

Special November Dates

November 1— Standard time begins—FALL BACK!

November 4— Early Release. Students dismiss at 11:40am.

—Parent Res. Ctr. Open House 8:00—2:30

November 6—Picture Make-Up Day

November 7— Run Hard 5K

November 11—Veterans Day

November 14— Run Hard Championship Race

November 17— PTO BINGO NIGHT 6:30 p.m.

November 20— Doughnuts in the Car line — 6:50 am
— All Pro Dads— 7:00 am

November 23— Family Lunch

November 25-27— Thanksgiving Break

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 2—Early Release Day. Students dismiss at 11:40 am.

Dec. 15— PTO Family Involvement Dance

Dec. 18— Students dismiss at 11:00 am.
—All Pro Dads at 7:00

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>

3rd Grade Genre Wax Museum on November 4



8:00-8:30

8:45-9:15

Veterans Day Program

November 11, 2015 9:00 am

We encourage students and staff to wear red, white, and blue.

Thanks to all who donated to our **Supplies for Soldiers** campaign. Thanks to PTO for your partnership!



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

- 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

PTO NEWS

November 9th—20th

Clemson vs. Carolina Helmet Competition

FPES will be selling paper helmets to represent Clemson and Carolina from 7:00 to 7:40 each morning. Each helmet will cost \$.50. Team with most helmets on display on purple hall will have that team's palmetto tree displayed in the Commons area until the big game! Proceeds go to pay for shipping for the military donations. Support your team!

November 17

Bingo Night at 6:30

Bring the family out for an evening of fun. We will be playing 4 rounds of Bingo for some fabulous prizes. Some of the prizes you may win are USC vs. Citadel game tickets, zoo passes, gift cards, and soooo much more! You don't want to miss out on your chance to win! Admission is \$5 per player and includes 4 rounds of Bingo and a snack!

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2015-2016 FPES

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**MATH
ROCKS**

Afternoon Car Rider Dismissal

Thank you for your continued patience with afternoon dismissal. We want to ensure all of our students get home safely. Here are some important things to know for the car rider line:

- For car dismissal, we usually start loading students around 2:25 and we usually finish up around 2:45.
- Please go ahead and put yourselves into the double line.
- It does not matter which line you put yourself in. You should get in whatever lane you need to in order for your child to load from the middle. Students MUST enter the car from the middle. This is for the safety of your child. We do not have teachers on the outside parts of the car lines, and we are watching the middle to signal when it's clear for cars to start moving, therefore, your child cannot go around the car to get in.
- We will NOT do a double car line if it is raining.
- Please do not use tobacco on school grounds (district policy).
- Please refrain from using your cell phone in the car line once ANY student loading begins (2:25). People on their phones can hold up the line.
- To avoid sitting in the car line for an extended amount of time, consider getting here around 2:35.
 - **Thank you for your cooperation!**



**All Pro Dad's Day—Friday,
November 20, 2015
“Being Thankful”**



7:00— 7:30 am in the 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 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— Dec. 12
3:30—5:00**



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. call Darla Rutkoskie 803-821-2340 or email

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.” Way to go, runners!

Good luck to everyone at the race on Nov. 7th.!

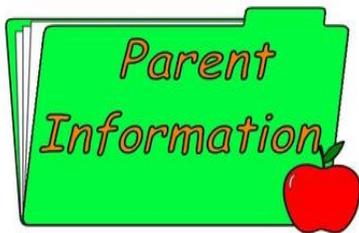
November 14th—Championship race at Lexington Half Marathon



**Parent Resource Center Open House
November 4, 2015**

Parents, Staff, and Administration are invited to Portable #5

for light refreshments and an opportunity to look over our resources, check out materials, and enjoy a few moments away from your busy day.



Open from 8:00—
2:30.

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During Ms. Bledsoe's Leader in Me morning meeting, the students developed a plan to synergize in music. They developed strategies to use so they could be recognized for being OFF THE CHART. THEY DID IT! They used the habits BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND (make a plan) and SYNERGIZE (work together to solve a problem). They met their goal to get off the charts.

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

Forts 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.

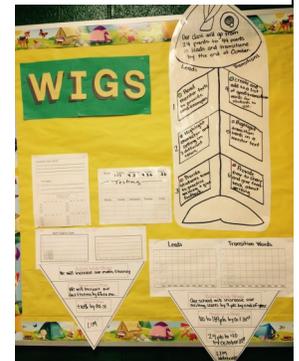
School-Wide Math Goal

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.

Here is an example of how Ms. Cribb's Fourth Grade Class is tracking their class goals to help us meet our school-wide goals.



Ask your child what their classroom goals are in writing and math.

All students are also setting personal goals and keeping track of their progress towards these goals in their Leadership Notebook.

Want to know more about our goals? Schedule an

Congratulations to FPES Mighty Mallards! Our students have solved 398,613 math problems on First in Math so far this year.

Teams of the Week

- September 28 ** Ms. Siceloff's Fifth Grade Class
- October 5 ** Mr. Shealy's Fifth Grade Class
- October 12 ** Mrs. Boatwright's First Grade Class
- October 19 ** Ms. Siceloff's Fifth Grade Class

Players of the Week

- September 14 ** Tyler Lee
- September 21 ** Gloria Jacobs
- September 28 ** Skyler Perry
- October 5 ** Emma Jackson
- October 12 ** Lucia Davis
- October 19 ** Josh Blackwell



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