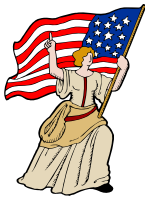


FHES "Principal" News December '08

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As we welcome the month of December, we reflect on the many events and activities that have already taken place this year. A favorite event of everyone was Patriots' Day. Congratulations to Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Shapiro, Ms. Azzarello, Ms. Messler, and the Patriots' Day Committee for such a wonderful event! With the theme of "Americans Proudly Standing Together" the students honored our country with wonderful songs. Tearful eyes were evident throughout the gym as SCA students made their speeches and guided the celebration. A special thanks to Commanders Dana and Barry Dyson for sharing their message on patriotism.

Going Green in '08-09 school year

We are happy with our efforts to "Go Green." Many students, parents and staff have learned ways to support these efforts. Please pay close attention to the Virtual Tuesday Folder email. Take time to visit the website and read the items of importance. Our PTA President's message regarding the budget contains possible cuts the school board is considering. You can also visit www.fcps.edu for more information regarding Fairfax County and FCPS FY 2010 Budget.

eCART

FHES teachers are using a program called the FCPS Electronic Curriculum Assessment Resource Tool or FCPS eCART. FCPS eCART is a web based teacher resource that gives teachers access to instructional materials at their desktop. FCPS eCART assessments will help teachers measure student performance against the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL). Students will take two required FCPS eCART assessments in mathematics and reading. The first window occurs at the end of the first quarter and the second window occurs in February.

FCPS eCART is one tool for both the student and teacher to use as part of the learning process. The detailed reporting system in FCPS eCART will allow teachers to review student performance by skill or concept and give them electronic access to additional instructional resources. This information will assist teachers in planning for instruction to best meet the needs of all of the students.

If you have any questions about this testing, please do not hesitate to contact our school or visit <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/FCPSeCART/> for more information.

Kiss and Ride

We still have many families using the FHES Kiss & Ride lane. On a weekly count, we average 120+ vehicles during this time. This is a lot of vehicular traffic in 15 minutes. Please note that to make Kiss & Ride more effective you must use the lane. We have noticed vehicles passing the school and dropping their children off farther down on Flint Hill Rd. This is a major safety issue and should be avoided. Also, it is illegal to perform a U-Turn in front of the school. A student is safest when dropped off at the Kiss & Ride. With your help in using the Kiss & Ride appropriately, your child will arrive safely to school. Thanks for your assistance.

Faithful Falcon of the Month

We have been recognizing students as Faithful Falcon's of the Month as part of FHES Character Education Program, Positive Behavior Support (PBS). Starting in January, one student in each class will be selected by their teacher for consistently demonstrating one or all of the attributes from the following characteristics:

- Friendship - December
- Appreciative - January
- Leader - February
- Considerate - March
- Open-minded - April
- Nice - May

Students recognized will receive a Joey Card from our business partner Outback Steakhouse in Vienna. Students will have a popcorn party with the principal, and have extra time to explore the climbing wall. Thanks to Outback Steakhouse in Vienna for supporting this program.

Time to Eat

Missed the Thanksgiving Luncheon? Parents are invited to have lunch with their children anytime. Let your child know when you'd like to come in, check in the office and...enjoy lunch with your child and his/her class. ☺

Weather

Please refer to the PTA Handbook for Emergency Schedules due to inclement weather. Announcements will be made on the radio, TV and FCPS website: www.fcps.edu usually by 6:00 AM for closings or delayed openings and before lunch for early closings.



Winter Break

FHES office will be closed during the Winter Break from December 24th to January 2nd.

