

FHES “Principal” News October ‘08

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Going Green in '08-09 school year

Flint Hill ES and the FHES PTA “going green” efforts are off to a great start. To date, we have only 60 families that request paper copies of Tuesday folder items. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work out the kinks in the system. If you have not been receiving Virtual Tuesday folder Keep In Touch (KIT) messages, please email Mrs. Mirilovich at sheri.mirilovich@fcsp.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 Mr. Klop, PTA web master at webmaster@fhespta.org if you have not completed or joined the FHES PTA. Thanks for your support!

Newsletter mailed this month



FCPS regulations require schools to do an official mailing for address verification once a year. The information is used to update addresses in the student data base

for future mailings from FCPS.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 3 and as scheduled by teachers. This day is a student holiday as is Tuesday, November 4th. 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

Many families 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 8:15 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 in the parking lot or at the side of the street. 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.

Signing in procedure



All parents, visitors, and volunteers must sign in at the main office. Please use the computer to check in and print a badge. This badge must be visible to the casual eye. Thank you for following this procedure.

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.



Why don’t we do it in our sleeves?

Here is a link to a great video for teaching the proper procedure for coughing. It’s fun, and funny. Type this link into your browser: <http://www.coughsafe.com/media.html> This is a great tool for talking to your child about keeping as germ free as possible during the coming flu season.



FCPS budget

Visit www.fcps.edu for information regarding Fairfax County and FCPS seeking input on the FY 2010 Budget.

Don’t forget to vote!!!

ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 4TH