

FHES "Principal" News September 2010



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School Hours: Mondays: 8:45 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Tuesday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.

The 2010-2011 school year is here!

We all welcome the new school year and are excited about the learning that will take place. Our (FCPS) theme this year is Learning Together, Achieving Together. We will build and strengthen collaborative relationships, learn from each other, and enhance and improve best practices in teaching and learning which lead to student achievement. As a Professional Learning Community (PLC), the Flint Hill ES staff is committed to every student's success.

By now, I hope everyone has worked out many of the scheduling kinks regarding transportation. We still are working on details regarding arrival for some buses and we will send information necessary for clarification. Please don't hesitate to contact the main office if you need assistance.

This year we welcome our new assistant principal, Suzi Powell. She comes to FHES with a lot of experience and we are very happy to have her join our staff. Also, joining our staff are: Shannon Kuykendall, kindergarten; Ainsley Hilburn, third grade; Matt Vogl, sixth grade; Kelly Blair, p/t PE; Lauren Robarge, p/t guidance counselor; Jill Roper, psychologist; and Kimi McDonough, instructional assistant. We're also very happy to have Susan Mislavsky return to teach second grade.

As each new school year begins, it is important that the first conversation between teachers and parents establishes a positive connection. This year, all teachers are making phone calls to "touch base" and set a positive tone for a successful school year.

All teachers have access to email as well. Please be mindful that teachers may not be able to access their mail during the day because they are teaching. As an added resource, all grade levels are also working on setting up their Blackboard accounts in FCPS 24/7. More information will be shared about communication during our Back to School Night.

Dismissal - FYI



All students are dismissed through the TV monitors in the classroom and lobby. The order for dismissal is: SACC, Flint Hill Rd./Lakevale walkers, car riders and bike

riders; bus riders; Vale Rd. walkers and special events. When dismissed, Flint Hill walkers meet by the Oak Tree near the staff parking lot; Lakevale walkers meet on the playground; car riders go to Kiss & Ride; and Vale Road walkers meet in the front hall when called. This is a safety measure so students may walk home together. For parents wishing to pick up their children, please wait outside when possible. If you must come into the building, please remember to wait quietly in the lobby.

FCPS Family Life Education Instructional Program for 2010-2011

Parents/guardians may choose to **Opt-Out** their child of all or part of the Family Life Education program. If you wish to opt out your child of all or part of FLE for this school year or would like more detailed information about grade level programs, please access the opt out forms, opt out letter, and program descriptions for each grade level at www.fcps.edu/DIS/OMSI/file/index.htm. FLE curriculum and media may be reviewed during Back to School Night in the Library.

Back to School Night

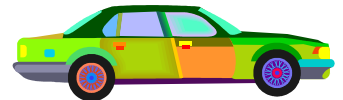
This year our Back to School Night will be Tuesday, September 21 starting at 7:00 pm. Back to School Night is for parents only. We plan to have two 30 minute repeat sessions with a 15 minute intermission so that parents can visit more than one teacher. Make sure to visit the specialists, too. During this time, you will also be able to sign up for the Parent View system in the computer lab or preview FLE materials in the library.

Visitor/Volunteer Sign In


We have an electronic sign in for visitors and volunteers. All visitors and volunteers must sign in at the front office upon entering the school. Be sure to obtain a visitor or volunteer badge and have it visible to the "casual eye."

Kiss & Ride Procedure

For the safety of our children, all car riders **MUST USE** the Kiss & Ride in front of the building. **Do not unload until 8:25 a.m.** The Kiss & Ride is **ONE-WAY**. All vehicles must enter through the northern end parking lot and exit through the bus entrance. When traveling northbound on Flint Hill Road, turn left then enter the Kiss & Ride lane to get in line. **Please load or unload 3 vehicles at a time.** For the safety of the students, **do not pass** other vehicles in Kiss & Ride lane that are loading or unloading children. Cars will be directed to the bus lane when the lane is free of buses. Proceed to Entrance #2 and unload your child on your **first** stop. The median in front of school is not a safe drop off or pick up area for students. **Note:** buses have the "right of way."



Cafeteria and Lunch

 At Flint Hill ES, we want to make sure each child has lunch. It is so easy to make sure your child has money with a **mylunchmoney.com** account. You can set up your account so that when money is low, it automatically puts more money on the card. You will need your child's ID No. to set up your account; visit our main office and we will gladly give you your child's ID Number. You can also find the ID No. on your child's progress report.