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Special March Dates

February 29-March 4 Read Across America Week

March 2 Collaborative Planning Day— students dismiss at 11:40 a.m.

March 4 Spring Pictures

March 9 Spring Arts Program 6:00 p.m.

March 14– 18 Spring Book Fair

March 24 Field Day— all grades

March 24 All Pro Dads 7:00 A.M. in Learning Commons

March 28-April 1 Spring Break

Upcoming Events

April 5 MAP testing begins

April 14 Talent Show: 6:00 P.M.

April 15 All Pro Dads 7:00 A.M. Learning Commons

April 20 Collaborative Planning Day—students dismiss at 11:40 A.M.

School Notes

Office Hours 7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

School hours: 7:35 A.M. - 2:20 P.M.

Please make sure all transportation changes are made in writing.

No dismissals are allowed after **1:45 p.m.**

It is important to have your child to school on time each day so they get their day started in a positive manner. If your child arrives after **7:35 A.M.**, they 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 website www.lexington1.net.

Please do not drop off students in the parking lot in the morning. All car riders must be dropped off in the car rider line where there is an adult on duty to assist.

Please write a parent note or send a doctor's excuse when your child is absent from school.

It is important to your child's safety that all contact information is kept up to date. Please make any changes needed in writing.

Applications are being accepted for our 4-year-old program (**4K**) starting January 25, 2016.

Children eligible must turn four years old on or before September 1, 2016.

Screening will be taking place in May 2016. This screening process is available for families living in the Lexington School District One attendance area.

For additional information, please call the school office at 821-2500.



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

- **March 25** students report to school
- **April 22** students report to school
- **May 16** students report to school

PTO NEWS

Forts Pond Elementary PTO will be kicking off their Spring fundraiser on March 2. We will be selling Indulgence Collection cookie dough and Tritan Tumblers. There are lots of great prizes to earn, including a popsicle party, silly string, and the GAMEDAY TRUCK! You will not want to miss out on this opportunity to earn prizes while helping to improve Forts Pond Elementary.

Want to be kept up to date on all that PTO is doing???? Like us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/mightymallardspto

Chic-Fil-A Biscuit Sales

Check it out in our carline before school at 7:00 A.M. All proceeds go to **RELAY FOR LIFE.**

\$3.00 each

Friday, February 26
Friday, March 4
Friday, March 18
Friday, March 25
Friday, April 8
Friday, April 22
Friday, May 6

National School Breakfast Week– March 7-11 Look for a special visitor on Monday, March 7!



Students need to eat a healthy breakfast every morning.

Pelion Branch Library
Easter “EGG”stravaganza

10:30-12:00 March 19, 2016

Egg hunt, Easter activities, games, snacks, and more!



FREE!!!!
Bring your basket!

Title One Parent Resource Center at FPES will be holding a workshop on March 2.

“Ready, Set, Play! How math games can help kids develop a love for math and help kids who struggle with math.

Facilitator: Ms. Dawn Jacobs, Math Coach

K-2nd grade

10:30 A.M. or 6:00 P.M.

Please RSVP 821-2552 or

Email: jvmoore@lexington1.net

Title One School Improvement Council Meeting

It is time for our committee to review our Title One Plan for 2015-2016 school year and beginning planning for the 2016-2017 school year. You are invited to this time for sharing what we are doing to prepare our children for the 21st century. Also at this time you will be able to provide input on how we can better serve the children of Forts Pond Elementary.

At this meeting we will also have several students talking about the 7 Habits. They will share what each habit means and answer any questions you may have about FPES being a Leader in Me School.

We will hold two meetings on March 4, 2016 to accommodate various schedules. One meeting will be held at 8:30 A.M. and another meeting at 12:00 P.M.

**All Pro Dad's Day—
Friday, March 25, 2016**

**7:00 A.M.— 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.

**Spring Arts Program
March 9, 2016**

**Tour the Art Show
6:00 P.M.**

**K, 1st, and 2nd grade program at
6:30 P.M.**



**Free Dental and Eye Services for
underinsured or underserved residents of
Lexington County**

**Red Bank Crossing—1070 S. Lake Drive, Suite B
Lexington**

Mondays—8:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

Tuesdays—12:30 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Thursdays—12:30 P.M. 5:00 P.M.

803-785-6653—Adult's Clinic

803-785-6651

www.wellpartners.org



March is Youth Art Month

The Pelion Branch Library is celebrating with an art show displaying Pelion area students' artwork throughout the month.

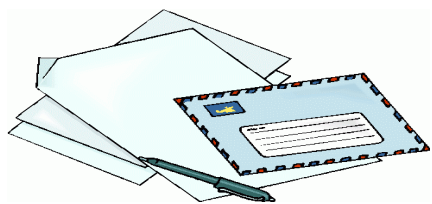
Stop by and check it out!



Parents/Caregivers: We Need Your Help!

As you know we are a Leader in Me School. Our students learn about the 7 Habits every day and have been now for three years. We would like to hear how your child is using the 7 Habits to be successful at home.

We want to share your input with others, so send in those letters to your child's teacher!



Forts Pond's Got Talent

FPES will be presenting "Forts Pond's Got Talent" on Thursday, April 14th. You don't want to miss a great night of entertainment. Please come and join us. Listed below is some important information about the talent show.

Date – Thursday, April 14th

**Location - Forts Pond
Elementary School Cafeteria**

Time – Show starts at 6:00 P.M.

Admission - \$2 per person

Please bring cash and extra change to vote for People's Choice Winner. We can't wait to see all of our talented leaders perform at FPES!



RUN HARD

We are excited to be starting our second season of our Run Hard Team at Forts Pond Elementary. 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 teardown."

If your child is interested in joining, you can *register online at <https://runhard.org/>. Under team locations, click on Lexington 1 - White Knoll (Garnet) Division, then click on +Register and fill out the form, and provide payment information. The cost is \$85 per runner. Registration closes on March 12.

Practice will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:40-3:45 at FPE.

Important dates to remember:

March 8 - Spring Season Begins

May 7th - Race Day (all runners will need a running buddy @no charge)

May 14th—Championship Race taking place at Lexington Half Marathon

Questions can be directed to Barb McCraw @ bmccraw@lexington1.net

Director Coach Jeanette Farr @ Jeanette@runhard.org

Looking forward to another great season of RUN HARD! Coach Barb McCraw



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March Children's Books for The 7 Habits

Habit	Grades 4k-2	Grades 3-5
Habit 3 —March 7, 2016	Clean Your Room Harvey Moon by Mary Logue	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



First in Math

Week of February 1

Team of the week: Mr. Shealy

Player of the week: Jaiden Myers in Ms. Siceloff's class

Grade Level Teams of the week are Ms. Bledsoe, Ms. Elliott, Ms. Spence, Ms. Veselak, and Mr. Shealy.

Week of February 8

Team of the week: Mr. Shealy

Player of the week: Luis Santana in Mr. Shealy's class

Grade Level Teams of the week are Ms. Bledsoe, Ms. Elliott, Ms. Spence, Ms. Cribb, and Mr. Shealy

Week of February 15

Team of the week: Ms. Siceloff

Player of the week: is Kayleigh Adams in Ms. Siceloff's class

Grade Level Teams of the week are Ms. Bledsoe, Ms. Elliott, Ms. Spence, Ms. Cribb, and Ms. Siceloff

Week of February 22

Team of the week: Mr. Shealy

Player of the week: Tyler Keenan in Ms. Dingeldein's class

Grade Level Teams of the week are Ms. Bledsoe, Ms. Elliott, Ms. Spence, Ms. Cribb, and Mr. Shealy

Congratulations to Mr. Shealy's class for also being ranked second in the district!

Coach Barb McCraw