

NOW SHOWING

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Special September Dates

August 31-September 18

*MAP Testing All Grades

September 7

*Labor Day-School Holiday

September 9

*Fundraiser ends

September 15

*Interim Reports Issued

*School Board Meeting 7:30pm

*International Dot Day-
Students wear dots.

September 16

*Early Release Day

Students dismiss at 11:40am.

September 17

*Constitution/Citizenship Day

September 24

*Picture Day

September 25

*All Pro Dads 7:00am-7:30am

Upcoming Events:

October 1

*Student Led Conferences
2:45pm-5:45pm

October 2

*Student Led Conferences
8:00am-12:00pm
No school for students

October 5-9

*Fall Book Fair

October 7

*Early Release Day
Students dismiss at 11:40am.

Welcome Back

***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>

● **International Dot Day-September 15** ●
In art students have been reading *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds and they have all been busy making dots to display around the school in preparation for International Dot Day. Students are encouraged to wear dots on Tuesday, September 15 to celebrate International Dot Day.

***All Pro Dads' Day-Friday, September 25**
7:00 -7:30 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 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.



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Lead!

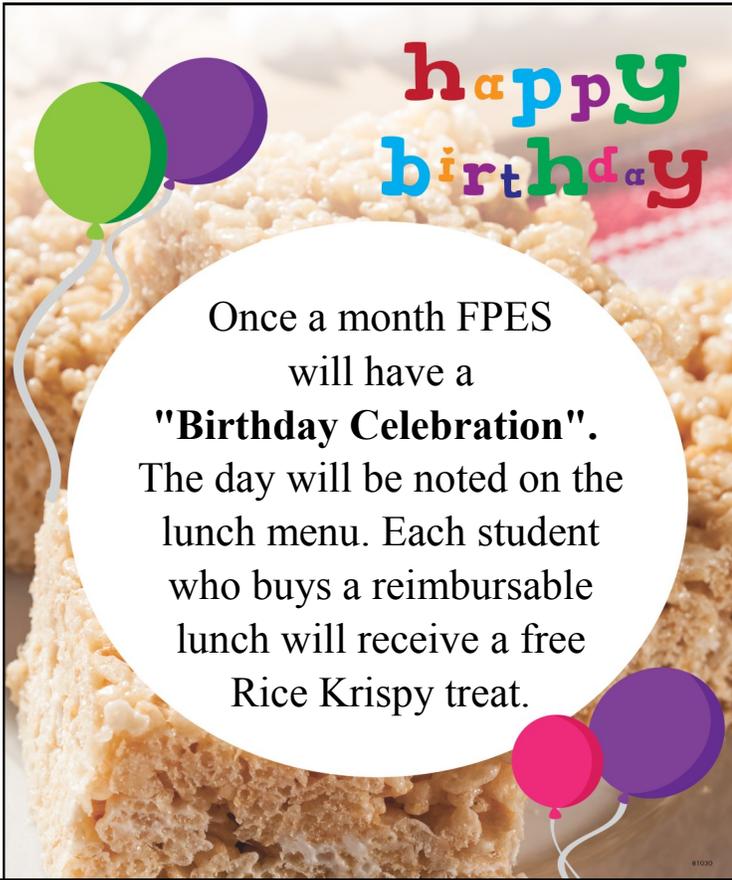
Forts Pond Elementary School is a **Title One** school. Additional information about our **Title One** plan is available on our website.

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.



Once a month FPES will have a **"Birthday Celebration"**. The day will be noted on the lunch menu. Each student who buys a reimbursable lunch will receive a free Rice Krispy treat.

PTO NEWS

Fall Fundraiser

August 26-September 9

Money raised will be used for a safety fence for the back playground and other school beautification projects.

FPES UNO's Days

September 14-17

Eat at UNO's for lunch or dinner September 14-17, and tell them you are with Forts Pond. The school will receive 20% of those sales. This also includes carryout.

Be watching for more information in your child's folder.

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

Afternoon Car Rider Dismissal

Thank you for your continued patience with afternoon dismissal. We want to ensure all of our students get home safely. Believe it or not, we are actually only finishing car duty about 5 minutes later than we did last year (and we have added about 50 more students)!!!

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. We actually have parents begin lining up before 1:00.

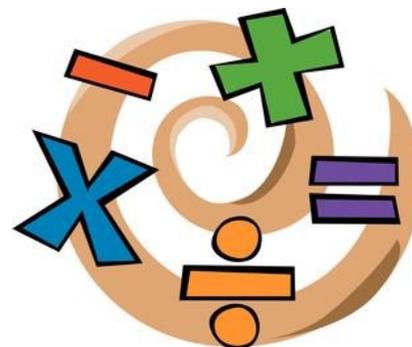


Thank you for your cooperation!

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**.

EXCITING NEWS!

While the Learning Commons Parent Resource Center is still open, we have a new location in Portable #5 as well. Parenting workshops will be offered throughout the school year, so be looking for upcoming information on dates and times. In the meantime, materials on various parenting subjects are available through the Learning Commons for checkout and in Portable #5.



**We look forward to seeing you!
For more information,
please feel free to call
Judy Moore at 821-2552.**



Coming Soon! Fall Book Fair

Monday, October 5th thru
Friday, October 9
7:00am-11:00am
Learning Commons

Check out our Scholastic
Fall Book Fair Online.

[http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/
homepage/fortspondelementary](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 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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