

**Special September Dates**

**September 9** Last day for 4k parents to walk students to class.

**September 15** Picture day

**September 15** PTO Bingo night @ 6:30 pm

**September 16** SIC/Parent Lighthouse Team meets @ 7:30 a.m.

**September 19-23** Book Fair

**September 21** Collaborative planning day students dismiss @ 11:40

**September 23** All Pro Dads @ 7:00 a.m.

**Upcoming Events**

**October 6, 13, 20, 27**  
Wear Orange to support No Bullying

**October 20** Parent Conferences 2:40-6:00 P.M.

**October 21**– Parent conferences 8:00-1200  
No school for students

**October 24-28** Red Ribbon Week

**October 27** PTO Trick or Treat Night @ 6:30 pm  
Night

**Welcome Back**

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year. Our theme for this school year is Lights, Camera, Lead!

**F**ulfilling the **P**otential of **E**very **S**tudent is the goal of every FPES staff member. We believe it is our job to prepare children to become self-directed, collaborative, creative and caring learners and leaders who flourish in the global, 21st century.

We will work to engage all students in learning through innovative instruction and digital resources while inspiring each one to be leaders in all they do every day!

We encourage you to join our quest for Success for Every Student, Every Day!

**Transportation**

**Please help us keep our children safe!**

**All transportation changes must be made in writing.**

**All car riders must have car tag on their book bags and vehicles must have the matching car tag each day. If not parent will be asked to come inside and show identification.**

**For all 4k and 5k students there must a designated adult at the bus stop or the child will be returned to the school for pick up.**

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.



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. 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!

## PTO NEWS

### Fall Fundraiser

Our Fall fundraiser is in full swing. Earn amazing prizes while showing your support for the PTO. Funds earned will be used to improve the environment of our school. September 7— Kindergarten-5th fundraisers are due. September 12– K4 fundraisers are due.

**SEPTEMBER 15 @6:30**  
**PTO Family Bingo Night**  
**\$5.00 per person**

Includes light snack and multiple rounds of Bingo. Gift baskets to winners.

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)



## **RUN HARD**

We are excited to be starting our SECOND season of our running team at FPES. 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 for students in grades 2-5. Regardless of your athletic bound or current fitness level, Run Hard will live out our motto: “build up, don't tear down.” If you are interested in joining, you register online at <https://runhard.org/>. Under team locations, click on Lexington 1– White Knoll (Garnet) Division and then click on + Register..

Fill out the form and payment information. The cost is \$90 per runner. registration closes September 9. Practice will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:40-3:45 at FPES.

Important Dates to remember– September 12– Fall Season Begins  
 November 5– Race Day (all runners will need a running buddy @ no charge or a parent/guardian to wait at the finish line).

May 12– Championship Race

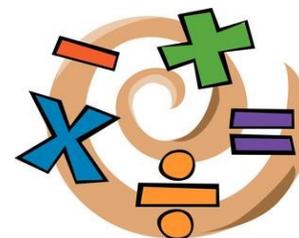
Questions may be directed to Barb McCraw @ [bmccraw@lexington1.net](mailto:bmccraw@lexington1.net)

Director Coach is Jeanette Farr @ [Jeanette@runhard.org](mailto:Jeanette@runhard.org)

# MATH NEWS

Lexington 1 uses the Everyday Math curriculum and has purchased e-suite, which is a wonderful online resource that you and your students can use at home. Please take advantage of what e-suite has to offer:

- An interactive student reference book. If your student has an assignment and forgets to bring the reference book home, you can access it online. In fact, you can have your computer read the reference page to you, and even show you step-by-step directions!
- Select by Unit and Lesson
- Home Links/Study Links for each lesson may be printed from home if your child leaves it at school.
- Games and Practice
- Suggested books to read
- Link to all Everyday Math Online Games
- Family Letter—gives overview of what your child will be learning in the unit, as well as an answer key for Home Links/Study Links.



Your child's teacher will send home their username and password for you to access [www.everydaymathonline.com](http://www.everydaymathonline.com).

## Parent Resource Center

For Information, call  
Judy Moore at 821-2552.

The Parent Resource Center will hold its annual open house on October 4 from 8:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. Come check out the resources available to parents.



## Coming Soon! Fall Book Fair



September 19-23, 2016  
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fortspondelementary>



## Forts Pond Elementary A Leader in Me School



### What does it mean to be a *Leader in Me* School?

This means our school follows and teaches the Franklin Covey *7 Habits Program*. The program integrates leadership principles into our school culture and curriculum, providing students with practical character and life skills relevant to achieving success today and in the future. The Leader in Me provides our school with the vision and language to lead FPES in a way that addresses all areas of development.

### What is Forts Pond Elementary School's Mission?

In collaboration with parents and the community, we will Fulfill the Potential of Every Student.

### What is Forts Pond's Motto?

Fulfill the Potential of Every Student

### How Can I learn more about the Leader in Me Program?

- Read the book *The Leader in Me* by Stephen Covey or *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey, or *The 7 Habits Of Highly Effective Families* by Stephen Covey.
- Visit the parents section of [www.leaderinme.org](http://www.leaderinme.org) where you will find resources for parents and a fun student game area.
- Or you can ask any teacher, staff member, administrator or student at Forts Pond more about the 7 Habits.

### What are the 7 Habits?

The 7 habits were introduced by Stephen Covey and are habits which have a powerful role in our lives. The students at FPES learn these habits and practice them every day to become better citizens.

- **Habit 1: Be Proactive:**  
Take responsibility for your choices and behaviors. I take initiative, I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I do not blame others. I do the right thing without being asked.
- **Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind:**  
Think about how you would like something to turn out before you get started.  
Plan ahead and set goals that make a difference and have meaning. Look for ways to be a good citizen and realize you can contribute to your school.
- **Habit 3: Put First Things First:**  
Decide what is most important and take care of that first. I set priorities, make a schedule, follow a plan and be disciplined and organized. I say no to things I know I should not do.
- **Habit 4: Think Win-Win:**  
Everyone can win, it is not just me or you—it is both of us. When conflicts arise, I look for a win-win solution, I consider other people and their wants.
- **Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**  
It is better to listen first and talk second. I try to see things from others' viewpoints. I listen with my ears, my eyes and my heart. I am confident in voicing my ideas.
- **Habit 6: Synergize:**  
Two or more people work together to create a better solution that neither would have thought of alone. I get along with others and value other people's strengths.
- **Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw:**  
Have a balance in your life by eating right, exercising, learning and getting enough sleep. I spend time with family and friends, I learn in lots of ways and lots of places and I find ways to help others.

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# *What I did on my summer vacation*..... From the staff of Forts Pond Elementary School

Below are **just some** of the many activities in which our staff participated this summer:

**Training/classes attended**—Mrs. Poole, Literacy Coach attended the Lucy Calkins Summer Institute in New York city. Ms. Johnson wrote a science curriculum. Mrs. Mahoney attended Leader in Me training. Mrs. C. Hill attended 504 training. Mrs. Cribb and Mrs. Widdowson attended Lucy Calkins and Pearson Social Studies and Science classes. Mrs. Parsons attended Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing and Leader in Me training. Ms. L. Thomas worked at McKissick Museum, writing lesson plans incorporating Arts and Science. Mrs. Guier attended Lucy Calkins and Leader in Me training.

**Day trips**—Many staff members went to Charleston, Myrtle Beach, Santee, Chimney Rock, Nashville, Pawley's Island to enjoy family reunions, 18th year anniversary, water parks, and waterfalls.

**Special events**- One teacher worked at the summer programs at PES and PMS with 100 kids! Mrs. Widdowson got married and honeymooned in Asheville. More than one staff member moved into new homes. Another took dance lessons and finished their chicken coop for Cinnamon and Little Bit! Mrs. C. Hill attended her aunt's 90th birthday party. Mrs. Veselak went to see her daughter perform in the musical "Oklahoma". Mrs. Sturkie celebrated her daughters' birthdays along with Mrs. Cribb who celebrated her granddaughter's 1st birthday! Two teachers got engaged! One teacher celebrated earning her masters degree from USC. Mrs. Wehrmann's daughter got her first teaching job at LMES and her son, Eric is working at USC, while working on his masters degree. Mrs. Langdon's daughter turned 21 and they had a "blow-out". Mr. Smith's granddaughter graduated from high school and prepared for college.

**Vacation trips**— Some staff members visited Clearwater, Florida, New York City, Arizona, Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Folly Beach, Yellowstone National Park, Amish Country, and Vegas. Paris was another special trip for Ms. Maggio! Camping and mission trips, along with whitewater rafting was also part of several vacations. Ms. L. Thomas spent a week at the Savannah College of Art and Design, and made a leather mask. Mrs. Wehrmann went to Germany. Mrs. White and Mrs. Springer went to Disney.

## **All Pro Dads' Day-Friday, September 23** 7:00 A.M. -7:30 A.M. Learning Commons

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 enjoy some "special moment" time as we strive to grow in the time we spend with our children. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. McDermet at 803-821-2500.



## **Leader in Me Parent Lighthouse/ Title I/School Improvement**

Please join us on September 16 at 7:30 A.M. for our first meeting.. We will meet in our Parent Resource Center. We will review our 2016-2017 Title I plan and invite you to share any suggestions or concerns you may have that will help us improve our service to you and your child.

If you plan to attend, please let Ms. Judy Moore know by calling or emailing.  
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