

Mallard Monthly



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Special February Dates

January 29-February 10

*Winterfest Art Show
Lexington's Old Mill

February 6

*Last day to return Talent
Show applications.

February 16

*No School for Students

February 17

*School Board Meeting
7:30pm

February 18

*Interim Reports Issued

February 20

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

February 26

*5th Grade Field Trip to the
Discovery Place

February 27

*Severe Weather Makeup
Day or Holiday

Mark Your Calendar:

March 4

*Early Release Day
Students dismiss at 11:40am



March 13

*Severe Weather
Makeup Day or Holiday

Important News

***2015 Forts Pond Talent Show**

Applications are located in
Mrs. Chavous' classroom.
Applications are due no later than
February 6th.

***2015-2016 Early Registration**

If you have a child who will be 4
years old on or before 9-1-15, you
may register him/her Monday through
Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30
p.m. If you have a child who will be 5
years old on or before 9-1-15 (**and he/
she is not currently attending the 4k
program**), you may register for 5k as
well. If your child is currently in the
4k program, you do not need to do
anything at this time. Please bring
required documentation for enroll-
ment: long form birth certificate, shot
record, social security number, electric
bill and drivers license If you have
any questions, you may call
821-2504.

*If your child is absent from school,
please send a doctor's excuse or
parent excuse to school within three
days.

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.

Looking for a way to reinforce the 7 Habits at home? Here is a list of books that go with each habit!

Habit 1: Be Proactive

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer
Someday a Tree by Eve Bunting

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats
Lucy Mastermind by Alan Feldman
Bobby Baseball by Robert Kimmel Smith

Habit 3: Put First Things First

Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London
The Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone
The TV Kid by Betsy Cromer Byars
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss
Dragon Stew by Tom McGowen

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then To Be Understood

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
The Runaway Bunny by Margaret W. Brown
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Veronica Knows Best by Nancy Robinson

Habit 6: Synergize

Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle
Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech

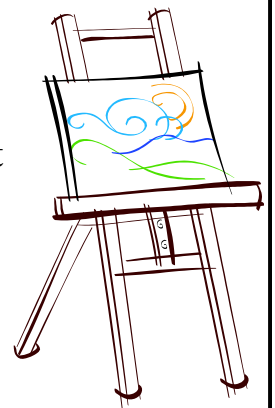
Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
Me I Am! by Jack Prelutsky
A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen
by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan

Winterfest Art Show

Please stop by the Old Mill in Lexington to take a look at the fantastic artwork on display for the Winterfest art show. Forts Pond has 10 pieces of artwork that are a part of the show. The art exhibit will be on display until February 10th. Anyone interested in seeing the work should stop by the Old Mill on Main Street in downtown Lexington during normal business hours. Here are the hard working artists at Forts Pond that had work selected for Winterfest...

Chloe Beasley	Trinity Goins
Chelsey Sanders	Nathaly Rodas-Guzman
Alonna Walker	Nazeerah Rahman
Callie Springer	Autumn Thomas



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

5th Grade Field Trip-Our field trip on February 26th to Discovery Place is rapidly approaching! On that day, we will be leaving Forts Pond Elementary School at 7:45 am and plan to return around 5:15 pm. Please have students at school no later than 7:30 am and please pick them up no later than 5:30 pm. Students may ride home with each other if they have a written note. Students may bring: disposable camera (optional), water bottle and healthy snack (NO candy or gum) for bus.

Students may NOT bring: cell phones, handheld video game systems, toys of any kind, other electronics (iPods, cd players, etc.) or money (We will not be visiting gift shop. All time will be spent on activities).

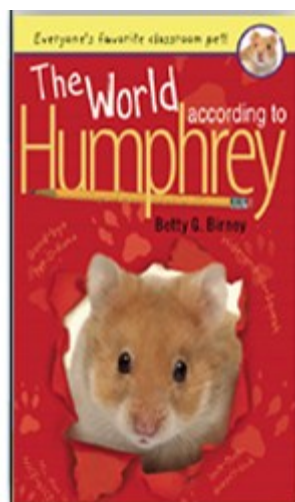
Leadership Role Applications are available for students to complete. They are found in the Commons area. There is an application for K-2nd grade and an application for 3rd-5th grade. Please encourage your child to pick up an application and apply for a schoolwide Leadership Role. If your child is interested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



One School, One Book

This month our school will be embarking on a special project, an all school book club called **One School, One Book**. Every student will receive a copy of the same book- *The World According to Humphrey*, by Betty G. Birney and will be asked to read it at home during the month of February.

The World According to Humphrey (Reading Schedule)



Week One

Wednesday, Jan. 28—Chapter 1

Thursday, Jan. 29—Chapter 2

Week Two

Monday, Feb. 2—Chapter 3

Tuesday, Feb. 3—Chapter 4

Wednesday, Feb. 4—Chapter 5

Thursday, Feb. 5—Chapter 6

Week Three

Monday, Feb. 9—Chapter 7

Tuesday, Feb. 10—Chapter 8

Wednesday, Feb. 11—Chapter 9

Thursday, Feb. 12—Chapter 10

Week Four

Monday, Feb. 16—Holiday

Tuesday, Feb. 17—Chapter 11

Wednesday, Feb. 18—Chapter 12

Thursday, Feb. 19—Chapter 13

Week Five

Monday, Feb. 23—Chapter 14

Tuesday, Feb. 24—Chapter 15



February Newsletter

Family Mission Statements

Mission statements have long been a part of organizations; they provide a clear path for what the organization wants to accomplish and how they plan to go about doing it. Yet, seldom does a family take the time to write a mission statement, and what organization is more important than the family? By establishing who you are as a family, how you want to be known, and how you plan to do it, you are practicing Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind®. The process is a great way to practice all of the 7 Habits.

Step 1.

Ask yourself these seven questions:

- How do we want our family to be known?
- How do we want to treat each other?
- What is most important to us as a family?
- What are some of our talents, gifts, and abilities?
- What makes us the happiest?
- What makes us unhappy?
- What kind of home do we want to invite friends to?

Step 2. Write your Family Mission Statement.

Consider all four areas:

- Body (health and physical welfare)
- Brain (learning)
- Heart (relationships)
- Soul (inspiration)

Keep it simple, one to two lines, so the youngest family members can memorize it and find it meaningful. Examples: “We are builders,” “No empty chairs,” “To serve others,” “All for one and one for all, “ etc.

Step 3. Stay on course. As parents, you are the role models. Keep smiling and getting back on track.

The promise: By writing a Family Mission Statement, the message to your children is that your family is important—you know what you stand for and how you are going to work together to accomplish it.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Lexington County School District One does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or age in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries or complaints.

The Chief Human Resources Officer handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title IX.

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

The Mathematics Coordinator handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title II.