

FHES "Principal" News June '09

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FHES Thanks!!!

The last day of school is June 18th. It is very hard to believe how quickly this school year has come and gone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA officers for the GREAT job they have done supporting Flint Hill students, staff, and ME! Thank you Mary, Kim, Aimee, and Karen. ☺ Your efforts have made a huge difference at FHES.



I would also like to thank the staff for committing to being a Professional Learning Community and collaborating to provide the students with an exciting school year. The many activities and events that were accomplished are too many to list.

Finally, I would like to thank all students for their hard work and dedication to learning. The staff at FHES is proud of you and looks forward to a rewarding 09-10 school year.

During the summer, please plan to stop by, work in the garden courtyard or on the exterior grounds. We have put a lot of effort into beautifying the school and would appreciate your help over this time. If you are interested, email our PTA Garden Reps listed on our website: www.fhespta.org. To entice you, click the link below to see a short video of the garden courtyard.

[Garden Clip](#)

Here's wishing everyone a great summer!!!

Linda N. Clark Excel Award

Flint Hill ES recognizes students who demonstrate the RITE "stuff" through our Linda N. Clark Excel Award sponsored by our Interstate Business Partnership. RITE stands for Respect, Integrity, Teamwork, and Excellence. Names will be sent home this Friday and awards will be presented next Wednesday, June 10 on FHES TV News by Mrs. Clark, former principal of FHES.

Lost & Found

All items in the Lost & Found will be donated to a charitable organization at the end of the year. Please remind your child to check the Lost & Found and retrieve their items. We also have 7 pair of eye glasses in the office. If your child is missing a pair, have them stop by the office and check.

Faithful Falcons for Open-Minded

This month we would like to recognize the following students as Faithful Falcons of the Month for "Open-Minded". Students recognized will receive a Joey Card from our business partner Outback Steakhouse in Vienna, attend a popcorn party with the principal, and have extra time to explore the climbing wall or walk the track. Thanks to Outback Steakhouse in Vienna for supporting this program. We will meet for our celebration this Friday, May 29th at 2:30 pm in the gym. The students are:



- K Coffin: AM- Naomi K. & TJ J.
Gage: AM- Erik McC. & Demi G.
PM- Elliot M. & Alexandra W.
- 1st Ennis- Caitlin B. & Aidan M.
Mislavsky- Jacob M. & Brooke S.
Spengler- Hanwen Z. & Alina A.
Talty- Nick K. & Trillian M.
- 2nd Bechtle- Tyler P. & Annabel B.
Kaneshiro- Anna S. & Wil H.
Sharp - Benjamin R. & Johnny A.
Wilson - Tara T. & Stefano D.
- 3rd Reynolds- Emily S. & Gregory W.
Hoak- James M. & Courtney V.
Tarr- Kate C. & Andy H.
Coffey- Sean E. & Katie R.
- 4th Wolters- Max C. & Meaghan Y.
Gripka- Ryan S. & Kaitlyn T.
Nye- Naomi B. & Nicholas DeW.
Trainor- Nathan R. & Tori T.
- 5th Bailey- Scott T. & Maggie S.
Dickenson- John D. & Elizabeth E.
Hargrove- Mallory D. & Jordan M.
Prentice- Avery T. & Walter W.
- 6th Cowles- Angelo V. & Miranda B.
Caruso- Noah D. & Olivia S.
LeClerc- Alden G. & Joseph R.
Marder- Lawrence H. & Ilana S.



**Don't forget to READ
over the summer!**

**FCPL has a great selection of
books and activities to do.**

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Faithful Falcons for Nice

This month we would like to recognize the following students as Faithful Falcons of the Month for "Nice". Students recognized will receive a Joey Card from our business partner Outback Steakhouse in Vienna, attend a popcorn party with the principal, and have extra time to explore the climbing wall or walk the track. Thanks to Outback Steakhouse in Vienna for supporting this program. We will meet for our celebration Friday, June 5th at 2:30 pm in the gym.



The students are:

- K Coffin: AM- Kira B. & Lucas LeC.
Gage: AM- Alan V. & Megan DeW.
PM- Gianna S. & Brett H.
- 1st Ennis- Carly W. & Natalie DeC.
Mislavsky- Michael C. & Rebecca S.
Spengler- Julia F. & McKenzie T.
Talty- Nils N. & Maggie C.
- 2nd Bechtle- Noah R. & Maddie D.
Kaneshiro- Karen T. & Sean T.
Sharp - Austin A. & Faith L.
Wilson - Lianna W. & Cole C.
- 3rd Reynolds- Dan W. & Ellie S.
Hoak- Ben A. & Bernadette R.
Tarr- Marissa E. & Kevin M.
Coffey- Nicholas DeC.r & Aurozo N.
- 4th Wolters- Melissa O. & Chappy W.r
Gripka- Alex S. & Kaitlin G.
Nye- Joe D. & Jacqueline H.
Trainor- Michael McN. & Raina M.
- 5th Bailey- Peter MacD. & Yasmine A.
Dickenson- Billy R. & Ilana G.
Hargrove- Heather P. & Calvin M.
Prentice- Devon G. & Daniel H.
- 6th Cowles- Lillian R. & John Y.
Caruso- Madeline G. & Jack V.
LeClerc- Alexis Z.-S. & Chris B.
Marder- Gianni C. & Shelby L.

With these Faithful Falcons, we will have recognized 324 students for consistently demonstrating one or all of the attributes from the following characteristics: Friendship, Appreciative, Leader, Considerate, Open-minded, and Nice. We'd like to give our thanks to Outback Steakhouse in Vienna for providing Joey Cards for each student and for supporting this program. They have truly been a great business partner.

Parent requests for 09-10

How quickly the 08-09 school year is coming to an end. We recently had our Kindergarten Orientation for the high school graduating class of 2022!!! With the last day of school being June 18th and summer approaching, I know that many parents (and students) are starting to think about class assignments for next year. The process we use for classroom assignments is based on many factors. Our goal is to have classes heterogeneously mixed with students of different abilities, levels of achievement, learning styles, and behaviors. We also want classes balanced by gender, along with a mix of independent workers and leaders. We consider how our students are grouped so we can best meet their needs. To achieve this goal, teachers provide information about their students in a number of categories, including achievement in all subjects; work habits, and special services received. Teachers also include information about special issues relating to academics and/or social behaviors. Grade level teams meet to look at the students as a group and form classes. Students in Advanced Academics Level IV are placed in the same homeroom. This year first grade teachers will NOT be looping with their class. Specialist teachers, such as music, PE and special education staff, review the lists and provide more input. Each grade level usually creates four classes, depending on enrollment. Over the summer, changes may occur in our student and staff populations that may cause enrollment changes and may result in the addition, reduction, or reassignment of grade levels of teaching staff. When teachers return in August, we again review class lists. Using our best professional judgment and effort the teachers, specialists, and administration make necessary adjustments. Once this has been done, the class lists are distributed to teachers, and posted for the community. If parents would like, they may provide input or share information that teachers may not have via email or letter.

Please do not request specific teachers

...these requests will not be honored.

Class lists will be posted on Wednesday, September 2nd, at 3:00 p.m. An Open House will be held on Thursday, September 3rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for all students to visit and meet their new teachers.