

# Mallard Monthly



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## Special December Dates

### **December 3**

\*Early Release Day

Students dismiss at 11:40

### **December 8-12**

\*Santa Shop

### **December 16**

\*School Board Meeting

7:30pm

### **December 18**

\*Lost and Found donated to charity

\*Winter Dance Grades 3-5

### **December 19**

\*Half Day

Students dismiss at 11:00

Lunch will not be served.

\*Second nine weeks ends

### **December 22-January 6**

\*Winter Break



## Mark Your Calendar:

### **January 7**

\*Students return to school.

### **January 19**

\*School Holiday

### **January 22**

\*PTO Family Bingo Night

## Important News

### **\*Morning Drop Off**

Students may not be dropped off at school prior to 7:00 am. The building will not be open to students as supervision is not available until this time.

### **\*Attendance**

If your child is absent from school, please send a doctor's excuse or parent excuse to school within three days. If you have any questions or concerns call **821-2504**.

### **\*Painting for a Cause**

December 9 2:30—3:45 Students only painting class. Parents are responsible for transportation.

December 11 6:00-7:45 Adults only painting class. Childcare is not provided.

The cost is \$18 per person. The cost includes a snack and paint supplies.

The deadline for registration and payment is December 4.

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS  
WILL BE ACCEPTED .**

Sign up before it is too late!

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.

## What's going on in our school...

\*Multi-agers Brent Gary and Destiny McNeill apply the Engineering Design of Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create and Improve in the STEMS lab to build volcanoes from their very own play-dough created recipes.

\*Emily Paxton, in Mrs. Spence's class participates in a Wind and Sand Learning Station experiment by recording what happens when she blows, with a straw, toward a mound of sand and rocks in a box top. She answered the questions: Which size sand particles will be deposited at the end of the box? Which size particles are left at the front of the box? Why?



\*3rd graders Avery Laughton, Julian Tyler and Esmeralda Hernandez explore informational text by observing and discussing a "Camp Close To Washington DC Map" brought in by 2nd grader Emily Paxton from her family trip to Maryland.



## PTO News

Thank you to all our students and families for helping to make our Soldier Donation Drive a success! Because of your generosity we were able to ship 20 boxes of supplies to two different Army Battalions stationed in Kuwait. This is an incredible gift they will enjoy this Holiday Season.

Congratulations to Mrs. Langdon's K-4 classes for donating the highest number of items for the Soldier Donation Drive. They were rewarded with prize bags for each student. We would also like to honorably mention Mrs. Garcia Elliott's class for bringing in an incredible amount of items to donate as well.

**December 8-12:** Santa Shop is coming to the pond. Students will be allowed to visit Santa Shop during the week to purchase gifts for family members. All items will be priced from \$.50- \$5.00. This is a great time of fun for everyone...you won't want to miss out!

**December 18:** 3:00pm-5:00pm We will be hosting a Winter Dance for all 3rd-5th grade students. This is for Forts Pond Elementary students only.

## Leader In Me

Leadership Role Applications are available for students to complete. They are found in the Commons area. There is an application for K-2nd grade and an application for 3rd-5th grade. Please encourage your child to pick up an application and apply for a schoolwide Leadership Role. Available Leadership Roles are:

1. Greeter Leader/Ambassador- Welcome and assist school visitors and students as they enter the building.
2. Announcements Assistant- Help with morning announcements.
3. Safety Squad- Monitor hallways and students as they arrive at school.
4. Service Seekers- Assist with service projects (soldiers, food drive)
5. Cafeteria Crew- Assist in the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch
6. Recycling Hero- Help collect recycling materials

If your child is interested in applying for one of these positions, please be sure to sign the application form and have your child return their form to their teacher.

## Yearbooks On Sale Now! December 2, 2014-February 2, 2015

**Cost per yearbook:**

**Soft Cover-\$20.00**

**Hard Cover-\$25.00**

We gladly accept Cash, Checks, and Debit/Credit Cards.

Make checks payable to FPES. Must come in person to use Debit/Credit Card.

**After February 2nd, only soft cover yearbooks will be available for \$23.00 when the yearbooks arrive in the Spring and will be first come first serve basis.**

**\*You must pre-order to reserve a hard cover yearbook.\***



## Community Volunteerism

During the holiday season, many families look for ways to help others in need. If your family's time is limited, consider just one or two projects a year and make them a family tradition (for example, making and donating gift baskets to care facilities for the elderly around the holidays).

Why should your family lend a helping hand?

- It feels good
- It strengthens your community
- It can strengthen your identity as a family
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What can children learn from volunteering?

- A sense of responsibility—children learn about commitment, to be on time, do their best, and be proud of the results.
- One person, one family can make a difference—children learn that they and their family can have an impact on someone or something else.
- The benefit of sacrifice—children learn that there are important things besides themselves.
- Cooperation and unity—children learn that working together as a family can unite the family and that two heads are better than one.
- Job skills—children learn about fields that may help them decide on future careers.
- How to fill idle time wisely—children learn to use time to help others.
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Ultimately, children learn that we're all responsible for the well-being of our communities. Whatever community service you choose, your community and your family will benefit.

### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

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The Director of Middle Schools handles inquiries/complaints regarding Section 504.

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