

Special December Dates

December 2—Collaborative planning—students dismiss @11:40

December 10—Winter Music performance by grades 3, 4, & 5.

December 11— All Pro Dads meet at 7:00 a.m. in CAFETERIA-Family Breakfast

December 15 – PTO Family Involvement Dance—6:30pm

December 18 – Full Day

December 21—January 3
WINTER BREAK

January 4—staff & students return

School Notes

***Office Hours 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

-Transportation changes must be made in writing.

-No dismissals after 1:45 p.m.

-School hours are 7:35 a.m.-2:20 p.m.

-Students arriving after 7:35 a.m. are tardy and must be signed in by an adult 18 years of age or older.

-Breakfast and lunch menus can be found on the district web page.

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Forts Pond

Elementary School

is a **Title One**

school. Additional

information about

our **Title One**

plan is available

on our website.

Date Changes

To Make Up

Days Missed

in October

- December 18 will be a full day
- January 4 & 5 students report to school
- January 15 will be a half day
- March 25 students report to school
- April 22 students report to school
- May 16 students report to school

Upcoming Events:

January 8-Winter MAP testing begins

January 15—half day for students

January 18– Martin Luther King Holiday– No School

January 22– Winter MAP testing ends

January 26 – Report Cards issued

January 27– Coll. Planning Day-Students dismiss at 11:40 a.m.

January 29– All Pro Dads 7:00 a.m.

Register your Bi-Lo Bonus Card for Bi-Lo Educational Rewards Program.

This program allows the school to earn rewards to purchase educational materials.

Our school code is 56229. Have the whole family link their card to our school!



Lights!

Camera!

Lead!



PTO NEWS

Family Dance
December 15, 2015
6:30—8:00 p.m.



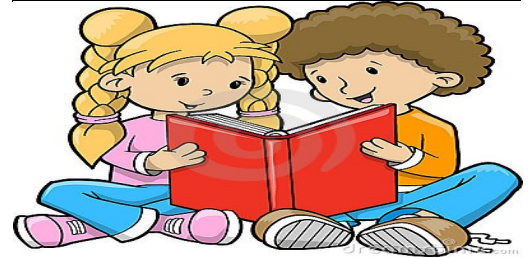
FPES students in 3rd-5th grade are invited to share an evening of fun with their parent/guardian. Come make memories that will last a lifetime while dancing the evening away.

All students must be accompanied by an adult. Look for more details to come in upcoming weeks.

Want to be kept up to date on what PTO is doing? Like us on Facebook!
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Our October Family Night was a huge success. We would like to thank our wonderful PTO for making this night possible. We would also like to thank our staff for making the night so much fun by dressing up as their favorite book character and giving out candy.



Paint for a Cause will be held on December 8th. This year we have a student and adult option being held from 2:30-3:45 for students and 2:45-4:00 for adults. We would love to have you and/or your student(s) join us. All proceeds go to Relay for Life.





All Pro Dad's Day Friday, December 11, 2015

Special Holiday
Breakfast to include Moms or
significant other!

7:00— 7:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria.

This is an **open invitation** to *Dads, Granddads Uncles*, or any other significant person who may be a part of your child's life. Come and enjoy a light breakfast and some "special moment" time as we strive to grow in the time we spend with our children. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mr. McDermet at 803-821-2500.

5th Annual Christmas Parade and Celebration December 12 3:30—5:00 p.m.



You are invited to participate in the annual parade. Parade check-in will begin at 2:45 pm on Fort Street near Pelion Library. No cost to participate, but you must complete entry form.

RUN HARD is an 8-week program that will prepare participants for a 5K race by utilizing our character-based concepts to teach running, healthy lifestyle and decision-making skills. Practice is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-3:45 at FPES.

Runners motto: "build up, don't tear down."

Congratulations to our team. We ran our first 5K on November 7. Every participating student finished the race and 7 out of 17 received 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place medals!

Medal winners:

Kaydence Hazle 2nd grade girls – 2nd place

Carlee Hutto-3rd grade girls—1st place

Kennedy Taylor-4th grade girls - 1st place

Esmeralda Hernandez—2nd place

Jaedyn Swails—3rd place

Ashton Spears —2nd place

Gabriel Harwood-Rivera-5th grade boys – 1st place

Also, Kennedy Taylor qualified to run in the championship race on November 14! What an awesome first season!



Forts Pond Parent Resource
Center gingerbread story and cookie
decorating!

December 2, 2015

10:30 a.m. Call 821-2552 for
details and RSVP!



**Earn Cash for our school with Box Tops
for
Education!**

It's easy! Box Tops are each worth
10 cents for our school. Here's how

Box Tops works:

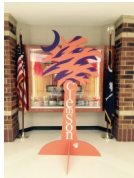
Buy the products + Clip the Box Tops+ Send Box
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Winter Musical "CRAZY CAROLS"

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade.
Thursday, December 10
6:30 p.m.



Clemson vs. Carolina Helmet Sales
Clemson 661 helmets
Carolina 590 helmets
Way to go Clemson!



Spotlight On Our School W.I.G.S.

Fortis Pond Elementary Mallards

School-Wide Writing Goal

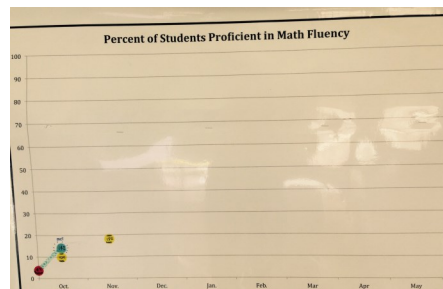
85% of our students will gain 9 or more points on the district-wide writing assessment by May 2016.

School-Wide Math Goal

Our school will increase from 4% of our students scoring proficient in math fluency to 50% scoring proficient by May 2016.

We have been practicing the habit Begin with the End in Mind by setting school-wide goals in writing and math.

Check out our goals! We are tracking our progress in the hallways and in classrooms.



For October our math goal was 10% of our student will be proficient in math fluency. We are very proud to report our results. At the end of October 14% of our students were proficient in math fluency!

In writing 56 % of our students gained 9 or more points on their District Wide Writing prompt.

FPES students are making incredible gains in their academic achievement!

Congratulations to FPES Mighty Mallards! As of November 13, our students have solved 647,259 math problems and have earned 215,753 stickers in First in Math so far this year. Keep up the great work and continue practicing your math facts !

Teams of the Week:

Week of Oct. 26—Ms. Siceloff

Player of the week— Brandon White

Week of Nov. 2— Mr. Shealy

Player of the week— Michael Watts

Week of Nov. 9— Mr. Shealy

Player of the week— Hunter Herron



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First Nine Weeks Honor Roll

2nd Grade A Honor Roll

Clifford Beasley, Tristan Budde, Alyssa Cribb, Abigail Downs, Weanyonon Gaye, Tyler Handwork, Breanna Harris, Kaydence Hazle, Zackariah Henson, Avery Hintz, Leila Hornsby, Logan Isenhower, Logan Lee, Addie Ocheltree, Seth Parker, Sarina Rivenbark, Serenity Robbins, Nery Rodaz-Guzman, Garrett Rowe, Samantha Skinner, Elliana Smith, Brooke Stalnaker, Keyana Tolen, Jeffery Williams

2nd Grade A/B Honor Roll

Kenneth Behnke, Victoria Borges, Fernando Cardenas-Lopez, Dayton Causey, Cesar Crispin-Vazquez, Brittany Hill, Damion Holbrooks-Rabon, Benjamin Kinman, Bryson Kyzer, Jimmy Marsh, Katelyn Melton, Jaden Moore, Nevaeh Orr, Kieranda Peele, Edgar Perez-Salas, Kallon Phelps, Andy Rawls, Carrie Thomas, Tyler Tidwell, Christopher Tindal, Shiloh Tindal, Cole Towery, Hayden Williamson, Kaleigh Williamson, Travis Wooten, Carolina Zueger

3rd Grade A Honor Roll

Alyssa Anderson, Jessica Handwork, Devon Jackson, Serena Jackson, Lindsay Lastinger, Michael Mikusek, Trae Ocheltree, Emily Sharpe, Ryleigh Stevens, Autumn Thomas

3rd Grade A/B Honor Roll

Joshua Asbill, John Berned, Justin Brazzell, Ciara Cooke, Kameron Couch, Sidney Covington, Nevaeh Crouch, Alysia Dillon, Calvin Dovre, Brittany Driggers, Rand Ellis, Ruby Flowers, Christopher Floyd, Darren Gambill, Aden Gary, Clayton Hill, Dakota hunt, Carlee Hutto, Emma Jackson, Xavier James, Matthew Jeffcoat, Malachi Jones, Elyssa Keith, Dylan Kendall, Brooklin Lanphear, Orlando Lopez, Samantha McCarrson, Charley McCorkle, Korbin Menie, Caroline Miley, Mattie Oatman, Emily Paxton, Abigail Pintero-Ramirez, Hunter Price, Zoe Rish, John Roof, Payton Rowell, Andrew Satterfield, Rilee Sturkie, Jocelin Tenorio, Kalani Tolen, Lindley Walker, Colin Williams, Wesley Wilson

4th Grade A Honor Roll

Mikayla Dimery, Esmeralda Hernandez-Esquivel, Gloria Jacobs, Kaden Pedersen, Felicity Roland-Parnell, Dannie Shackelford, Alissa Stalnaker

4th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Alexander Becerra, Ryleigh Budde, Jada Collins, Skyler Corn, Hayden Davis, Michael Figueroa, Virginia Frye, Larissa Green, Lilly Lopez, Destiny McNeill, Tye Murphy, Jenna Parker, Katelyn Pearson, Kaden Pedersen, Stephen Preston, Carolos Rivera, Michael Shuler, Jaedyn Swails, Blake Swink, Blake Taylor, Brandon Thomas, Izabella Velazquez, Kaitlyn White, Landon Wooten

5th Grade A Honor Roll

Gabriella Balleza, Jaden Castro, Hunter Herron, Keagan Johnson, Caroline Lang, Jarrett Mack, Jude Menie, Surina Mims, Skyler Perry, Caleb Shumpert, Ashton Spears, Emily Williamson

5th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Joshua Blackwell, Darin Cannon, Jacey Casel, Cali Cates, Eric Coleman, Joshua Cook, Trenidy Davis, Lacey Dovre, Cody Felts, Jamie Frederici, Luis Garcia, Michael Goff, Zaira Gonzalez-Garcia, Kala Handwork, Gabriel Harwood-Rivera, Sarah Hutto, Jessica Johnson, Brandon Kelly, Hannah Lucas, Hannah Lucas, Jenna Mayfield, Hailey Miller

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and effort!