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MALLARD MONTHLY

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## Special January Dates

**December 21-January 3-**  
**WINTER BREAK**

**January 4-** Students return (D Day)

**January 5-** Students report to school (E Day)

**January 8-** Winter MAP

**January 15-** Half Day for students dismiss @ 11. Lunch will not be served.

**January 18-** Martin Luther King holiday-No School

**January 26 -**Report cards

**January 27-** Coll. Planning Day, Students dismiss at 11:40

**January 29-** ALL PRO DADS @ 7:00 a.m. in Learning Commons

## Upcoming Events:

**February 12-** No school for students

**February 15-** No school for Students

**February 18-**MATH and SCIENCE Family Night @ 6:30 p.m.

**February 26-** ALL PRO DADS@ 7:00 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>

## 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!**



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

- 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

Please note these on your school calendar sent home in August.

## PTO NEWS

**We have no events scheduled for January, but, be on the lookout for upcoming events.**

Want to be kept up to date on all that PTO is doing???? Like us on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/mightymallardspto](http://www.facebook.com/mightymallardspto)

### Title One Update

On September 8, 2016 all families received a copy Lexington School District One and FPES Title One Parental Involvement Policy and the Family-School Compact for Achievement. Your child's copy of the Compact can be found in their Leadership Notebook. The Parental Involvement Policy defines parental involvement as the participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

Parental Involvement is very important to your child. Research shows that students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn high grades and test scores
  - Pass their classes
  - Attend school regularly
- Graduate and go on to postsecondary education

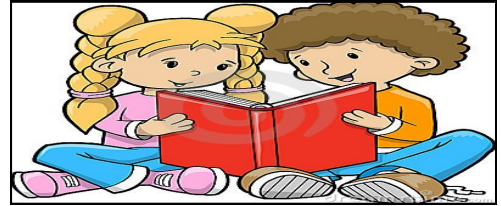
Seventy-three forms were returned stating *"I have read our Parental Involvement Policy and School Compact for Achievement"*. Three of the forms provided feedback to the policy. One parent suggested any parent willing to participate on the School Improvement Council should be allowed to do so. We agree with your statement and want all parents who would like to serve on this committee to contact Michelle Smith. Another response stated if students get better help, they perform better. Again we agree with this statement and invite parents to share with us how we can better help students. The last suggestion stated that district-wide, we need to put more focus on the area of special education. All of these are great suggestions and we would like to work with you to improve in these areas of concern.

Our next School Improvement and Title One Committee meeting will be held on February 5, 2016 at 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. All parents who would like to share their suggestions and review our title one plan are asked to attend one of these meetings.

If neither of these times work for you but you would like to participate in this work, please contact Michelle Smith at 821-2500. An individual appointment can be scheduled to meet the needs of all parents.

**2015-2016 FPES  
Yearbooks on  
Sale Now!  
Soft Cover—\$20.00  
Hard Cover—\$25.00**

Please see the Yearbook Order Form for additional add-ons and available packages or order online at:  
[ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)  
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A special note of appreciation to our wonderful cafeteria staff.

Thanks for all you do every day!  
**Janet Callahan**  
**Janet Cuttino**  
**Marlene McLeod**  
**Sara Rushton**  
**Cathy Slice**  
**Courtney Slice**  
**Pat Umbarger**



**All Pro Dad's Day—  
Friday, January 29, 2016**

**7:00— 7:30 A.M. in the Learning  
Commons.**

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.

**Congratulations to 3rd grade!  
They met  
their math fluency goal for  
November. They  
celebrated by dancing to the  
multiplication song in the  
cafeteria.**



Please like us on Facebook. We post upcoming events, important messages and brag about our students on this page. Our page is FORTS POND

Forts Pond Parent Resource Center will be offering a continuing themed workshop on January 27, 2016 in portable # 5.

**“What to Say..... For Grades 3-5”.**

Ms. Poole, our Literacy Coach, will be facilitating.

Families of students in grade 3—5 will receive invitation with time and details. Save the date!

**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 work:

Buy the products + Clip the Box  
Tops+ Send Box  
Tops to school = \$\$\$\$\$\$  
Earn cash for our school.



**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.

We had our first school-wide celebration on November 30. We celebrated meeting our October goal in math with O'Malley the Mallard by dancing in the hallway to *Watch Me Whip Nae Nae*.

Our school-wide math goal for October was our school will increase from 4% of our students scoring proficient in math fluency to 10% by the end of October. WE DID IT AND EVEN SURPASSED OUR GOAL! 14% of our students scored proficient in math fluency at the end of October!

Meeting this incremental goals each month is helping us get closer to achieving our school-wide goal by May 2016.

Next Month we will share an update to our writing goal.

Keep up the great work and continue practicing your math facts ! Multiplication and Addition Flash cards will be given to classroom teachers 1-5th for students to borrow for practice.

**Teams of the Week:**

Week of Nov. 16-Ms. Shealy  
 Player of the week– Hunter Herron

Week of Nov. 23– Mr. Shealy  
 Player of the week– Hunter Herron

Week of Nov. 30-Mr. Shealy  
 Player of the week– Michael Figueroa

Week of Dec. 7—Mr. Shealy  
 Player of the week– Hunter Herron



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## Children's Books for Habit Rotations 2016

Habit	Grades 4k-2	Grades 3-5
Habit 1—January 4, 2016	Spaghetti on a Hot Dog Bun by Maria Dismondy	That Book Woman by Heather Henson
Habit 2—January 11, 2016	Red Knit Cap Girl by Naoko Stoop	Wilma Unlimited by Kathleen Krull
Habit 3—January 18, 2016	Surfer Chick by Kristy Dempsey	Players in Pigtails by Shana Corey
Habit 4—January 25, 2016	Dog vs. Cat by Chris Gall	Dirt on Their Skirts by Doreen Rappaport
Habit 5—February 1, 2016	Howard B. Wigglebottom by Howard Binkow	Mirette on the High Wire by Emily McCully
Habit 6—February 8, 2016	One Love by Cedella Marley	Beatrice's Goat by Paige McBrier
Habit 7—February 15, 2016	Sleep Like A Tiger by Mary Logue	Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming
Habit 1—February 22, 2016	Bully B.E.A.N.S. by Julia Cook	Thank You Sarah by Laurie Anderson
Habit 2—February 29, 2016	Flight School by Lita Judge	Ruby's Wish by Shirin Yim Bridges
Habit 3—March 7, 2016	Clean Your Room Harvey Moon by Pat Cummings	The Little Red Pen by Janet Stevens
Habit 4—March 14, 2016	The Cow Loves Cookies by Karma Wilson	The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
Habit 5—March 21, 2016	Interrupting Chickens by David Stein	Moses Goes to a Concert by Isaac Millman
Habit 6—April 4, 2016	Dinosaur Woods by George McClements	Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
Habit 7—April 11, 2016	I Absolutely Must Do Coloring Now - Charlie & Lola by Lauren Child	The Button Box by Margarette Reid
Habit 1—April 18, 2016	Because Amelia Smiled by David Stein	Thank you Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco
Habit 2—April 25, 2016	Sally Jean the Bicycle Queen by Cari Best	Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
Habit 3—May 2, 2016	Ant & Grasshopper by Tom Paxton	Touch the Sky by Ann Malaspina
Habit 4—May 9, 2016	What About Moose by Corey Rosen Schwartz	Tortoise & the Hare by Jerry Pinkney
Habit 5—May 16, 2016	The Potato Chip Champ by Marie Dismondy	A Chance to Shine by Steven Seskin
Habit 6—May 23, 2016	Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae	Knots on a Counting Rope by Bill Martin, Jr.
Habit 7—May 30, 2016	Owl Moon by Jane Yolen	Charlotte's Quiet Place by Deborah Sosin

**We will be reading these books in classes during second semester in order to continue our learning of the 7 Habits. These are great books for you to read with your child.**