

FHES “Principal” News December ‘07

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The school year is moving along quickly. We are already in December and have had many accomplishments. Thanks to Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Shapiro and the Patriots’ Day Committee for honoring our Veterans on November 12. FHES would like to extend a special thanks to the Fairfax County Fire Department’s honor guard for introducing the colors. The Thanksgiving Luncheon was very well attended. Our SCA Holiday Craft Fair and Book Fair were held this past weekend. The SCA Craft Fair was a big success. We’d like to extend a huge “Thank you” to Mrs. Andrews, the SCA, and the SCA parents for all their hard work. The book fair continues this week until Friday. All classes are scheduled to visit it. Also, mark your calendar for this year’s PTA General Meeting and Winter Concert which will be on January 9 starting at 7:00 pm.

Entering building “after hours”

To support and develop student responsibility, the PBS committee has included in the PBS Student Handbook an “I Forgot” Procedure. This procedure allows students to call home for forgotten items two times a quarter and is implemented by the classroom teachers. However, often times students forget items at school and want to come back to retrieve homework and/or other items they have forgotten at school. For security reasons students (and parents) may not go to classrooms to retrieve these forgotten items. This also allows teachers to work without interruption. **The PBS manual states that classrooms are not available for public access after 3:30 p.m. On Mondays the classrooms are not available for public access after 1:00 p.m.** Thank you for honoring this system.

Pets on School Property



Please note and let your neighbors know that due to Health department regulations pets are not allowed on school grounds. Pets may be brought in to supplement the instructional program then returned home. These visits must

be coordinated with the classroom teacher. ☺

Thanks to Mrs. Gatchel and Mrs. Godwin for their hard work with Lavender. The kids that participated really had a good time. The scheduled Hummer Limo ride was an adventure we’ll never forget! Excellent job with Mrs. DeChristopher running down the limo, too!



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Faithful Falcon of the Month

Since the start of our Positive Behavior Support (PBS) we began recognizing students as Faithful Falcon’s of the Month. Starting this month, two students from 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, 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.

Lost and Found

To protect children during the cold weather, we ask students to wear their coats while out at recess. Many days this past month the days’ weather started out cold, then warmed up. This change caused many students to “leave” their coats, jackets, and sweaters on the playground (lunch boxes, too ☺). Please remind your child to check our Lost & Found located by the cafeteria for their lost items.



Inclement 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.



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