard, or card from the heart of your passenger to their flight captain.

Tuesday YOU ARE ALL FIRST CLASS
Have your student dress up vacation ready as a tourist to show love to their favorite FCA Falcon pilot!

Wednesday YOU ARE THE BEST IN THE WORLD
Send in a sweet treat to get your flight captain energized for the remainder of their trip!

Thursday YOU ARE OUR ONLY WAY TICKET TO SUCCESS
Every traveler is told to stop and smell the roses! Bring in a flower of your choice to give to your teacher.

Friday FLY HIGH FRIDAY
As we reach our final destination, send in a favorite item from their Favorite's List. Have your student give faculty & staff high fives in the hallways.

The **WORLD** is a better place because of **YOU**

PTO

Our PTO and Parents are out of this world!! Thank you for the wonderful expression of appreciation for our amazing teachers and staff! We are grateful for all the food, gifts and sweet notes! ❤️

PTO will be holding one additional. UN-Fundraiser. See the **attachment**.

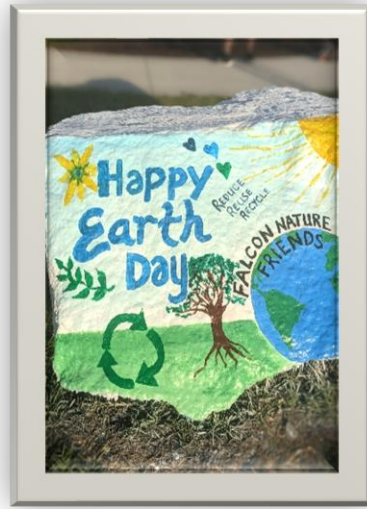
Falcons Breaking Barriers!

4th grade service project - Movers for Moms

Thank you for your contribution to help others in need!



Earth Day: Sponsored by FCA Friends of Nature



FCA Events

April's Month of the Military Child Breakfast



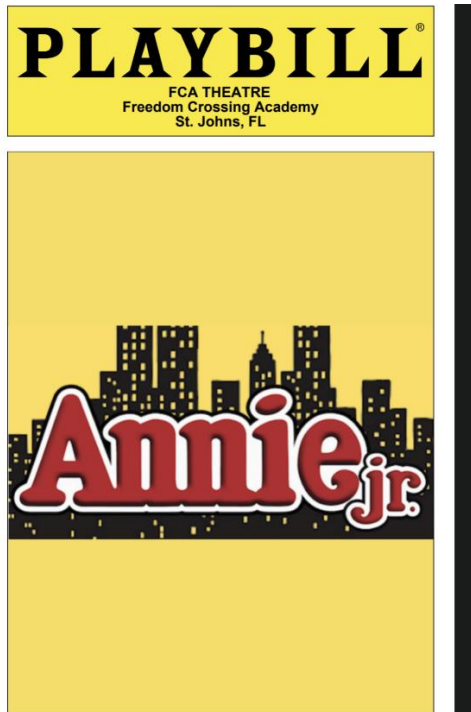
We are grateful for our Military Families and your service to our country.

We appreciate Bartram Trails High School ROTC for visiting our school and students.

Thank you to our own FCA School Counselors for organizing such a wonderful event!

SCENES FROM ANNIE JR. THE MUSICAL

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST, CREW AND
DIRECTOR/TEACHER LAUREN HUNSINGER!**





Elementary Coaches Corner

Dear FCA,

*On behalf of the American Heart Association, thank you very much for raising *\$26,774.11 with your school's recent Kids Heart Challenge /American Heart Challenge program.*

Families and schools are critical links in providing the foundation for cardiovascular wellness in our country. Your support and participation in the Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Challenge makes a tremendous impact in helping millions of Americans through increased awareness of cardiovascular disease, lifesaving scientific research and critically needed education efforts.

With Heart, Nancy Brown, Chief Executive Officer, American Heart Association

Below are a few pictures of the Elementary Coaches getting *slimed* as they fulfil their commitment to the Kids Heart Challenge. They were great sports 😊



Character Cup

FCA Elementary Coaches had the pleasure of taking 12 fifth graders to Nease High School for a county wide event called Character Cup. We chose our 12 fifth grades based on their character and athletic abilities. We have been practicing every Tuesday and Thursday for about 3 months. Each student was able to participate in 3 Olympic style events and had the opportunity to place first, second or third. FCA's winners are as follows:

Sophia Matos
Landon Abinsay
Tucker Loggins
Ashlee Dorich
Ansley Jenkins
Kinley Jenkins
Annie Pieslak
Atreyu Birchenough
Cole Okerberg
Logan Ringdahl
Reed Shoenberg
Emily Monte



Landon Abinsay – 3rd place, boys jump rope

Atreyu Birchenough/Reed Shoenberg – 3rd place, boys sack race

Sophia Matos – 1st place, girls 100 meter dash

Logan Ringdahl/Annie Pieslak – 1st place, Co-ed ski race

Even those that did not place were so close to getting on the podium!! Our kids had amazing character while at the event and they all did their very best! We could not be prouder!

FCA PLACED 2ND OVERALL IN THE ENTIRE COMPETITION!!! Out of 24 schools, our team placed 2nd on the podium!! We were super excited, and the kids ran up on stage as soon as they heard it announced!!

Music To My Ears

CONGRATULATIONS to our FCA Jazz Ensemble, WINNERS of the National Jazz Festival, held in Philadelphia, PA today. We sent in our virtual entry a few months ago. Just found out that we took first place and Ava Stubbs and Sam Cassiani won soloist awards! This was a great capstone to a very successful year!



On the Horizon:

Friday, May 5th–PTO Sponsored Middle School Skating Night

Wednesday, May 10th -Student Directed One Acts

Thursday, May 18th SAC Meeting

Friday, May 19th–8th grade Gradventure

Wednesday, May 24th–5th Grade Field Day Celebration; 8th Grade Celebration Ceremony at 6:30 pm, FCA Gym

Thursday, May 25th - 6th and 7th grade Field Day Last Day for Students Friday,

May 26th–Last Day for Teacher

Capturing Kids Hearts

See the **attached** FCA *Capturing Kids Heart* newsletter. This month's focus is on

Citizenship and Integrity

School start time is 8:25AM.

Our morning lines have become efficient and are successfully moving. We appreciate your help in getting your students to school on time. Please be mindful that students that arrive after 8:25AM are tardy and missing valuable class time.

Additionally, we are so thankful to have our patrols on duty each morning and afternoon. Please know that we begin unloading students at 7:50 each morning. Teachers and staff are not on duty until this time.

Fortify Florida:

FortifyFL is a website and app developed at the direction of the Florida Legislature. Any student, educator, parent or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the FortifyFL app or getfortifyfl.com.

Social Media Tips for Parents link:

[Social Media Tips for Parents](#)

Transportation Changes

Please email transportation changes to FCATransportationChanges@stjohns.k12.fl.us

FCA Launch

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**NEVER BELIEVE THAT A FEW
CARING PEOPLE CAN'T CHANGE
THE WORLD. FOR, INDEED,
THAT'S ALL WHO EVER HAVE.**

– MARGARET MEAD

**Freedom
Crossing
Academy**

Vision

- **F- Focus**
- **L- Leadership**
- **I-Imagination**
- **G-Grit**
- **H-Heart**
- **T-Team**

Mission

- **Break Barriers**



*Gina R. Fonseca, Principal
Take Flight and Break Barriers*