

Special December Dates

December 7 FULL Day & Leader in Me Review

December 8 Winter Performance @PPAC 6:30 P.M. grades 3-5

December 9 Hispanic Get to Know You- 8:00 a.m. in Parent Resource Center

December 16 All Pro Dads and Moms- 7:00-7:30 a.m. in cafeteria

December 16 LOM lunch

December 20 Classroom Celebrations 9:30- 11:00 1/2 Day for students- Dismiss at 11:00-no lunch served

Upcoming January Events

January 5 Students return

January 12 Report Cards

January 13 SIC/Parent Lighthouse /Title I Meeting

January 16 MLK Holiday- NO SCHOOL.

January 19 PTO Winter Dance- 6:30 P.M.

January 27 All Pro Dads 7:00-7:30 A.M. in Learning Commons

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.

<http://www.lexington1.net>

Winter Concert Performance

for 3rd, 4th, 5th students is on

THURSDAY, December 8

at 6:30 P.M. at the Pelion

Performing Arts Center. The PPAC is located behind Pelion Middle School.

Please have performing students there for call time at 6:00 P.M. Please make sure each child has had a sip of water. Please wear blue jeans and a red, green, or white shirt!



Forts Pond

Elementary School

is a **Title One** school. Additional information about our **Title One** plan is available on our website.

FPES Vision

FPES students will become self-directed, collaborative, creative and caring learners who will flourish in the global, competitive 21st century.

FPES Mission

Forts Pond Elementary School in collaboration with families and community will Fulfill the Potential of Every Student.

Leader in Me Lighthouse Review Visit

We are very excited to welcome two guest from Franklin Covey to our school on Wednesday, December 7. Our school adopted the Leader in Me Initiative 4 years ago. Our students have been learning about the 7 Habits while becoming leaders in many ways. We are very proud of the progress we have made and the transformation we have seen at FPES. We are ready to show off our students and our school to our guest to accomplish our goal of becoming a Leader in Me Lighthouse School. We are very excited about this opportunity and the journey we have taken to prepare our students as leaders in everything they do.

First in Math

October 31

Team of the Week: Mr. Weber

Player of the Week: Kaden Felder

Grade Level Teams of the Week: Ms. Oxner, Mrs. Fedricci, Mrs. Dingeldein, Mr. Weber, Mr. Shealy

November 7

Team of the Week: Mr. Weber

Player of the Week: Kaden Felder

Grade Level Teams of the Week: Mrs. Guier, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Dingeldein, Mr. Weber, Mr. Shealy

November 14

Team of the Week: Mr. Weber

Player of the Week: Micah Roof

Grade Level Teams of the Week: Mrs. Guier, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Spence, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Shealy

November 20

Team of the Week: Mr. Shealy

Player of the Week: Micah Roof

Grade Level Teams of the Week: Ms. Oxner, Mrs. Fedricci, Mrs. Spence, Mr. Weber, Mr. Shealy

November 28

Team of the Week: Mr. Shealy

Player of the Week: David Ben Yahia

Grade Level Teams of the Week: Ms. Oxner, Mrs. Fedricci, Mrs. Dingeldein, Mr. Weber, Mr. Shealy

All Pro Dad's Day—Friday, December 16, 2016

7:00— 7:30 A.M. in the
CAFETERIA



This is an **open invitation** to *Dads, Granddads, Uncles,* or any other significant male 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.

We extend our invitation to Moms, Grandmothers or any other significant females who is part of a child's life to join us, as well as, the dads for this special event.

2016 Pelion Christmas Parade and Celebration December 10

3:30—5:00



You are invited to participate in the annual parade. Parade check-in will begin at 2:45 P.M. on Fort Street near Pelion Public Library. There is no cost to participate, but you must complete an entry form. Please call Darla Rutkoskie at 803-821-2340 or email questions to drutkoskie@lexington1.net.

2016-2017 FPES Yearbook

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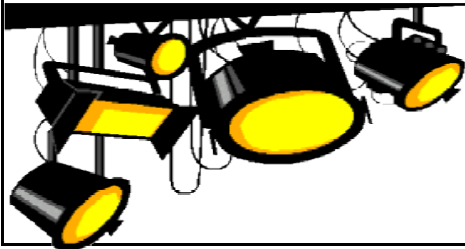
Title I Parent Resource Center is open every day from 7:30 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.

Call for an appointment or drop by to see the resources we have available for families, students, and staff.

Call Judy Moore, Title I Parent Liaison at 821-2552 or email jvmoore@lexington1.net.



Spanish Assessments: 3rd through 5th grade students will take three performance assessments in December. They will be assessed on their listening, writing and speaking skills in Spanish. It is so exciting to see them show off what they have learned! Performance scores will be sent home with report cards in January so that you can celebrate your child's success!





Forts Pond Elementary A Leader in Me School

The
Leader in Me
great happens here



Every Forts Pond Elementary student has a Leadership Notebook. In this notebook students set and track personal goals, track individual progress towards the school-wide writing and math goal, document personal victories, and keep record of their roles and jobs. You may have seen your child's Leadership Notebook when you attended the student-led conferences in the fall. All students participate in data chats with peer accountability partners and with different staff members. Ask your child about their Leadership Notebook.

Here are some of the responses we received from students when we asked what they liked best about their Leadership Notebook.

Ryleigh Stevens, Layla Ben Yahia, Georgia Ellisor, 4th grade students

"We love being able to share our leadership notebooks with 1st grade students."

Our 4th grade and 1st grade students are paired up as accountability partners and meet frequently to share items in their Leadership Notebooks.

Alyssa Ripperdan, 1st grade student

"It helps me know what I am in control of"

Alyssa and her classmates recently completed a Circle of Control chart with the guidance of Mrs. Guier. Students determined what things are in their circle of control and what things are not.

Kalyanna Bertram, kindergarten student

"It has my goal to know my lowercase letters."

All students have personal goals with a tracking system to help them meet their individual goals. Kalyanna gets to meet with her 3rd grade accountability partner to share her progress towards meet the goals.

Savannah Brett, 2nd grade student

"I like to share it with principals and other people."

Savannah meets with her 3rd grade accountability partner to share her progress. All students also meet with either an administrator, coach or counselor each quarter to share their leadership notebook.

Jaiden Sims, 3rd grade student

"I like meeting my goals."

Each student sets a personal goal and tracks the goal. Once they meet the goal, they celebrate and place it in their personal victories section.

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Here are some photos of our LEGOs and Leaders workshop held in November. Look for upcoming workshops in the spring.



Mrs. Spence and her stories!



Is that Batman?
Even Batman
knows the 7
Habits!



Having a lot of fun!



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