

# FHES "Principal" News September '08



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## Welcome 08-09 School

Welcome everyone to the new school year. The staff and I are excited about the start of school. One of our biggest projects for this year is our "Going Green" with our newsletters, Tuesday folder items, and PTA items. To support this effort, the PTA is also "Going Green" and requesting email addresses from parents. This way we can create lists to send you important information, and save paper (and trees) while we're at it. To help, you should also sign up for FCPS 24-7 Learning account. Follow [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) and click the Parents tab in the left column. This page will take you to the many resources available through FCPS. Parents can create a Parent View account that will automatically update information in FCPS' Keep In Touch (KIT) system. If you completed your Emergency Care Card and included an email address, it will automatically be entered into our database for KIT. These are just some of the methods we will use to "Go Green." We hope to learn more about "Going Green" as the year goes on. Thank you to all and best wishes for a successful school year!

## Update on Staff

FHES welcomes three new staff to our school. Ms. Coffin is teaching our 1/2 day morning kindergarten class. Ms. Coffin is replacing Ms. Werner who was reassigned because we did not have enough kindergarteners for a full time position. Ms. Mislavsky is teaching first grade. She is replacing Mrs. Hoak who is teaching third grade this year. Mrs. Nye is teaching fourth grade. She is replacing Ms. Fahey who will be teaching in Saudi Arabia this year. They are all excited to be a part of FHES.

In other news, FHES staff welcomes three new babies. Special Education teachers Mrs. Knox had baby boy Hunter last and Ms. Campanellie had baby girl Emma on August 30<sup>th</sup>, and school psychologist Mrs. DiBari had baby girl Esther on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, big news...Mrs. Haydon is going to have a baby boy. She is due this December! Congratulations to them all.



## Back to School Night

This year our Back to School Night will be Thursday, September 25 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.

## Security Procedure


It is our commitment to ensure every child's safety. 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. If you are walking your child to his/her class in the morning, you must also sign in at the front office. 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 8:15 a.m. Please note that the Kiss/Ride is **ONE-WAY**. All vehicles will enter through the northern end (by the basketball court) of the parking lot and exit through the bus entrance. Note that buses have the "right of way." Additionally, for the safety of the students, do not pass other vehicles that are loading or unloading children. Cars may use the bus lane when instructed by staff. Proceed to Entrance #2 and unload your child on your **first** stop. The median in front of school and the SACC entrance are not drop off or pick up areas for students. Please help keep our children safe by following this procedure.


## 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. Visit [mylunchmoney.com](http://mylunchmoney.com) and set up an 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; it is located on your child's report card. Visit our main office if you cannot locate your child's ID Number.

## Forgotten Items Procedure

We will be happy to assist you in taking forgotten items to your child. To protect instructional time and to minimize interruptions, please drop off forgotten items in the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Traffic Light

 Please note that we have placed a traffic light in our main lobby. Its purpose is to keep the noise levels down during dismissal because we have an open classroom in our resource hall. Noise travels down the main hall and disrupts instruction. The traffic light is used to let you know if you are too loud. A buzzer will ring if the light turns red. Thank you for helping keep the lobby quiet and not disrupt instruction.

## Dismissal

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. Students should watch the TVs for their dismissal area. If you come to pick up your child, please wait quietly in the lobby.

A BIG THANKS to **Fairfax Grounds Maintenance LLC.**, owned by one of our fathers Mr. Armando Lazcano. Due to his efforts, the front of the school looks beautiful!