

# FHES “Principal” News October ‘09

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## It's a boy

My daughter and her husband, Nichole and Scott, have made me a proud “abuelito” (little grandfather). Luca Elliot was born on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:41 pm. He was 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 19.5 inches. He is precious!

## Going Green in '09-10 school year

Flint Hill ES and the FHES PTA will continue our efforts to “go green.” We would like to minimize all paper copies going home. As a support to families that do not have computer access, every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Ms. Daly will open the computer lab. Parents and students may come to use the computer lab to check FCPS 24/7, work on assignments, or access the PTA website Virtual Tuesday items at [www.fhespta.org](http://www.fhespta.org). Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This will begin October 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have not been receiving Virtual Tuesday folder Keep In Touch (KIT) messages, please email Mrs. Mirilovich at [sheri.mirilovich@fcps.edu](mailto:sheri.mirilovich@fcps.edu) and request she update your email address in your child's electronic school record system. This will enable you to receive KIT messages from the school. Also, email the PTA webmaster at [webmaster@fhespta.org](mailto:webmaster@fhespta.org) if you have not completed or joined the FHES PTA. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work out the email system.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 2 and as scheduled by teachers. This day is a student holiday as is Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday is Election Day...don't forget to get out and vote! To maximize conference time, parents need to prepare. Plan what you would like to ask your child's teacher in advance. If you have specific questions, try to bring samples of your child's work that may illustrate your question. After the conference, talk with your child about what you and the teacher discussed. Make sure your child knows that both you and the teacher care about their education. Keep in touch with your child's teacher via email and the FCPS Blackboard account. Together, we will ensure a great school year for your child.

## Kiss and Ride

Thank you to the many families that are using FHES Kiss & Ride lane. The flow of traffic created by private cars dropping off and picking up children, commuters passing the school, and buses



around the school make a potential safety hazard for students. The safest method for your child to get to school is on the school bus. If you need to drive your child to school, FCPS has provided the school with guidelines for your child's safety. Students may be dropped off after 8:20 am, please wait for adult supervision. Children should load/unload from the passenger side only. Parents should wait in their vehicle. Keep good byes brief, other vehicles are waiting behind you. Do not pass cars that are loading or unloading. Use the bus lane when instructed by staff or patrols. **Please do not park to load or unload your child in the SACC parking lot or at the median in front of the school.** The school staff recognizes your concerns as parents, and the safety and security of your children are our primary objective. With your help in following these guidelines, your child will be safe and ready to learn.

## Patriots' Day

Flint Hill ES 24<sup>th</sup> annual Patriots' Day will be Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10:30 am. We are asking for photos of parents or guardians who are active duty, retired, or have served in any of the armed forces to honor you with a slide show during the program. Send these pictures to Mrs. Nenninger in the library or email [anne.nenninger@fcps.edu](mailto:anne.nenninger@fcps.edu).



## Student Birthdays

At Flint Hill we like to recognize students on their birthday. Every morning, FHES TV News announces students' birthdays for the day. Students may also come to the office to receive a birthday pencil...they're never too old to get one! Additionally, many parents like to celebrate their child's birthday with treats. If you choose to bring treats, please coordinate with the classroom teacher the best time for the treat. This will give the teacher a “heads up” in case more than one student in the class is celebrating their birthday on that day. The teacher will also let you know of any allergies that may exist in the classroom so that all students may participate. Please do not bring balloons.



## Let's keep healthy

Please remember your child should be 24 hours symptom free before returning to school after being sick.



Check out this video. It's a fun, and funny way to teach all the appropriate way to cough into your sleeve. Type this link into your browser: <http://www.coughsafe.com/media.html>

**Don't forget to vote!!!  
ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**